

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
12th FEBRUARY 2015 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N Harris, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs K. Cheshire, Mrs L. Cook,
Mr N. Timberlake Mrs S. Henson – Clerk
Cllrs Mrs J. Teesdale and Mr I McEnnis
2 members of the public
AED Locator to demonstrate a defibrillator

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mr D Hayday

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None declared.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING
These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CLERK'S REPORT

1. Demonstration of a defibrillator
2. The precept has been requested.
3. The maintenance works have been completed in the play area.
4. The shelter belt hedge has been cut
5. Elizabeth Stillman has been asked to clear Cutty Alley
6. Cllr Mrs Smith attended the NAG meeting
7. Cllr Mrs Smith attended the LAF meeting – need more people for Speedwatch; BCC undertaking groundwater survey; trying to get a Community Bus Service; Wycombe Dial a Ride is closing but passengers will be able to use the Chiltern Dial a Ride.
8. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk will be attending the DCLG/BALC/BCC meeting on 24th February
9. Chairman and Clerk attended the WDC Chairman's Civic Service.
10. Cllr Timberlake looked at the Sue Ryder accounts and reported to Councillors.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

214.1 Correspondence Received from 9th January - 12th February 2015

1. WDALC Local Government Finance consultation response – forwarded to Councillors
2. NALC response to Local Government Finance consultation
3. Thank you letter from The Chiltern Society for refund for BCC ROW work
4. Parish Devolution Newsletter – forwarded to Councillors
5. Legal Technical Note on Elections from BALC
6. January Chilterns Conservation Board newsletter- forwarded to Councillors
7. MHP Web report for January
8. Confirmation of Foundation Quality Status until the end of January 2016
9. BALC notification that Parish Councils will not have to hold a referendum for increasing their precept – issued to Councillors
10. Invitation to Commonwealth Flag Day on 9th March at 10am
11. LAF Agenda – 10th February, 7.15pm General Higginson Room, Court Garden
12. Up to date Electoral Roll
13. Emails re the grass cutting map in relation to the devolution project
14. BCC Tfb Newsletter – forwarded to Councillors
15. Request for permission to shoot a short film in the High Street on 11th February
16. Drawing from BCC covering the proposed parking plans for Church Lane
17. War Memorial bulletin
18. Nomination papers for 2015 Election – forwarded to Councillors

214.2 Planning

Applications

15/05281/CTREE-Church Lane West Wycombe -Crown lift T1 Beech to clear footway and adjacent garden wall; fell T2 Lime; fell T3 Sycamore; reduce T4 Yew by 30% to live / healthy wood – no objection.

15/05261/CTREE -Lace Makers Cottage High Street West Wycombe-Fell T1 Ash- no objection.

15/05049/FUL -52 Chorley Road West Wycombe - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension – no objection

Decisions

14/07904/TPO-West Wycombe Park West Wycombe -Reduce Lime (T3250) by 30-40% by removing up to 8 metres maximum of apical growth to alleviate strain on potentially weak main stem; remove major deadwood throughout crown of Ash (T6423), thin/reduce by 15% limbs growing over wall and neighbouring properties to alleviate strain on potentially weak unions, thin crown over park by 10-15% to also alleviate strain; reduce crown of Ash (T6425) by up to 20% to alleviate strain on potentially weak unions (removal of up to 2 metres apical growth) and remove deadwood within falling distance of road – not to make TPO's.

214.3 To discuss the Christmas trees

Elizabeth Stillman will provide a price to clear part of the Village Hall garden ready to plant a Christmas tree. Two 4m high deodaras will be ordered at a cost of £350 each.

214.4 To report and discuss any highways issues

1. BCC has supplied a price for to white line mark all the bus stops – 363 West Wycombe Road and the High Street opposite St Pauls - £266 plus £18 for the paint
2. The abandoned van on the Pedestal Playing field car park has been removed.
3. The large advertising banners attached to the Pedestal Playing Field fence have been removed.
4. The two green dog bins have been installed and are being used.
5. The litter bin by the Pedestal bus stop has been 'moved' and reported to WDC.
6. The forms for devolved services have been submitted with a proviso that BCC get the map correct – at the moment we have the grass from Gerrard Court to the Pedestal and the play area to the Pedestal as well as the tops of Chapel Lane, Park Farm, Rosemary Close and the island in Rosemary Close and the bottom of Portway Drive. We have issued a map showing the entrance to the village but this has not been agreed as yet. We cannot cut the grass on Chorley Road, Oxford Road or Bradenham Road.
7. Some of the potholes have been filled. Cllr Hayday has asked BCC for a resurface of the High Street.
8. Lights no 16 (Steps House) and 88 West Wycombe Road have been reported.
9. Cllr Timberlake reported on a temporary bus service for the 40 route from February 16th for 5 days.
10. The Church Lane restricted parking scheme has at last resurfaced from BCC – the Chairman presented a new proposal – Parish Councillors resolved to accept the proposal for the no waiting at any time (yellow markings) and the 24 hour clearway(red markings) but we would like the green section to have start and finish signs saying 'Residents only parking' and not a permit scheme. We realise this would not have any statutory obligation and is non enforceable but would help our residents who get blocked in by tourists cars.

214.5 To consider the purchase of a defibrillator

It was resolved to purchase one unit through AED Locator (£2295) which will be connected to the ambulance service. The purchase of a second one will be considered once a consultation with another site has been considered.

214.6 To discuss tidying of the Church Lane garden

Cllr Harris will make contact with Elizabeth Stillman to discuss the work required.

- 214.7 To discuss Neighbourhood Watch in West Wycombe High Street
It was resolved to put a piece in Contact and to put up notices on the notice boards.
- 214.8 To clarify water usage on the allotments
Soak hoses will not be allowed on the allotments
- 214.9 To agree to pay £290 to have two bus stops marked with white lines by BCC
It was resolved to place an order for the work.
- 214.10 To approve the accounts for February 2015 and signing of cheques – appendix 2
See itemised list at the end of the Minutes. It was resolved to approve the accounts.
- 214.11 Members questions
The Clerk reminded Councillors that the papers for the election in May will be issued in February.
- 214.12 Date of next meeting
Thursday 12th March 2015 at 8pm, The Church Room.

Cheques to be paid in February 2015

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	January salary
Mrs S Henson	38.64	Balance of salary
Bucks County Council	162.62	Pension – February
HMRC	6.40	Tax
TBS Hygiene Ltd	24.00	Dog bin collection for December
Southern Electric dd	146.18	Energy (street lights)
Information Commissioner	35.00	Data protection
Elizabeth Stillman	150.00	Allotment hedge cut
Staples	13.99	Stationery
Playground Services	1590.00	Ply area maintenance
MH-P Internet	91.18	Domain and hosting charge
AED Locator	2754.00	Defibrillator
BT d/d	381.44	Telephone
Total	5911.44	

Statement of Account as at 31st January

Opening balance – 1 st January	25581.58
Less January cheques	3763.22
Less s/o Old People Christmas Party	100.00
Plus burial fee	300.00
Sub Total	22018.36
Bank of Ireland	0.00
Deposit account	2627.23
Total	24645.59