

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
8th JANUARY 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 Teesdale and Mr Hayday

No members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 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 – February 12th meeting
2. Only 2 people replied to the online questionnaire – this is not indicative of the website usage – latest report issued to Councillors. Councillors requested the removal of one page on the website.
3. Dr Spicer's burial tool place on January 8th.
4. Cllr Mrs Smith attended a Standards Meeting at WDC who are reviewing their procedures.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

213.1 Correspondence Received from 11th December – 1st January 2015

1. WDC Precept information
2. DCLG/BCC/BALC Conference – Tuesday February 24th Adams Park 10 – 4.30 – Parish Council delivering more – 2 spaces booked.
3. Letter from NALC – Quality status
4. Transport for Bucks leaflet on gritting etc – put on website and on noticeboards
5. NALC notification that S137 will be £7.36 in 2015/2016.
6. BCC LAF priorities funding request and leaflet about cheaper household energy.
7. Request to go on our allotment waiting list.
8. WDALC Minutes of December meeting.
9. Christmas wishes and cards from Cllrs Hayday, Teesdale and McEnnis
10. HS2 update

213.2 Planning

Decisions

14/07658/FUL-452 West Wycombe Road -Householder application for construction of first floor rear extension and detached single garage at side – permit.

14/07842/FUL – 63 Bradenham Road, West Wycombe – householder application for construction of part two storey and part single storey rear extension –permit.

213.3 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.

213.4 To report and discuss any highways issues

1. Clerk still chasing BCC for to white line mark all the bus stops – 363 West Wycombe Road, the High Street opposite St Pauls
2. The abandoned van on the Pedestal Playing field car park has been reported and has a destruction notice on it.
3. The advertising material which has been regularly dropping off the advertising hoardings along the West Wycombe Road has been reported.
4. The road surface through the village has deteriorated. Cllr Hayday will put on his resurfacing list.

5. We are getting several large advertising banners attached to the Pedestal Playing Field fence – they need to be removed but it will be a heavy job. The Clerk has rung Anytime Fitness asking them to remove their banner.
6. Concerns raised about cars and other vehicles driving over the edges of the island at the Chorley Road junction. As the land is owned by the National Trust we have asked them to place large logs to see if that would improve the situation.
7. The Clerk explained what the Parish Council would be responsible for if they took on devolved powers. It was resolved to take on Devolved Powers from Bucks County Council from April 2015 with the Parish Council receiving £2086.11 from Bucks County Council.

213.5 To consider making a donation to the Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice
Postponed until further investigation of their accounts.

213.6 To discuss tidying of the Church Lane garden
Cllr Harris will make contact with Elizabeth Stillman to discuss the work required.

213.7 To consider the LAF priorities funding request and purchasing reduced energy
It was resolved not to make a request but we will keep chasing for the already approved project for a TRO in Church Lane.

213.8 To consider re accreditation in the Quality Parish Council scheme
Quality Status. runs out at end of January - we can simply re qualify for 1 year at Free Foundation Award level by filling in a form – this would run out at the end of January 2016. The Quality Award level and Gold Award level would require re accreditation and our Clerk would not qualify as more exams would need to be taken. Full details were issued on 6th January but do not go into actual requirements.

213.9 To approve the accounts for January 2015 and signing of cheques – appendix 2
See itemised list at the end of the Minutes. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

213.10 To discuss budgets for 2015/2016 and setting the precept for 2015/2016
The Clerk issued up to date expenditure/budget sheets and revised budget for 2015/2016 to cover the cost of an election, the TRO, dog bin emptying making a total projected spend of £53,622 which includes a general reserve of £6000 and a new lights reserve of £5000. We will get £1498 in Council Tax support grant and we should start the year with approximately £14,000 in the bank. It was resolved to set the Precept at £38,250 an increase of 1.75%. It was resolved to place an order for £740 with Elizabeth Stillman to clear Cutty Alley twice; cut the allotment hedge twice; one visit to brush cut the allotment scrub; regular maintenance of the Pedestal Monument; two visits to weed kill the Pedestal field boundary.

213.11 Members questions
The Clerk reminded Councillors that the papers for the election in May will be issued in February.

213.12 Date of next meeting
Thursday 12th February 2015 at 8pm, The Church Room.

Cheques to be paid in January 2015

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	Dec salary, pay award, 10 hrs overtime
Mrs S Henson	284.55	Balance of salary
Bucks County Council	214.07	Pension – January
HMRC	71.39	NI & Tax
TBS Hygiene Ltd	24.00	Dog bin collection for November
Lawrence Garden Services	878.40	¾ annual BG annual maintenance
Southern Electric dd	150.84	Energy (street lights)
Mrs S Henson	500.00	2014 Room allowance/broadband/electricity
Southern Electric Contracting	763.40	Lighting maintenance
The Chiltern Society	358.58	Refund from BCC for Rights of Way work
Total	3763.16	

Statement of Account as at 30th December

Opening balance – 1st December

29413.05

Less December cheques	3846.47
Plus cancel cheque 698 WDALC	15.00
Sub Total	25581.58
Bank of Ireland	0.00
Deposit account inc transfer from B of I ac & BCC ROW	2627.23
Total	28208.81