

# YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT 8pm ON THURSDAY 13th JANUARY 2022 IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

# MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WEARING A MASK IS VOLUNTARY; PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. To accept apologies for absence
- 2. Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests by Members relating to agenda items
- 3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting
- 4. Clerk's report on progress on items in the previous minutes

## MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND MEETING RE-OPENED

- 5. Correspondence see Appendix 1
- 6. Planning Applications & decisions: None at the time of producing the agenda
- 7. To organise a litter pick for 19<sup>th</sup> March 11am 13.00hrs
- 8. To discuss the Local Plan Consultation
- 9. To discuss progress on the Community Orchard
- To report and discuss any highways issues including Community Speedwatch and the High Street feasibility study
- 11. To discuss Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for 2022
- 12. To discuss the recent spate of burglaries and Neighbourhood Watch
- 13. To approve the accounts for January 2022 appendix 2
- 14. Members questions
- 15. Date of next meeting -Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 8pm in The Church Room, West Wycombe

SHARON L. HENSON, CLERK

6.1.2022

# Appendix 1

Correspondence received 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

- 1. Buckinghamshire Council daily and weekly updates and press releases links put on website.
- 2. Police and Crime Commissioners Newsletter emailed
- 3. Local Plan Consultation end February –emailed in early December
- 4. Thank you emails and notes from Volunteers who received a gift at Christmas.
- 5. North West Community Board newsletter emailed
- 6. Confirmation that the feasibility study will start on 12th January
- 7. Notification that a halo around our belisha beacons will be considered in the financial 2022/23 as an upgrade on all belisha beacons and heritage lights is due to take place our set up is unique in Bucks.

## **Clerks Report**

- 1. Chairman and Clerk met with Chiltern Rangers on 5<sup>th</sup> January. The next stage is to involve the school in seed sowing, planting wild flowers and trees and making bird boxes. Chiltern Rangers will make contact with the school. We will try to use the funding offered through the Queens Green Canopy for purchasing the fruit trees. Ideally, we need to find a volunteer to learn about looking after the trees.
- 2. No further information available Sheppards of Henley in relation to the Pedestal Monument.
- 3. No further information from Historic England about the ownership of the Pedestal Monument.
- 4. Clerk reported the damaged/uprooted 50mph sign on the Bradenham Road according to the message 'they have resolved it' not sure what that means as it is still flat on the verge!
- 5. Clerk has produced and delivered notices to all High Street residents on the feasibility study, as well as putting it on Facebook, noticeboards, light columns and website.
- 6. Clerk has found a Thames Valley Police leaflet and a Neighbourhood Watch leaflet which might be suitable to issue to residents on burglary prevention asking Thames Valley Police for assistance.
- 7. The burial ground hedge has been cut.
- 8. The Clerk's argument with Waste and Cleansing about the burial ground bin has resurfaced and we have been presented with the original invoice for 2017/18 and 2018/19. Clerk is waiting for a phone call.
- 9. Please go to the link for the Local Plan so that we can discuss it at the meeting www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/local-plan-for-bucks

#### Appendix 2

Payments to be made in January 2022

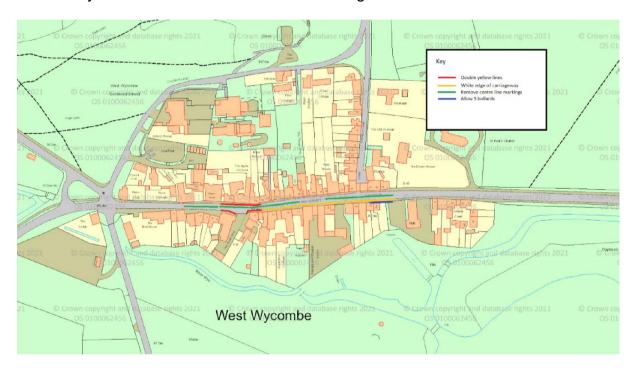
Castle Water (dd)	47.07	Allotment water – 2/4
Mrs S Henson ´	599.42)	December salary
Mrs S Henson	509.90	Mileage & Annual Room Allowance
Bucks Council	221.30	January pension
HMRC - online	84.00	Tax
Acorn Landscaping	493.14	Highway grass, burial ground, Pedestal strimming
TBS Hygiene	144.00	December collections
Glynn Spratt	85.00	Burial ground hedge cutting
Buckinghamshire Council	64.35	Burial ground bin
Buckinghamshire Council	602.88	Burial ground bin for 2017/18 & 2018/19
Giff gaff (debit card)	6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	88.77	Streetlight energy
Total	2969.82	

## Statement of account as at 1st January 2022

Opening balance as at 1st December	44444.33
Grave memorial fee	90.00
Subtotal	44534.33
Less December payments	6910.81
Total	37623.52



West Wycombe Parish Council has been seeking to address the issue of footway incursion by motor vehicles on the southern side of West Wycombe High Street. Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) have suggested three measures which they believe will address this issue, one of which is the implementation of a short stretch of double yellow lines on the north side of the High Street.



TfB have recommended a one-month trial parking suspension in the area identified, in order to monitor its effectiveness. The Parish Council has agreed to proceed with this; the stretch of road where parking will be suspended be reduced by approximately half for the latter two weeks of the trial.

Video data will be captured throughout the trial period, to enable TfB to assess the likely effectiveness of a permanent suspension of parking. TfB will present their findings to the Parish Council, who will then make a decision on how to proceed.

The Parish Council recognises that residents and local businesses will not welcome any reduction in parking capacity; however, the issue we are trying to address is the safety of pedestrians.

The temporary parking suspension is currently planned to take effect from 12<sup>th</sup> January and run for a period of four weeks, and will be managed by TfB and their contractors.

For further information please visit <a href="www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk">www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>



5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear resident and businesses,

West Wycombe Parish Council has been seeking to address the issue of footway incursion by motor vehicles on the southern side of West Wycombe High Street. We commissioned Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) to undertake a feasibility study into what measures might be taken to prevent this, given the complex context and multiple issues affecting both vehicles and pedestrians in this area.

Following a site visit in October , with Parish Councillors present, TfB have suggested three measures which they believe will address this issue:

- Implementing a short stretch of double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) on the north side of the narrowest section of the High Street. See map and key on reverse.
- Removing the centre line markings from the pedestrian crossing (near to the Village Hall) in a direction west to where the existing double yellow lines commence (near to Chapel House).
- Installing a small number of bollards on the south side of the High Street in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

Since the first of these proposed measures is both the most important in terms of its expected impact on the issue, and the one most likely to impact High Street residents and business owners, TfB have recommended a one-month trial parking suspension in the area identified, in order to monitor its effectiveness. The Parish Council has agreed to proceed with this, but with the amendment that the stretch of road where parking will be suspended be reduced by approximately half for the latter two weeks of the trial.

Video data will be captured throughout the trial period, this will enable TfB to assess whether the permanent suspension of parking in this area will address the issue as they believe it will. Following the trial TfB will present their findings to the Parish Council, who will then make a decision on how to proceed.

The Parish Council recognises that residents and local businesses will not welcome any reduction in parking capacity; however, the issue we are trying to address is the safety of pedestrians.

TfB have considered a number of other options, including raising the height of the kerbs, a more extensive installation of bollards, and the use of traffic signals, but these have been discounted on various grounds including cost, feasibility, and potential negative impact. The temporary parking suspension is currently planned to take effect from 12<sup>th</sup> January and run for a period of four weeks, and will be managed by TfB and their contractors.

West Wycombe Parish Council

