

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 8.00 PM IN THE
CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Mr S. Cope, Cllr Mr N. Harris, Mrs V. Smith, Mr J. Carstensen, Ms C. Rowland, Mrs K. Cheshire,
Mrs E. Copley

In attendance: Mrs S. Henson - Clerk Mrs A Wright Buckinghamshire Cllr Mr D. Hayday

APOLOGIES: Buckinghamshire Cllr Mrs O. Hayday

Two members of the public

AT 6.30pm Buckingham Palace announced the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a Minutes Silence.

The Union Flag on the Village was hung at half-mast.

The Chairman announced it would be a shortened meeting as a mark of respect and before the country
went into the official period of mourning.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – none declared

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Minutes for the July meeting were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the
Chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT

This had been issued with the agenda for everyone to read prior to the meeting – it was not considered
at the meeting.

Clerk advised Councillors that the first increased energy bill had been received – from £81 per month to
£243.

Clerk advised all Councillors of the protocol for the flying of the Union flag at the different stages of the
mourning and Proclamation period.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
MEETING REOPENED

298.1 Correspondence received 15th July – 8th September 2022

This had been issued with the agenda for everyone to read prior to the meeting – it was not
considered at the meeting.

298.2 Planning Applications & decisions:

None received. Decisions will be announced at the October meeting.

298.3 To discuss the proposed Boundary Commission change to our Ward

The Boundary Commission Review has taken place and their initial recommendation is that
West Wycombe Parish be moved into the Chiltern Villages Ward, along with Piddington and
Wheeler End Parish Council. This would be the largest geographical Ward in Bucks. Cllr
Hayday presented an alternative suggested Ward structure which would consist of West
Wycombe, Piddington & Wheeler End and Lane End Parish Councils with 4,500 residents with
one Councillor with the A40 and transport issues as the common denominator. It was resolved
that we would put forward this alternative option to the Boundary Commission.

298.4 To consider the Pedestal Playing Field inspection report

To be discussed in detail at the October meeting.

298.5 To consider the Licence application by West Wycombe Estate for The Caves

Councillors noted the concerns expressed by some local residents that extending the time and
number of occasions on which alcohol can be served at The Caves could result in an increase
in excessive noise, disruption, and both pedestrian and road traffic, especially during the

evening and night-time. We further note the proximity of The Caves to West Wycombe School and Pre-school, and the consequent potential for these to be affected by any increase in anti-social behaviour in that area; there are already frequent instances of ASB at the top of West Wycombe Hill involving littering, vandalism, drug paraphernalia, etc.

Councillors wanted to draw a clear distinction between the sale at the entrance café of alcohol alongside food at lunchtime and in the afternoon, and the sale of alcohol at evening and night-time events held with The Caves themselves. Given that there is already a process in place for the granting of Temporary Event Notices for the latter, we see no reason why this process cannot continue to be the mechanism used, allowing each event to be scrutinised and judged on its individual merits. We would see no reason to object to an application for a premises licence that was restricted to the café premises at the entrance to The Caves.

298.6 To discuss the allotment water supply

To be discussed at the October meeting.

298.7 To report and discuss any highways issues including the proposed Princes Risborough relief road;

The process and cost for speed limit changes

1. The MVAS installed on a street light entering the High Street was vandalised over the weekend of the 3rd 4th September. Clerk has a Crime number and reported it to the insurance company. SWARCO supplied the unit – originally it cost £3,500. Replacement batteries will cost £590 plus VAT and it will need a service engineers visit to see if it is still usable. Clerk has also asked for a cost of a replacement unit.
2. A resident, who noticed the temporary speed reduction to 30mph due to the melting of the road surface asked if a permanent reduction could be considered. Bucks Council has no intention of creating any more speed limit changes since the speed review n 2004/5/6, it would be down to parishes to pay for this, and it would cost a minimum of £10,000. The Clerk provided this information to the resident, and this will be discussed at the October meeting.

298.8 To consider the budget against expenditure to date

To be postponed to the October meeting.

298.9 To approve the accounts for September 2022 - appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the accounts for September.

298.10 Members questions

Cllr Harris plans to cut and collect the grass in the Community Orchard and will look for volunteers to help load the collected material - he will advise when this help is required.

298.11 Date of next meeting_-Thursday 13th October at 8pm in the Church Rooms, West Wycombe

Appendix 2

Payments made in August

SOPHOS – Debit card	£50.00	Software annual charge
Castle Water (dd)	£12.40	Allotment water 5/6
Adverset Display -Debit card	£165.60	Pedestal Barrier sign
Mrs S Henson - BACS	£619.22	July salary
Bucks Council - BACS	£231.34	August pension
HMRC – BACS	£95.20	Tax
Acorn Landscaping - BACS	£692.72	Highway grass, burial ground maint, Pedestal strimming
TBS Hygiene - BACS	£144.00	July collections
Glynn Spratt	£265.00	Toweridge Lane, The Pound Area, the grips
Glynn Spratt	£55.00	Clearing back the top of Church Lane
Giff gaff (debit card)	£6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	£23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	£81.44	Streetlight energy
Microsoft – Debit card	£59.99	Software annual charge
Total	£2501.90	

Statement of account as at 1st August 2022

Opening balance as at 1st July

£42461.76

Less July payments

£3023.64

Total

£ 39438.12

Payments for September

Post Office(debit card)	£2.35
Castle Water (dd)	£17.30
Security Products Ltd (debit card)	£39.48
Mrs S Henson - BACS	£619.22
Bucks Council - BACS	£231.34
HMRC – BACS	£95.20
Acorn Landscaping - BACS	£692.72
Acorn Landscaping	£153.00
TBS Hygiene - BACS	£115.20
Giff gaff (debit card)	£6.00
Smart Numbers (dd)	£23.99
Southern Electric (dd)	£234.47
Southern Electric (dd)	£43.79
Southern Electric (dd)	£28.06
WWPO & Stores (debit card)	£2.19
Total	£2304.31

Recorded letter to Bradenham Road landowner
Allotment water
Height barrier sign
August salary
September pension
Tax
Highway grass, burial ground maint, Pedestal strimming
Replacement of 3 posts in Pedestal Playing Field
August collections
Monthly charge for mobile
Monthly service charge
Streetlight energy
Feeder pillar
Feeder pillar
Envelopes

Statement of account as at 1st September

Opening balance 1 st August	£39438.12
Less August payments	£2501.90
Plus memorial fee	£90.00
Total	£37026.22