

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2006
AT 8.00 PM. IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Chairman, Mr R. Seymour, Mr D. Callaghan, Mr N. Timberlake, Mrs C. Dakin, Mr F. Downes, Mrs A Harris. Mrs S. Henson, Clerk Mr N. Phillips – The National Trust,

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Cllr Mrs J. Teesdale and Cllr Mr I. McEnnis – District Councillor

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING
These were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman

TO DECLARE ANY PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY, PERSONAL OR
PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:
None declared.

- REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
1. The Rider on Call meeting at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on 23rd August was cancelled at the last minute.
 2. The Clerk has written to Carole Burslem, Chair of Governors re Cllr Mrs Dakin.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
MEETING REOPENED

- 121.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM 17th – 14th September 2006
1. Southern Bucks Policy Development – invitation to a workshop on 14th September at 3 - 6pm at The Fitzwilliam Centre, Beaconsfield. Clerk attended. South Bucks DC, Chiltern DC and Wycombe DC discussed ways of working together and looking at issues effecting Southern Buckinghamshire – e.g. affordable housing, business enterprise, ageing population.
 2. Report by Cllr Isabella Fraser – NALC Council Member for Bucks & Milton Keynes - circulate
 3. Details for the Local Accessibility Forum on 18th September
 4. Together we Can – Community Safety Partnership Newsletter - circulated
 5. Chiltern News - circulated
 6. Big Times – Bucks Community Action Newsletter - circulated
 7. WDC – email from Jerry Unsworth, Head of Planning re the use of brownfield sites.
 8. NALC – notification that we did not win the website of the year competition.
 9. BALC – notification that we won the Annual Report competition and receive a cheque for £200.
 10. WDC Rural Forum Newsletter - circulate
 11. Institute of Cemetery Management Magazine Executive Summary – passed to Cllr Seymour.
 12. Invitation to Wycombe PCT AGM – 26th September at The Kings Centre – 7.30 start – passed to Cllr Mrs Harris.
 13. BCC Local Access forum Annual Review - circulate
 14. Local Council Review - circulate
 15. DEFRA Rural Services Review – all Councillor given a copy.

121.2 PLANNING

Decisions

SDN/06/06408/ADV – Pedestal Roundabout – display of 3 non-illuminated free standing sponsorship acknowledgement signs – gone to appeal.

PECS/06/06489/CTREE – tree works on trees at the junction of the Oxford Road/Chorley Road and the Oxford Road – not to make a TPO.

06/06538/FUL – 25a Portway Drive – erection of 2 storey extension – refused.

Applications

SN/06/07071/FUL – 349 West Wycombe Road – extension & conversion of existing dwelling to form 4 x 1 bed flats – no objection but are becoming increasingly worried with infill multi-occupancy development on this section of the West Wycombe Road with all the extra cars this creates.

373 West Wycombe Road is going to appeal in October and Mr Phillips is going with a pre-prepared statement in case he is not able to speak on behalf of The National Trust. The parish Council's papers will be forwarded by WDC.

121.3 TO REPORT ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES INCLUDING LIGHTING

There will not be a safety fence at the bottom of Church Lane leading to the school as this would restrict access for wheelchair users and mobility scooters.

Southern Electric should have been on site this week but they have once again failed to appear. Clerk will ask what is going on.

All the pavements and gullies need weed killer sprayed. Clerk will find out when they intend to do it.

Cllr Timberlake produced a draft timetable for a fixed route to serve Bledlow Ridge, West Wycombe and the Saunderton trains to replace the Rider on Call service which Councillors could comment on prior to forwarding to John Hodgkin for consideration. Cllr Timberlake will actually write in Chorley Road and Bradenham Road. Cllr Seymour and Cllr Timberlake will discuss on 17th prior to the meeting.

Rider on Call is not always issuing tickets which could skew the figures. We are also concerned by the failure of some users to fold up pushchairs and keep the aisle clear. Clerk will advise BCC of this.

Lay bye past Flint Hall farm has a furniture lorry parked there on a regular basis – police have been informed and Clerk will advise BCC.

121.4 TO APPROVE THE MAP ARTWORK FOR THE SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF WEST WYCOMBE HILL

After much discussion, Mr Nick Phillips has taken the map to gain approval from The National Trust. The result of this may affect the final positioning.

121.5 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO WEST WYCOMBE BRASS BAND

It was resolved to make a donation of £100.

121.6 TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2006 AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

Cheques and standing orders for Mrs S. Henson, Bucks County Council Crossing Patrol and cheques for Thames Water, British Telecom, Miss C. Henson, Mr S. Henson, South Bucks Tree Surgeons and Forde & McHugh (part Bradenham Road lights). It was resolved to approve the monthly accounts.

121.7 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr Downes gave an update on the GC2C. GC2C - moving away from pilot schemes. Wycombe West has been abandoned as an area and is now the whole of High Wycombe and includes Downley; we are in Area 9 - Cllrs Downes and Cllr Woollard's Wards, so far this information has not been circulated to Parish Councils. This is a very diverse area with many different issues and probably should be divided.
2. Plan to raise the profile of BCC by introducing County Council vans with the Technicians being in uniforms. We will write stating we have concerns over this change but hope that it works as well as it currently does.
3. Mike Knight retires from BCC at the end of September – we will write with our thanks for his excellent support of our parish. The Clerk has been invited to attend his leaving event.
4. Cllr Timberlake reported that the business plan for the library has been handed in to BCC, there are a few questions to be answered before the closing date of 29th September and then a decision will be made.
5. Mr Phillips reported that Jesse Binns has found a playwright who is interested in creating a play on the history of West Wycombe village to be presented in the park and to include people from the community.
6. Concern over the number of cars being parked on the verges around the Pedestal Roundabout.

121.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th October in the Church Room at 8pm.

Cllr Timberlake may be late as he will be travelling from Manchester.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm