

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2019 AT
8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Mr S. Cope - Chairman, Mr N Harris, Mrs V. Smith, Mr R. Seymour, Mrs K. Cheshire,
Mr P. Brown, Mr N Timberlake Mrs S Henson - Clerk

APOLOGIES:

County Cllr Mr D Hayday, District Cllr Mr I McEnnis

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

1. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING, THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
The Minutes for the May Parish Council meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITEMS IN THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerks Report

1. Complete Tree Services completed the work on the trees in Park Farm Road
2. The three troughs are in place.
3. Please study Swarco details in detail as the Councillors need to make the decision on what is required to place the order.
4. The wobbly stile in the Pedestal Playing Field has been repaired and the gates have been tightened up.
5. Weed spraying has been completed by our own contractor.
6. Clerk is attending a meeting where the contract prices for the HS2 A4010 project will be reviewed
7. Maintenance of the Pedestal Roundabout – general tidying up is planned but nothing major can be undertaken in the way of planting due to the size of the roundabout and salt from the road killing plants. Work was being undertaken on 13th June.
8. Cllr Mrs Smith and Clerk attended the Wycombe Transport Strategy meeting
9. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the Bucks Unitary meeting
10. Clerk emailed some residents of Bradenham Road to put their mind at ease about the bus shelter proposals in the HS2 project. A piece will also go in Contact.
11. The A40 DfT road safety project is finished however one of our troughs has not be replaced correctly – Clerk is chasing project officer.
12. Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the Local Area Forum.
13. The Clerk has contacted two allotment holders about the state of their allotments.
14. Clerk has made contact and sent photo with/to Network Rail re the sloe bushes behind the Pedestal Playing Field fence – hedge is currently 2m over metal fence.
15. Clerk has had a site visit with another play equipment supplier re the basket swing. Once again the representative said in over 10 years he had never seen a basket swing so badly vandalised.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MEETING REOPENED

263.1 Correspondence Received from 9th May - 13th June 2019

1. Monthly website reports – emailed
2. Police and Crime Commissioners newsletter - emailed and on website.
3. Email from a resident about dog excrement on the Pedestal Playing Field
4. Email from a resident about cyclists on the pavements in the High Street
5. All the revised prices for the solar powered MVAS
6. Confirmation of our order for the tri table
7. Invitation to the Rural Farm Walk on 20th June
8. Agenda for LAF on 11th June in Hambleden

9. Price from Playdale for a replacement basket swing
10. Price from AE Evans for all replacement wooden parts incl delivery for Multiplay - £439.43 plus VAT.
11. Consultation from the Local Government Resource Centre about Community Governance in High Wycombe and the creation of new parishes in connection with the new unitary authority. Cllr Timberlake will formulate a response for consideration by Councillors.
12. Email from West Wycombe Estate about the Garden Centre Car park – we will ask if he has carried out a direct conversation with all the local businesses and how their customers use the car park. We appreciate how accommodating he is being to existing business users and the school parents. We believe that there may be a need for a thorough inspection of the waste and recycling area by Chiltern District Council.

263.2 Planning

Applications

19/06159/FUL-West Wycombe Combined School Church Lane West Wycombe -Erection of two new entrance porches to front of school following demolition of existing porches (Part retrospective) – no objection we feel it will be a sympathetic improvement to the building.

Decisions

19/06065/CTREE -Land Adjacent Pedestal Playing Field, Cookshall Lane, High Wycombe -Crown lift by approximately 5m to 30 x Lime Trees – no objection but question if it is 30 or 50 trees – not make a TPO

19/05910/FUL -397 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe -Householder application for alterations to roof including reroofing and increase in ridge height, construction of 1 x rear dormer and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation – withdrawn.

19/05589/ADV -Pedestal Garage West Wycombe Road High Wycombe -Display of 4 x internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 x internally illuminated projecting sign & 1 non-illuminated totem sign – permitted.

19/05798/FUL - 14 Copperfields High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP12 4AN |

Householder application for construction of part single, part two storey rear extension – refused on the grounds of mass, bulk and design and proximity to the boundary on 16 Copperfields.

263.3 To discuss the issue of allowing dogs on the Pedestal Playing Field

After much discussion it was resolved to maintain the status quo as we are unable to ‘police’ the area and we had not had complaints from Downley Dynamos. The Councillors and Clerk who regularly visited the area had not found dog faeces to be a problem.

263.4 To agree to make a donation for the Village Clock maintenance

It was resolved to make a donation of £300 as agreed when producing the budget.

263.5 To agree to accept the contribution offer of a maximum of £3,200 from the LAF towards the purchase of 2 x MVAS

As the Parish Council has made a commitment to reduce the speed of traffic on Chorley Road it was resolved to accept the contribution of £3200 towards the total cost of the purchase of 2 x MVAS units. We will contribute the remaining 50%.

263.6 To agree to purchase 2 x solar powered MVAS units

It was resolved to purchase 2 x solar powered MVAS units from SWARCO. Display to show ‘40 Slow Down’. The total order to include solar panel fixing kit x 4, 2 x padlocks, 1 x heavy duty crown key and Warranty Contract from Year 2 onward. Total cost £5316.45. We cannot claim for the Warranty from the LAF.

263.7 To agree to purchase the replacement parts for the Multiplay unit

The play inspection highlighted issues with the wooden elements of the unit. Clerk has carried out a recent inspection and recommends all wooden elements are replaced at a total cost of £439.43 incl delivery plus VAT. It was resolved to place the order for the parts. Clerk will contact Stillman Landscapes to have a discussion about weed killer around the base of the wooden equipment so that strimming will not be necessary as this can cause damage to the timber and allow water ingress.

263.8 To report and discuss any Highways issues including cycling on the High Street pavements and the High Wycombe Transport strategy

Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the recent High Wycombe Transport Strategy where we had the opportunity to state what was not working in Wycombe; however the main aim was to think outside the box and think how we would want Wycombe's transport to look like in 2050. They would like someone from our area to provide feedback by 30th June using Placecheck. Cllr Timberlake agreed to log in to Placecheck and either complete a response as an individual or, if required to respond as a representative of the Parish Council, to draft a response and circulate it to the rest of us for comment before submitting it.

A piece has gone into Contact about cycling on pavements. Cycling is mainly non-residents. It is not legal to cycle on the pavement. The Highway Code also states: "You must not cycle on a pavement." The offence of riding a bike on the pavement is punishable by an on-the-spot fine, a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of £30; however there is clear guidance that the police are supposed to exercise discretion over the issuing of these.

When FPNs were introduced for pavement cycling in 1999, the Home Office issued guidance saying that: "The introduction of the fixed penalty is not aimed at responsible cyclists who sometimes feel obliged to use the pavement out of fear of traffic and who show consideration to other pavement users when doing so. Chief Police Officers, who are responsible for enforcement, acknowledge that many cyclists, particularly children and young people, are afraid to cycle on the road, sensitivity and careful use of police discretion is required". Also worth noting that from 2007-16, 98.9% of pedestrian fatalities and 95.6% of pedestrian serious injuries that happened in collisions on a footway/verge involved a motor vehicle of some kind and not a cycle.

Councillors reported potholes in Toweridge Lane; trees overhanging along the West Wycombe Road; Steps House light working intermittently.

263.9 To receive a report on the recent meeting on the future of the unitary council

Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk attended the meeting. It was quite obvious that many issues still have to be sorted but it was an opportunity to state what we are capable of, what we could and could not take on and the importance of having local people who know the area working in the newly created centres. We also had the opportunity of stating how we would like to be grouped – in our case we did not want the LAF grouping to be used – we felt a link with Princes Risborough as the main town would be more appropriate but we felt the Princes Risborough and Wendover grouping was far too big.

263.10 To consider the purchase of a new Dell laptop for the Clerk

The Dell XPS is 7 years old and has started to have an issue with the key board and from January 2020 Microsoft will not support Windows 7 which we currently use. A new laptop to the identical specification and support and guarantee will cost £1439.45. It was resolved to purchase a replacement laptop.

263.11 To approve the accounts for June 2019 and signing of cheques - appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the accounts. See end of Minutes for list of payments.

263.11 Members questions

Cllr Brown asked about the memorial on the Mausoleum.

Cllr Brown had some ideas about parking solutions for the top of West Wycombe Hill.

Cllrs Mrs Cheshire and Mrs Smith raised concerns over a letter circulated to residents publicising Nextdoor/West Wycombe. It does not appear to be a scam but concern that people's names seem to be used without permission.

Clerk will be on holiday from 24th June for one week.

263.12 Date of next meeting

4th July 2019 at 8pm in The Church Room, West Wycombe

Cheques for payment in June

Mrs S Henson	551.68
Bucks CC	199.17
HMRC - online	63.40
Mrs S Henson	73.02
Peter Gomme	525.00
Acorn Landscaping	25.00
Acorn Landscaping	199.81
TBS Hygiene	126.00
Complete Tree services	714.00
JCE Services	275.00
St Lawrence PCC	300.00
A E Evans	527.32
Castle Water (dd)	3.11
Southern Electric (dd)	25.62
Southern Electric (dd)	25.62
Southern Electric (dd)	86.45
Total	3720.20

May salary
June pension
Tax
Mileage/expenses
3 cuts of Pedestal field
Repair to stile in Pedestal Field
1/12 highways grass cutting
May collections
Park Farm Road trees
Weed killing highway
Donation for Village Clock maintenance
Parts for Multiplay
Burial Ground water
Feeder pillar energy
Feeder pillar energy
Street light energy

Statement of Account as at 1st June 2019

Opening balance – 1 st May	51095.01
Less May cheques and dd's	3234.20
Plus burial of ashes fee – Potter	135.00
Total	47995.81