

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
12th JUNE 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs V. Smith, Mr N. Harris, Mr R. Seymour, Mr F. Downes,
Mr N. Timberlake Mrs S. Henson – Clerk

0 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE ACCEPTED FROM:
Cllrs Mrs K. Cheshire, Mrs L. Cook, County Cllr D Hayday

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING
TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Mrs Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 207.6

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING AND THE MAY 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. Cllrs Mrs Smith, Seymour and Timberlake and Clerk attended Bucks CC meeting on devolved services.
2. Peter Gomme reported today that less dog mess is present on the field.
3. The HS2 petition was delivered to parliament on Wednesday 14th May
4. The Clerk has chased TfB about grass cutting or the lack of it!
5. The Clerk has asked when the High Street road resurfacing is due to take place – the section of the WW Road in our parish is due to take place overnight from 26th June

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

MEETING REOPENED

207.1 Correspondence Received from 9th May – 12th June 2014

1. Chilterns Conservation Board – May and June Newsletter
2. Letter from HS 2 re our request for negotiation – the Clerk will reply that this in no way addresses our concerns.
3. Minutes of WDC Parish Clerks Resilience Meeting
4. Diary Date – to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War – 3rd August – High Wycombe Parish Church 9.45am.
5. WDALC Training event on Planning – Lane End Village Hall 9th July – Cllr Mrs Cheshire to attend
6. Chilterns Access Conference – St Katharine's, Parmoor – 19th June – Cllr Mrs Cheshire to attend.
7. ROSPA Play inspection booking – Clerk has requested an inspection.
8. Chilterns Conservation Board planning training
9. War Memorial Bulletin
10. Invitation from WDC to Armed Forces Covenant signing at WDC offices on 23rd June at noon.
11. BCC devolved service meeting papers
12. Letter from U7 Manager of Downley Dynamos in relation to their use of the Pedestal Playing field over the last 12 months
13. Many emails from Transport for Bucks over the Bradenham Road VAS – it would appear that at last BCC has agreed that it has to be repaired at their cost – may be something we offer to do in the future
14. Rural Forum Farm Walk – 19th June, 5pm at Lacey's Farm – Cllrs Mrs Smith and Harris and Clerk to attend
15. BCC signed contract with the Parish Council allowing the Chiltern Society to maintain the agreed bridleways/paths
16. Email from BCC advising us of the maps and areas covered by the proposed devolved services idea.

207.2 Planning

444 West Wycombe Road – construction of part two storey, part first floor rear extension and porch to side – no objection.

207.3 To report and discuss any highways issues

The Clerk is in a constant battle with Bucks County Council over maintenance of our parish.

Clerk to contact West Wycombe Estate re the yew trees in the car park and hedge along Chorley Road

Concern over the amount of pavement parking particularly in Chorley Road. Cars parked on the road help to slow the traffic. Clerk will put a piece in Contact.

More dog mess is being left on pavements and footways. Clerk will put a piece in Contact.

Elizabeth Stillman to be asked to cut allotment hedge and whatever is required re the weeds on the pavement at Chorley Road.

207.4 To consider Bucks County Council's proposal to take on devolved services

Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mr Timberlake explained what they had learnt at the recent meeting. BCC are trying to judge what interest there is in taking on devolved powers and to work in clusters of parishes. They are offering approximately £2064 per annum for the next two years to cut 1301 square metres of grass, 13962m of hedge and siding out of footway.

The first maps issued did not relate to our parish, we have subsequently had some correct maps issued which show how much grass cutting should be undertaken however the entry to the village does not show as being cut. The reference to hedges and siding out and weed killing for 9839m of footway and maintain 2064m of Rights of Way; however this is not necessarily what they do now, it refers to the maximum amount BCC would do if they received complaints from residents. We are interested in taking on some of the suggested devolved services, but for preference would prefer to manage our own parish and not be part of a cluster.

207.5 To discuss the Pedestal Playing Field

Downley Dynamos football club using the field has been a success and residents are pleased to see it used however some residents do not want to use the play area when football is occurring therefore we have to work on a plan to suit all our residents. It was resolved to issue a non-exclusive agreement to Downley Dynamos in relation to the playing field and car parking area to tie in with the date agreed with West Wycombe Estate for the pavilion i.e. 1st August 2018. The Parish Council would allow weekend football to be played between the hours of 8 -12.30pm on Saturday and Sunday from the beginning of the season i.e. probably September until early July and the car park emptied of all Downley Dynamos cars by that time. Training could also take place on Monday and Wednesday weekday evenings per week from 5pm – 8pm during May and June. The rubbish bin by the pavilion must be emptied and the rubbish taken off site after Saturday and Sunday use. All collected grass cuttings must be removed from site. As this is a play area for all age groups we would expect good manners, language and behaviour at all times. The Parish Council will continue to cut the grass as per our normal requirements – usually once in March and then twice per month from April – September and once in October weather permitting. The Parish Council would continue to undertake one roll at the beginning of the growing season. Any line marking, extra cuts, fertilising or spiking will be undertaken by Downley Dynamos at their cost. Having spoken to other Parish Councils and WDC and taking into account the amount of money spent on increasing the size of the car park, as originally we were led to believe most people would be walking to site, it was resolved to charge an annual fee of £300 to be reviewed every June and to be paid during September. Any days usage beyond the above is to be notified, in advance, to the Parish Clerk.

The use of the pavilion does not mean automatic usage or right to use the playing field. The Parish Council would prefer that no football parking occurs on West Wycombe Road or on the pavement and this also applies to Bradenham Road. As most of the Parish investment has been in relation to motor vehicles we would like to see a green travel

plan produced by Downley Dynamos with the specific intention to reduce the amount of cars using the playing field car park and surrounding roads.

Cllr Mrs Smith left the room

207.6 To agree to pay the Chairman's Allowance of £100

It was resolved to pay £100 to Cllr Mrs Smith

Cllr Mrs Smith returned to the room.

207.7 To consider making a donation to the Chilterns Conservation Board

It was resolved to make a donation of £100.

207.8 To approve the accounts for June 2014 and signing of cheques – appendix 2

See itemised list at the end of the Minutes. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

207.9 Members questions

None raised.

207.10 Date of next meeting – Thursday 17th July at 8pm, The Church Room

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Accounts to be paid in June 2014

Mrs S. Henson S/O	517.99	May salary
Mrs S Henson	29.33	Balance of salary
Bucks County Council	160.06	Pension – May
HMRC	3.80	Tax
West Wycombe Events Team	500.00	Donation
Mrs Henson	65.99	Expenses incl HS2 to parliament
Peter Gomme	350.00	Pedestal Playing Field
Miss L M Hewitt	75.00	Internal auditor honorarium
National Allotment Society	66.00	Annual subs
Thames Water	7.93	
Southern Electric (dd)	16.51	Feeder pillar
Southern Electric (dd)	19.23	Feeder pillar
Southern Electric(dd)	157.62	Energy (street lights)
WDALC Training	15.00	Planning Training
Chiltern Society conference	15.00	Access for all
Amersham Town Council	10.00	Field of Remembrance
Total	2009.46	

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Statement of Account as at 31st May

Opening balance – 1 st May	29850.09
Less May cheques	4825.21
Plus telephone refund from PWE and HPC	160.27
Sub Total	25185.15
Bank of Ireland	1133.40
Deposit account	1134.04
Total	27452.59