

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th MARCH 2021 AT 8.00 PM BY ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mr S. Cope, Mr N Harris, Mrs V. Smith, Mrs K. Cheshire, Mr N. Timberlake, Mr P. Brown

In attendance: Mrs S Henson - Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mr R. Seymour, Buckinghamshire Cllr Darren Hayday

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – Cllr Harris declared a pecuniary interest in planning applications 21/05335/TPO and 21/05402/CTREE. Cllr Cope declared a personal interest in the planning application 21/05384/FUL

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
The Minutes for the February Parish Council meeting were agreed by those Councillors present and will be signed by the Chairman outside the meeting.

CLERKS REPORT

1. Clerk and Cllr Cope had a site visit at the burial ground top field with the Chiltern Rangers and the Chalk and Cherries representatives who will come back with a suggested plan of action to include an orchard, sections of wild flower planting and some 'natural' seating.
2. All election documents and posters have been printed off. Posters are up and information is on the website.
3. Clerk has asked for an update on tree works from Complete Tree Services but to date no response.
4. The Parish Charter response date has been delayed until 31st March.
5. High Street and Church Lane resident's letter about litter bins and parking have been delivered.
6. Clerk has ordered and received 4 copies of the Good Councillor guide.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
MEETING REOPENED

282.1 Correspondence received 12th February – 11th March 2021.

1. Website analysis for February – emailed.
2. Buckinghamshire Council daily and weekly updates and press releases – links put on website.
3. Information for the elections which are currently planned to take place on 6th May.
4. SLCC Newsletter advising that they are seeking clarification on whether virtual meetings can continue after 7th May and also requesting the Parish Councillors come back under the Standards Board.
5. Information on marking the death of a Senior National Figure.
6. Confirmation that our current planning application response times can be extended to beyond our meeting.
7. Reminder that the HS2 Road Safety Fund submissions opened on 22nd February – we will be submitting four bids.
8. Formal letter of complaint from a High Street resident about the litter and parking letter – Cllr Cope has responded.
9. Beacons of the Past Newsletter – emailed
10. Agenda for the North West Chilterns Community Board – forwarded to Cllr Cope who attended the meeting. A strategy on the A4010 was discussed.
11. TfB Traffic Calming Booklet – to go on website.
12. Letter from West Wycombe Estate about filming and gun/cannon fire – issued on website and Tweeted and sent to Facebook pages. All High Street residents have had a copy.
13. Agenda for WDALC meeting on 18th March – passed to Cllr Cope.

282.2 Planning Applications & decisions:

21/05384/FUL-19 Portway Drive High Wycombe -Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension – no objection.

21/05335/TPO-West Wycombe Park, West Wycombe-Fell to ground due to excessive decay at the base x 1 Ash (T3) – no objection.

21/05402/CTREE-West Wycombe Park, West Wycombe-Remove to ground level due to inappropriate village setting x 1 Conifer Hedge (G2) – no objection.

21/05328/VCDN -391 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe-Variation of conditions 2 (plan numbers), 9 (air quality mitigation), 16 (materials), 17 (amenity areas - bin and cycle storage) and 18 (landscaping) attached to pp 18/07804/FUL (Proposed demolition of existing detached dwelling and erection of 7 x 1 bed apartments with associated access, parking, and bin and cycle stores) to improve design/layout , improve fire safety and improve amenity – no objection.

21/05263/FUL-West Barn Towerage Farm, Toweridge Lane, West Wycombe-Internal and external alterations including construction of log/cycle/bin store and installation of 2 x tapered saddle stones to convert existing barn at Towerage Farm and create 1 x 1-bed holiday accommodation with associated works including fencing and siting of septic tank – a very positive way of enhancing and preserving an otherwise unprepossessing building -no objection.

21/05604/FUL-Land At West Wycombe Estate West Wycombe-Application for temporary use of land for film-making purposes with associated temporary sets and facilities for a 6 month period – We have concerns over the proposed secondary access via Towerage Lane because there are residential properties at the top; the lane is in an extremely poor state already with deep potholes and flooding; the lane is exceedingly narrow with no space for vehicles to pass. We would like a condition that, should it be approved, all vehicle access comes from the Stokenchurch end of the A40 and not through the village of West Wycombe.

21/05580/FUL-Beechwood House 10 Beechwood Road High Wycombe-Householder application for construction of rear extension and creation of parking to front – no objection.

282.3 To discuss the replacement of the toddler swings

Clerk has had a site visit with one supplier for the toddler swing and asked for another company to quote but to date they have not arranged to meet. Further site visits on 18th and 19th March arranged.

282.4 To report any highways issues

1. TfB have acknowledged and email about the gully emptying and passed it onto another individual to respond but to date no information. Interesting to note that Buckinghamshire Council have increased their budget for the coming year to invest more in flooding and gully emptying.
2. The contact details of the Lease Owners of Rosemary Close appear to have changed and Clerk has now had a site visit asking them to cut back their boundary on the Pelican Crossing side.
3. Clerk has contacted the National Trust re the archway cobbles who would be prepared to undertake the work on a commercial basis.
4. Clerk has emailed our LAT asking if we need a Traffic Regulation Order to undertake the work on the cobbles – no response to date.
5. The LED replacement heritage lights by the school should now be installed and working.
6. Clerk has reported that the lights from column number 29 to the allotments in Chorley Road are not working – we think it must be a cable problem. Investigations are in hand.
7. Columns 1 and 10 in Bradenham Road have lost their mains supply and a works order has been raised with Southern Electric. Engineers on site on 8th March.
8. Column 8 in Bradenham Road has had a concrete collar fixed to make it safe – it will always look slightly bent.
9. Email from Cllr Hayday re the pavement from Portway Drive to the Pedestal – after inspection he believes it to be no worse than many others in his area.
10. Columns 20 and 13 in the High Street have been reported.
11. The kerb stone outside Brocklehurst has been reported.
12. The drain near Lacemakers has been overflowing and reported and work has now been undertaken.

282.5 To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting

Clerk has emailed all our local organisations for a short report for the Annual Parish Meeting and also sent an Agenda with the Zoom link. All information is on the website.

282.6 To consider COVID19 and decisions or actions which may be required

All current information relating to COVID19 and vaccinations has been loaded on our website. Grass roots football can resume from 29th March. Clerk will contact Downley Dynamos about the potential parking issues.

282.7 To approve the accounts for March 2021 – appendix 2
It was resolved to approve the accounts. See end of Minutes.

282.8 Members questions
Cllr Cope reported that the Community Cop Card Scheme has been postponed until 2022.

282.9 Date of next meeting
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th March at 8pm via Zoom.
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Thursday 15th April 2021 via Zoom.

Payments to be made in March 2021

Castle Water (dd)	18.66	Allotment water
Information Commissioners Office (dd)	35.00	Annual GDPR renewal fee
Giff gaff (debit card)	6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Mrs S Henson	597.62	February salary
Bucks CC	221.30	March pension
HMRC - online	85.80	Tax
Acorn Landscaping	488.14	11/12 highway grass, 12/12 burial ground, Pedestal strimming 11/12
TBS Hygiene	115.20	February collections
Simon Cope	43.17	3 months Zoom refund
Parish Council website	1200.00	Annual webmaster service
Southern Electric (dd)	75.48	Streetlight energy
Smart Numbers (dd)	23.99	April service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	23.88	Feeder pillar
Southern Electric (dd)	25.35	Feeder pillar
Total	2959.59	

Statement of Account as at 1st March 2021

Opening balance – 1 st February	34867.75
Less February payments	2376.70
Total	32491.05