

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 8.00 PM IN
THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

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

In attendance: Mrs S. Henson. Clerk
Buckinghamshire Cllr Mrs O. Hayday

APOLOGIES: Buckinghamshire Cllr Mr D. Hayday
Mrs A Wright (illness)

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

**CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING**

The Minutes for the January Parish Council meeting were agreed by those Councillors present
and signed by the Chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Clerk has contacted the Buckinghamshire Conservation Officer about The Pedestal Monument – only comment was that lime mortar must be used rather than cement in any repair.
2. Clerk has now contacted Buckinghamshire Council's Asset Manager asking about ownership of The Pedestal Monument.
3. The notices have gone up for the Litter pick on 19th March, the Village Hall is booked and a Facebook event has been created. Mr Steve Baker MP plans to attend.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
MEETING REOPENED

292.1 Correspondence received 14th January to 10th February 2022

1. Buckinghamshire Council daily and weekly updates and press releases – links put on website.
2. Website statistics. Emailed.
3. Information from Fynecast about the land to the side of Gerrard Court.
4. Information on Community Speedwatch from PC Lee Turnham.
5. Two tenants have terminated their allotment tenancy. New tenants are in place.
6. Information on locking water taps and water troughs for the allotments. Emailed.
7. BMKALC Training Course on S106 and CIL money and applications 15th March and New Councillors Training on 23rd February. Emailed. Cllr Rowland is signed up for the 'New' training.
8. Traffic Regulation Order for Church Lane near The Caves to replace a telegraph pole between 21 and 23 February.
9. Notification that the lead officer for the HS2 Road Safety Fund will be in contact regarding the proposed work in Bradenham Road to improve safety.
10. North West Community Board agenda. Thursday 10th February via Zoom at 18.30.
11. Rural Forum. Online on March 10th 17.00-19.00hrs.

292.2 Planning Applications & decisions:

Applications

22/05071/VCDN. Wyaside, Park Farm Road, High Wycombe. Variation of condition 2 (plan numbers) attached to PP 21/08009/FUL (Householder application for construction of roof extension incorporating habitable space within loft, including rear and side dormers and additional roof lights, part single storey, part two storey rear extension and fenestration alterations (alternative scheme to 21/07101/FUL and 21/05940)) to allow for

extended left hand rear balcony which will improve the living conditions of the property. The Parish Council continues to object. The plan to increase the size of the balcony to the original size from the previously agreed reduced size has an adverse effect on the neighbour's property and the enjoyment of their garden. We can see little point in commenting as none of our reasoned objections have been considered on this multi-application site.

Decisions

21/08025/FUL. 26 Portway Drive, High Wycombe. Householder application for erection of single storey side extension. Permit.

Clerk has raised a planning enforcement enquiry over Rent-a-Van becoming a garage and MOT station open to the public. Planning Enforcement have now carried out a site visit and replied that this is a breach of planning regulations which they are following up.

- 292.3 To agree to and sign the revised Devolution Agreement from Buckinghamshire Council
It was resolved to sign the revised Agreement which gives us a 3% increase. We will now receive £2094.62 towards our grass verge and other allowed works e.g. cutting trees and shrubs back.
- 292.4 To discuss the Boundary Review
Clerk issued copies of the Ward and Parish maps. We are happy with the current Ward boundaries and would not want our Ward extended to include more of the urban area
- 292.5 To discuss progress on the Community Orchard
Year 5 pupils from West Wycombe School will work with the Chiltern Rangers in the Community Orchard on 18th February for a period between 10am – 3.30pm. The work needs to be undertaken on that day as the selection of Buckinghamshire apple, plum and pear trees are being delivered to Chiltern Rangers on the 10th and the plants and seeds need to be sown and planted as well as bird boxes made. Another date has been arranged in May. A local resident has come forward to go on a fruit tree training programme - we will pay for this.
- 292.6 To discuss the water supply at the Allotments
Illustrations of tap locks and water troughs had been issued to Councillors. The tap lock could have a combination padlock fixed to it. This would prevent unauthorised use of our water but obviously does not control the volume, supply or delivery of water to tenants. It was agreed that we would install a tap lock and combination padlock and review it at the end of the growing season.
- 292.7 To report and discuss any highways issues including Community Speedwatch
The feasibility study is complete and we should receive a report in two weeks' time. Clerk investigated the cost of a Puffin crossing (Pelican crossings are no longer installed). £130,000.
Clerk had issued Speedwatch information prior to the meeting for councillors to consider. Clerk has had discussions with PC Turnham about Speedwatch which has changed completely. We need to have a co-ordinator registered. Data is available within a week if we need to use it. Volunteers are required and this will appear in the next issue of *Contact*.
The damaged telecoms cover in front of The Apple Orchard has been reported and Bucks Council have passed it on to BT.
The 50mph sign has been removed but no timescale has been given for its replacement. Clerk has made contact with Ernest Barnes Ltd about the repair of the cobbles under the archway as the National Trust would not be able to undertake the work until 2023. Clerk will re-report the damaged bollard at the Pedestal roundabout; originally reported in April 2021.
Potholes in Chorley Road have been reported.
- 292.8 To discuss street lighting energy and allotment and burial ground water costs
Our street lighting energy contract ends in August; with the increase in energy costs, the Clerk will start investigating prices. NALC are working with one company and Clerk will start

providing information to them for both our electricity and the water for the allotments and burial ground.

292.9 To discuss Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for 2022

Union flag on Village Hall, union bunting along High Street, red, white and blue plants in troughs by parish and village entry gates. Clerk will ask TfB about planting the Pedestal roundabout in appropriately-coloured plants. Beacon on 2nd June and Parish Picnic in Community Orchard. High Street windows decorated for a competition – information will go into *Contact*. Clerk will investigate purchasing commemorative mugs for school and pre-school. Clerk will order 510m of union flag bunting. Total price £195 plus VAT. West Wycombe Churches will open the church and provide tea, coffee and cake on the Platinum Jubilee Beacon evening.

292.10 To receive information on Operation London Bridge and Parallel Bridge and Proclamation
Clerk went through the protocol to acknowledge the death of the Sovereign, the period of mourning and the Proclamation of the new King. We would fly our flag at half-mast; we would not open a Book of Condolence; we will communicate with West Wycombe Churches about special services.

292.11 To approve the accounts for February 2022 - appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the accounts.

292.12 Members questions

None raised.

292.13 Date of next meeting

Thursday 10th March 2022 at 8pm in The Church Room, West Wycombe.

Payments to be made in February 2022

Cartridge People (debit card)	£174.90	Set of cartridges
Castle Water (dd)	£47.07	Allotment water. 3 of 4
Mrs S Henson	£599.42	January salary
Bucks Council	£221.30	February pension
HMRC - online	£84.00	Tax
Acorn Landscaping	£493.14	Highway grass, burial ground, Pedestal strimming
Acorn Landscaping	£625.00	Pedestal: removal of plant growth on front & rear fence
TBS Hygiene	£115.20	January collections
Nicola Hannam	£50.00	Refund for fruit tree pruning course
The Chiltern Society	£256.20	Footpath clearance for 2021
West Wycombe Community Assoc	£54.25	Village Hall Hire for litter pick
Parish Council Websites	£1200.00	Annual fee
Bunting Warehouse (debit card)	£234.00	510m of union bunting
Paint stop Ltd (debit card)	£8.92	Plastic covered chain
Hildreths (debit card)	£20.00	Chain & 2 comb padlocks for Community Orchard
Giff gaff (debit card)	£6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	£23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	£74.11	Streetlight energy
Total	4287.50	

Statement of account as at 1st February 2022

Opening balance as at 1 st January	£37623.52
Electricity refund	£12.68
Subtotal	£37636.20
Less January payments	£3588.43
Total	£34047.77