

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2022 AT 8.00 PM IN
THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE:

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

In attendance: Mrs A Wright, Mrs S. Henson - Clerk Buckinghamshire Cllr Mr D. Hayday,

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Mr N. Harris (COVID) Buckinghamshire Cllr Mrs O. Hayday

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

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

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

CLERK'S REPORT

1. No further information from Historic England about the ownership of the Pedestal Monument.
2. Clerk has raised a planning enforcement report on Rent a Van as it is now an MOT testing centre which we assume is open to the public as a garage facility.
3. Clerk has ordered a new metal bin liner and bags for the waste bin in the Pedestal Playing Field.
4. The Clerk's argument with Waste and Cleansing about the burial ground bin has resurfaced and we have been presented with the original invoice for 2017/18 and 2018/19.
5. The burial ground hedge has been cut.
6. Please go to the link for the Local Plan so that we can discuss it at the meeting –
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/local-plan-for-bucks

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
MEETING REOPENED

291.1 Correspondence received 10th December 2021 – 13th January 2022

1. Buckinghamshire Council daily and weekly updates and press releases – links put on website.
2. Police and Crime Commissioners Newsletter – emailed
3. Local Plan Consultation – end February –emailed in early December
4. Thank you emails and notes from Volunteers who received a gift at Christmas.
5. North West Community Board newsletter – emailed
6. Confirmation that the High Street feasibility study will start on 12th January
7. Notification that a halo around our belisha beacons will be considered in the financial year 2022/23 as an upgrade on all belisha beacons and heritage lights is due to take place – our set up is unique in Bucks.
8. The National Trust will be setting up a site meeting for the cobble repair under the arch.
9. Consultation on the Thames Valley Police budget – website and Facebook
10. Email from a local resident about the feasibility study – Clerk has responded
11. Chiltern Ranger are applying to the North West Community Board for a grant towards our fruit trees as we cannot apply under the Green Canopy Project.
12. Report and quote from Sheppards - £1520 for the repairs and £350 to recut the lettering.
13. WDALC Minutes
14. BMKALC Training programme – emailed
15. Chiltern Rangers email covering an invitation to the school for two days working on the Community Orchard project, details of what we have left to pay and a Chalk, Cherries and Chairs contract to cover their payment of the trees, wildflower seeds and plants and bird and owl boxes for a contribution of £175 from the Parish Council.
16. Boundary Commission consultation – February agenda
17. Buckinghamshire Council renewal of Devolved Services agreement – February agenda

291.2 Planning Applications & decisions:

Decisions

21/08230/LBC-Towerage Barn, Toweridge Lane, West Wycombe-Change of Use from Agricultural barn to 1-bed holiday accommodation C3 (Residential) to include erection of single storey side extension and installation of 2 x tapered saddle stones and associated fencing and siting of septic tank – permit

21/08083/CTREE-53 High Street, West Wycombe-Fell due to size and excessive shading of garden x 1 Walnut (T1). Prune lateral growth by approx. 2m to encourage the tree to grow in a more traditional manner x 1 Apple tree (P1). Prune branches by approx. 0.5m to 1m to – not to make a TPO

21/08504/CTREE – 50A High Street, West Wycombe – fell apple tree(T1), Gleditsia (T2), Laurel (T3) and walnut(T4) fell to ground level – not to make a TPO.

21/08009/FUL-Wyeside Park Farm Road High Wycombe-Household 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) – permit

291.2 To discuss a litter pick for 19th March – 11am – 13.00hrs

Village Hall booked, currently in £67.50 credit less September meeting. Poster to be made and advertised in Contact, website and on Facebook

291.3 To discuss the Local Plan Consultation

The Clerk had printed off the questionnaire and Councillors supplied responses. Clerk and Chairman will compose a letter and submit. Many issues are specific for individual householders however the Parish Council will respond to the questions in relation to this parish as we see it and taking into account the potential change in work patterns created by Covid, but which may continue. Issues such as:

Homes – encroachment/multiple occupancy/parking/cost of homes/brownfield sites

Work and activity – public transport network improvements

Climate change

Strategic issues

291.4 To discuss progress on the Community Orchard

Chairman and Clerk met with Chiltern Rangers on 5th January. The next stage is to involve the school in seed sowing, planting wild flowers and trees and making bird boxes. Chiltern Rangers will make contact with the school. We will try to use the funding offered through the Queens Green Canopy for purchasing the fruit trees – sadly, they will not qualify, however the Chalk, Cherries and Chair Landscape Project has agreed to fund the purchase of the trees, the wildflower seeds and plants and the bird and owl boxes totally at a cost of £1150 for a contribution of £175 from the Parish Council. Cllr Cope signed the agreement with Chalk, Cherries and Chairs to agree to this. We are just about to pay £480 for the Summer 2020 grass cut and collect and we have a further £1750 covering CR cut & Collect (delivered) £400 in 2022; Oak top bench x 2 £300 (including installation); whole day Ranger time x 3 £1050. Ideally, we need to find a volunteer to learn about looking after the trees. Clerk has asked for volunteers in the February issue of Contact

291.5 To report and discuss any highways issues including Community Speedwatch and the High Street Feasibility Study

Clerk reported the damaged/uprooted 50mph sign on the Bradenham Road – according to the message ‘they have resolved it’ not sure what that means as it is still flat on the verge! Clerk has produced and delivered notices to all High Street residents on the feasibility study, as well as putting it on Facebook, noticeboards, light columns and website.

Community Speedwatch has been relaunched – Clerk will contact Thames Valley police. Cllr Rowland will be the project lead on this. We will need to recruit volunteers from within the community. Training is given and Thames Valley Police risk assess the sites where traffic can be monitored.

291.6 To discuss Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for 2022

Clerk has spoken to West Wycombe Estate – there are no plans in place for the Platinum Jubilee and they are aware we might like to use the long walk and the paddock for a community picnic.

Confirmation from Tom Hall, The Wooden Weasel that the Platinum Jubilee seat is ordered – he will need wording confirmed by May
 Beacon on Thursday 2nd with the Fish and Chip van and ask for support from St Lawrence, West Wycombe Brass Band and West Wycombe Chamber Choir.
 Possibly use the Community Orchard on June 5th. as a venue for a simple picnic where residents bring their own food. Residents to be encouraged to decorate their windows. Clerk will order new bunting. Possibly ask West Wycombe Estate to light the mausoleum in red, white and blue. Install bunting in the island tree.

- 291.7 To discuss the recent spate of burglaries and Neighbourhood Watch
 Clerk has found a Thames Valley Police leaflet and a Neighbourhood Watch leaflet which might be suitable to issue to residents on burglary prevention. Thames Valley Police have supplied light time switches, a selection of leaflets and links – all put on the website and Facebook.
- 291.8 To approve the accounts for January 2022 - appendix 2
 It was resolved to approve the accounts.
- 291.9 Members questions
 None raised.
- 291.10 Date of next meeting
 Thursday 10th February 2022 at 8pm in The Church Room, West Wycombe.

Payments to be made in January 2022

Castle Water (dd)	47.07	Allotment water – 2/4
Mrs S Henson	599.42)	December salary
Mrs S Henson	509.90)	Mileage & Annual Room Allowance
Bucks Council	221.30	January pension
HMRC - online	84.00	Tax
Acorn Landscaping	493.14	Highway grass, burial ground, Pedestal strimming
TBS Hygiene	144.00	December collections
Glynn Spratt	85.00	Burial ground hedge cutting
Buckinghamshire Council	64.35	Burial ground bin
Buckinghamshire Council	602.88	Burial ground bin for 2017/18 & 2018/19
Glasdon	138.61	Replacement bin and bags
Chiltern Rangers	480.00	Cut & collect Community Orchard grass summer 2020
Giff gaff (debit card)	6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	88.77	Streetlight energy
Total	3588.43	

Statement of account as at 1st January 2022

Opening balance as at 1 st December	44444.33
Grave memorial fee	90.00
Subtotal	44534.33
Less December payments	6910.81
Total	37623.52