

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 8.00 PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM, WEST WYCOMBE

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mr S. Cope, Mr N. Harris, Mrs V. Smith, Mrs K. Cheshire, Mr J. Carstensen,
In attendance: Mrs S. Henson - Clerk
Buckinghamshire Cllr Mr D. Hayday , Buckinghamshire Cllr Mrs O. Hayday

One resident.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs E. Copley (health), Ms C. Rowland (funeral),
Mrs A Wright

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 meeting were agreed by those Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. The sheep were put into the Pedestal Field and the gate from the burial ground was locked closed and the one into the field was locked open. Clerk will order an extra Community Orchard sign..
2. Clerk has spoken to the manager of The Pedestal and written to the LAT and Cllrs Mr & Mrs Hayday asking for a Keep Clear sign to be painted on the junction of Cookshall Lane and the Bradenham Road and any other suggestions to assist residents and pedestrians, but to date no reply.
3. We have had a burial of ashes and will have an interment on 16th February.
4. Clerk has written to 480b West Wycombe Road asking them to cut back the beech hedge which is growing over the Beechwood Road pavement.

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
MEETING REOPENED

303.1 Correspondence received 13th January – 9th February 2023

1. Buckinghamshire Council daily and weekly updates and press releases – links put on website.
2. Website analysis for January – emailed
3. Agenda for NW Community Board meeting to be held on 7th February at 6.30 via Teams – Cllrs Cope and Smith and the Clerk attended.
4. Complaints from residents of Cookshall Lane about the congestion and blocking of the junction by petrol station customers.
5. Information on the Molins site's power cable installation -emailed.
6. Copy emails from Cllr Mrs Smith and the Waste Team at Buckinghamshire Council in connection with the need for recycling bags for the village residents and non-collection of bags from Pound and Lacemakers Cottages.
7. Community Speedwatch Newsletter – emailed.
8. Consultation from Buckinghamshire Council on a Walking and Cycling strategy – March agenda.
9. Invitation to the Rural Forum on 23rd March on Teams 17.00-19.00

303.2 Planning Applications & decisions:

Applications

23/05048/FUL -316 West Wycombe Road High Wycombe Change of use of existing light industrial vehicle workshop (use class B2) to MOT and service centre (sui generis).
Construction of single storey side extension (part retrospective) - West Wycombe Parish Council objects to the retrospective application for the change of use from light industrial workshop (Class B2) to MOT and service centre.

This site has a long history of retrospective planning applications and the owners seem to have had little regard for the planning process since 2010.

The initial proposal for the site was for the rental and hire of 25 cars. The site is now packed with box vans and there is little area for the movement of vehicles, which would cause a hazard for car owners bringing their vehicles to the site for maintenance, repair or MOT. The site is being used as a customer meeting/waiting point, a concern raised by planning officers on previous applications. The current tidy state of the site and the photo shown in the Design and Access statement do not accurately represent the normal and regular overcrowded situation, and we would strongly suggest that there is insufficient space for nine parking spaces.

The access from and exit onto the West Wycombe Road is already hazardous, with inexperienced drivers, with limited visibility, hiring vans and pulling out into the wrong lane, and people often using the wrong lane to access the site.

The entrance to the site is untidy with broken and damaged signage left on the pavement and the owners of the site seem to have little regard for the appearance of the site within our parish, despite promises in past applications that the work would 'preserve the character of the area' - this is far from the truth.

We object to the proposed signage on the side elevation – there is already ample signage for Rent a Van – is this their way of getting round the impending problem of the signage on their front fence which was permitted for a period of no more than 5 years (until 2024)?

The signage above the workshop is less of an issue, however from what they are advertising and planning to do we would want to see reports on how they intend to store and dispose of oil, old tyres and the general 'waste' associated with vehicle mechanics. Our experience of this site has been a general disregard of due process.

22/08381/FUL - 82 Chorley Road West Wycombe -Householder application for demolition of existing garage, existing single storey rear extension and lean to conservatory and the construction of two storey side extension and single storey front porch – no objection.

22/08289/FUL -87 Bradenham Road West Wycombe -Householder application for construction of single storey front extension and part single, part two storey rear extension – no objection

Decisions

22/08007/TPO -West Wycombe Conservation Area West Wycombe Park West Wycombe - Woodland edge of mixed species consisting of Ash, Elm, Laurel, Hazel, Wych Elm, Hawthorn, Beech, Yew, Cypress Spp., Sycamore, Elder and Spindle to be cleared back from the boundary by 3 meters to provide statutory clearance around lamp stands and remove overhanging limbs from the edge of the highway and footpath (G1) and where vegetation forms a hedge, this will be kept as a hedge but clipped back to the boundary to provide privacy to the adjacent gardens – permit

22/07774/FUL -Wyeside Park Farm Road High Wycombe-Householder application for construction of first floor front extension – permit

303.3 To report and discuss any highways issues including the blocking of Cookshall Lane by petrol station customers and progress on Community Speedwatch

Clerk has spoken to the manager of The Pedestal and written to the LAT and Cllrs Mr & Mrs Hayday asking for a Keep Clear sign to be painted on the road and any other suggestions to assist residents and pedestrians, but to date no reply. Cllr Hayday will try to get some action taken.

Clerk will speak to Yianni Motors about the volume of rubbish on their boundary.

Kerbs stones on the Pedestal Roundabout and leading into the High Street have been reported.

Clerk has chased TfB about the replacement bollards at the top of Copperfields.

Clerk is able to confirm that the cobbles under the archway are the property of The Church Room.

Clerk has raised a question at NWCB about the water required to cool the data handling centre on the Molins site raising concerns about bore holes and Chiltern Chalk Streams.

A discussion took place about the Wycombe Wanderers plan to create a road from the stadium and exiting on the Piddington end of Toweridge Lane. Cllr Cope had attended a Wycombe Wanderers Trust meeting where he had spoken to Trevor Stroud, a Trust and Football Club Director, and Cllrs Mr & Mrs Hayday had attended a different meeting, but the information seemed to be consistent – we will not make any comment until a planning application is submitted. We understand it could be in use up to 30 times per annum; that permits will be required by those who plan to enter and exit the stadium via the new road; and that Buckinghamshire Council may consider moving the 30mph speed limit further west to include Toweridge Lane.

303.4 To discuss the Coronation

BMKALC have advised Councils that the King does not want Beacons to celebrate his coronation. The Saturday will be the Coronation; Sunday it is suggested is for community events and the Monday is to encourage volunteer activity.

We have booked a brass band and the fish and chip van for Saturday 6th May and we could just have a communal bonfire.

The Parochial Church Council will be asked if they plan to have a bar, tea, cakes and whether the toilets in St Lawrence could be available.

Clerk will submit planning application for permission to erect a flag pole in the garden at the front of the Village Hall.

Bunting will be hung on Sunday 30th April from 10am – 1pm.

303.5 To approve the accounts for February 2023 - appendix 2

It was resolved to approve the accounts for February.

303.6 Members questions

Councillors discussed the installation of Christmas Tree lights on the three sites. Clerk will investigate a contractor for new lights and installing them on the Village Hall tree; other lights to be added to island conifer; new lights and install on the purple plum. Inspection and crown thinning to be undertaken by the National Trust on the purple plum.

Councillors and an allotment tenant will develop a system of containing and composting the leaves gathered from the burial ground for allotment tenants.

303.7 Date of next meeting – Thursday 9th March 2023 at 8pm in the Church Rooms, West Wycombe. Cllr Carstensen gave his apologies.

Appendix 2

Payments to be made in February 2023

Castle Water (dd)	£17.30	Allotment water
Mrs S Henson (BACS)	£649.42	January salary
Bucks Council (BACS)	£243.58	February pension
HMRC – online (BACS)	£108.04	Tax & NI
Acorn Landscaping (BACS)	£692.72	Highway grass, burial ground, Pedestal strimming
TBS Hygiene (BACS)	£115.20	January collections
The Chiltern Society (BACS)	256.20	Footpath clearance in 2022
Giff gaff (debit card)	£6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	£23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	£220.69	Streetlight energy
Total	£2333.14	

Statement of account as at 1st February 2023

Opening balance as at 1 st January	£38826.35
Less January payments	£3251.82
Total	£ 35574.53