

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
AND OF THE PENN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 15 MARCH 2007 IN THE PENN CHURCH HALL**

**Present** Cllrs M.J.Bayley (Chairman)  
D.J.Baker  
D.J.Brydon  
M.A.Morley  
Mrs M. Seymour  
D.A.Swinhoe-Standen  
D.J.White  
Clerk M.S.Green

**Apologies** Cllr Mrs C.Barton, M.J.Raszpla, J.D.Smiley, C.J. White

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**Alan Hardie**, a prospective Parish Councillor was present.  
**Mr & Mrs John Wood**, of 4 Farm Grove, raised the question of the proposed Hutchison 3G mast on the Knotty Green triangle. They said they were representing their neighbours who were strongly opposed to putting a mast there on the grounds of health risk both to neighbouring houses and to schoolchildren, as well as to the damage a 52 foot mast would do to the appearance of a pleasant area. Mr Steve Edlin, of 6 Farm Grove, had sent a letter outlining his similar views with a particular emphasis on the dangers of a possible concentration of three masts, which were read out to members. A long discussion ensued. The Parish Council will make no decision until there is a ruling from the planning authority. It was pointed out that if the application is recommended for consent, objectors could ask Cllr Dibbo to take the application to the Chiltern Planning Committee and could then speak against it.  
**County Councillor Francis Robinson** reported that Bucks was one of only five counties which had agreed to work together with all the districts on an enhanced 2-tier Pathfinder combination. Agreement from HMG is still awaited. He also reported that the acting chief constable of Thames Valley has now, unusually, been promoted to Chief Constable.  
The **Annual Report for 2006/07** will be sent to all parishioners in May.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minute No 932  
Minutes of  
Meeting held on  
18 Jan 07  
Minute No 933  
Matters Arising  
From Minutes  
Minute No 934  
Reports From  
Committees**

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

It was agreed that all matters would be covered in Committee reports

**1) Recreation & Open Spaces**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 Mar 07 were reviewed and the recommendations agreed. There was further discussion of the following items:

**The Pound** - We need to contact the Spirit Group to discuss renewal of the lease.

**Ash tree at Pistles Pond** - It was agreed that the tree should remain.

**W/Hill Football Club** - It was agreed that there should be no change of policy and no contribution should be offered to the cost of cutting the grass.

**Woodbridge Alley** - It was agreed that a letter in the terms suggested should be sent to the Court in due course.

**Gawde Water** - The Chairman will try to encourage the Penn Estate to burn/remove the tree branches.

**Joint meeting with CWPC** - A date for the next meeting is needed.

**Benches** - It was suggested that the P&TG residents Society could pay for some

roadside benches if suitable locations were suggested.

## **2) Planning**

There have been three meetings with 22 applications. We have commented on 7 of them of which a brief summary was given.

It was noted that a meeting has been arranged with the architects of the Penbury Grove project at 10 am on Wed 28 March in the Penn Church Hall.

## **3) Finance & General Purposes**

There had not been a meeting since 11 Jan 07, but the following points were reviewed:

**Internal Audit** - The next meeting is on 26 April with the internal audit with Mr Harold Porter on 30 April.

**Penn Street Cricket Club** - It was noted that the solicitor's bill for £1,864.50 includes VAT (£262) and a contribution of £500 towards the conveyance costs of the donor of the land, of which £250 has been repaid by the Penn Street Cricket Club.

**Community Emergency Plan** - The plan is almost exclusively focussed on district and county facilities and it was agreed that it would not be sensible to set up a parish scheme and attempt to keep it up to date. Chiltern's Emergency Planning Officer has said that he would be relying on Parish Clerk's local knowledge in any emergency. It is therefore agreed that the Clerk should keep the main district plan and update it as necessary.

**Street lighting column** - A column in Hogback Wood Road has been knocked down by a car, but the driver has volunteered to pay the £710 bill.

**Precept for 2007/08** - It was noted that even with an increased precept our share of the band D council tax is only 1.48% and we are the 10<sup>th</sup> highest out of 16 parishes.

## **4) Highways/Local Area Committee**

**Parish Highway projects 07/08** - All our three proposals for the delegated budget (Whielden Lane footway/traffic calming; Pavement between Knotty Green garage and Drews Park; Grass triangle at Saucy Corner) are on the list as worthwhile projects with priority to the Whielden Lane scheme. A decision will be made on 18 April.

**Bus service through W/Hill** - Carousel have refused to send any additional buses through Whielden Lane because it is so narrow that their buses get damaged.

**Potholes** - The Chairman and Clerk had a site meeting with Colin Jenkins, our new Local Area technician, to inspect the worst potholes. It was agreed that the roads have never been in a worse state. Cllr Robinson said it was a county-wide problem which had been caused by steadily increasing traffic (3% pa), heavy rains and by the use of cold bitumen which washed out very easily. Three new 'flying squads' have been set up with instructions to fill all the potholes they can see.

**Speeding** - NAG has booked SID from 23-8 March. We await a programme of locations from the police who will be operating it. There is to be a speed enforcement day on 17 April.

**Unnamed Lanes** - No objections to our proposals have been received and it was agreed that we take the process forward with Highways and Chiltern District Council.

**Road closure** - It was noted that there is to be a rolling road closure of various local roads around W/Hill on 15 April to allow the passage of bicycles for the British Cycling Premier Calendar Road Race.

**Minute No 935  
Elections on 3  
May 07**

Notices of the parish and district elections were circulated, together with a timetable and the nomination and consent forms for each prospective councillor. It was emphasised that the notices should be put up on notice boards on 23 March and not before. Nominations have to be sent directly to the Returning Officer at Chiltern by noon on 4 April. It was noted that there are still vacancies for two more candidates.

Three members of the Council will be retiring with a combined total of 55 years service. The Chairman offered the Council's grateful thanks to Cllrs Christopher White, Don Swinhoe-Standen and Derek Brydon. Invitations to a farewell gathering at lunchtime on Saturday 21 April, at the Chairman's house, were distributed.

**Minute No 936  
Accounts for  
Payment**

The list of cheques was approved.

**Minute No 937  
Date of Next  
Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the new Council held in the Cricket Pavilion, Knotty Green at 8 pm on Thursday 10 May 2007. Nominations for Chairman and vice-Chairman are required by Standing Orders at least 7 days beforehand.