

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PENN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2007 IN THE WINCHMORE HILL MEMORIAL HALL**

- Present** Cllrs M.J.Bayley (Chairman)
D.J.Baker
Mrs C.Barton
C.Pointon-Taylor
M.J.Raszpla
Mrs M. Seymour
J.D.Smiley
D.J.White
Clerk M.S.Green
- Apologies** Cllrs A.S.Hardie, M.A.Morley
County Cllr Francis Robinson, P.C. Gavin McVeigh, Colin Jenkins
- Minute No 948
Democratic
Quarter Hour** **PCSO John Webb** said there were police funds for play equipment and he had been in touch with the W/Hill Residents Association about their proposals. He discussed the various devices for discouraging speeding; SID is being phased out; roadside boxes measuring speed and volume can be hired for 24hrs; a new device records car numbers; He will try to book a van which has monitoring equipment; Vehicle Activated Signs are likely to cost a parish about £6,000 and so are not feasible for us. A particularly bold theft of a credit card was made from a Knotty Green house after noting the PIN number used at a Beaconsfield shop. KG Rec Ground – there has been some under-age drinking by local teenagers but less than last year; PCSOs can no longer issue tickets for illegal parking – this has been taken over by CDC appointed wardens..
- Minute No 949
Minutes of Meeting
Held on 19 July 07** The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman
- Minute No 950
Matters Arising
From Minutes** It was noted that Cllr Warder had sent a reply to Mr Mullineux about the delays in dealing with complaints about signage and lighting at Regius Court.
- Minute No 951
Reports From
Committees** **Recreation & Open Spaces** - There had not been a meeting, but the following matters were discussed:
Grass-cutting - Most of the contract cuts have been completed.
Red Lion, Penn – The tables on the common land have been removed.
New litter & dog bins - have been put in on the KG Rec Ground
Beacon Hill plots – The roadside hedge needs cutting and the tenants have been asked to consider doing it themselves, as the tenants on the Knotty Green allotments do, or accept a rent rise to meet such maintenance costs.
Potters Cross Pond - The Probation Service working party has cleared and levelled the verge path to Common Wood. They will be returning next week to work on the catchpit and possibly taking silt out of the pond itself.
Penn's Coronation seat - The happy tale of the restored seat is told in the October issue of Village Voice and a copy of the text is attached to these minutes.
Penn War Memorial flower beds - A letter from Mrs Grace Cresswell of Stone Cottage, who first brought the Coronation seat to our attention, suggests a competition to design and then maintain two flower beds on the green with a plaque to give the designer credit. This was thought to be an interesting idea but not appropriate on the green.
Pond Working parties - Widmer Pond on 27 Oct and Gawde Water on 24 Nov.
Pushy Mothers Classes - A workout group for eight new mothers wants to exercise

on Knotty Green Rec Ground on Mondays for an hour. No objection was raised. *Woodbridge Alley* - Minute books record the Parish Council passing a resolution on 7 Feb 1952 confirming the stopping up of what is now known as Woodbridge Alley. Highways have been asked to confirm that they have no claim to the land. *Parking on Elm Road common* - Our letter asking local residents not to park on the common or pavements produced a mixed response. If offences continue, the Clerk will go and speak to those concerned. It was agreed that we should also speak to the sports clubs and follow up with a letter.

Highways - There had been no meeting, but the following matters were discussed:

Rights of way Improvement Plan 2007-11 - There are to be four exhibitions in different places to encourage discussion of the document. One is in Wycombe on 10 October and another in Chesham on 16 October. The Clerk has the details for anyone who wishes to go.

Chilterns Accessibility Action Planning - There is a choice of four community consultation events to help identify the most important accessibility problems in our area. The Chairman has put his name down for one in Chesham on 2 October.

Congested roads - We wrote to Highways about our concerns about the congestion implications of the rapid increase in the number of dwellings along Penn Road. They have replied to say they can do nothing about it. It was agreed that we should raise this issue with Cllr Robinson.

Local Area Committee projects for 2008/08 - It was agreed to submit five projects:

1. Penn Road pavement down to Knotty Green Garage
2. Island at Saucy Corner
3. Church Road, Penn/Elm Road pavement from the Crown to the Red Lion.
4. Elm Road pavement from Red Lion to French Meadow
5. Elm Road pavement from the Doctors' new surgery to Rays Lane

Highways maintenance - a summary, circulated on 31 August, of some progress made on several of the trouble spots, was reviewed.

Horsemoor Lane - The details of a long-standing complaint from Stephen Palmer should be passed on to Cllr Robinson.

Trial switching-off street lights - The second trial includes the A404 from Hazlemere to near Penn Street and we should comment that this is a dangerous road on which to have no lights. We should also request consideration of the Hazlemere Road.

Unnamed Lanes - We have got agreement and incorporated suggestions from Highways and from CDC. We now have to consult South Bucks, WDC and the emergency services.

60 hour legal limit for clearing litter - We have not yet heard from Cllr Warder whether this time limit is in force and being observed.

Cherry Drive, Forty Green Residents Association - We are asked to encourage Highways to deal with the flooding problems for which a solution has already been agreed.

Penn village sign - Colin Jenkins has confirmed that he has the sign which should be returned to Witheridge Lane below the Crown.

Penn Street finger post - Ken Moloughney has not yet priced a replacement traditional sign opposite the new Village Hall.

Penn Street Pond gullies - Cllr White is awaiting a rain storm to check if all the gullies have been cleared.

Finance & General Purposes - There had been no meeting but the following matters were discussed:

Cater Allen Reserve a/c - The bank claims to be still awaiting a signatory form. The £5,000 deposit cheque has been sent and it is hoped to open the account by 1st

October.

Move of post box - The Post Office has received a request to move the post box from Church Road, Tylers Green to near the Red Lion. A return to its former position on School Road was also suggested, but this is a matter to be discussed with CWPC and possibly via an article in Village Voice.

Parish election costs - We have been charged only £40 for each of our wards.

Park Grove - Agreement on the name for the new road at Saucy Corner has been reached and the post code has been allocated. *Pavilion End* will take longer because it involves a change in an existing postcode.

Council correspondence - The Chairman reminded members that all correspondence relating to the Council has to go through the Clerk and that if they are writing under their own name on a local issue they should make it clear that it is their own view and not necessarily that of the Council.

Free Young people's event - On 23 October the County Council is hosting an Event at Green Park for 11 to 19 year olds with fun activities and creative workshops (e.g. on graffiti) so that they can get their views on the services the County deliver.

Planning - There have been three meetings with 35 applications of which we have commented on four. These were briefly reviewed. There was further discussion on:

Penbury Grove - The planning officer has replied to our letter supporting the project to insist that the building has to be regarded as a school rather than a house and so it cannot be knocked down and rebuilt. The developers now intend to submit an application to adapt the existing dwelling.

P&TG Tennis Courts extension - This has been refused on the grounds of insufficient proof of need, the raising up and enclosing of a currently open area of land in the Green Belt and that it would neither enhance nor preserve the AONB.

Neighbourhood Action Group - The first anniversary meeting is to be held on 4 October in the Coleshill Village Hall and members are encouraged to attend.

**Minute No 952
A new deal for
Buckinghamshire**

A draft model agreement between county, districts and parishes, covering consultation, devolution and enhancement of services, was considered. It was generally approved and our only comment will be that the lack of Quality status should not affect any request to take over any additional functions.

**Minute No 953
Accounts for
Payment**

The list of cheques was approved.

**Minute No 954
Date of Next
Meeting**

The usual venues for the November and January meetings will be swapped over in the expectation that the Penn Street hall will be finished in time for the January meeting. The next meeting will therefore be held at 8 pm on Thursday 15 November 2007 in the Forty Green Community Hall.

**Minute No 955
Clerk's salary for
2007-08**

The Clerk withdrew to allow free discussion. A revised Contract of Employment, Issue No 4 with its accompanying Schedule 1, Issue No 7, were agreed.

**Minute No 956
AOB**

There were none.