

Wheathampstead Parish Council
Highways & Public Transport
2nd February 2010, 20.00h

Present	Councillors:	N D Clements	Chairman
		I Begg	
		G. Clark	
		T. Reason	
		K. Stammers	
		D. Hills	Vice Chairman (arrival 8.02pm)
			arrival 9.10pm
		A. Brewster	
		Irene Casper	Deputy Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

844-10 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS - None

845-10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

846-10 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

847-10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2009 were approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2009 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Hills arrived 8.02pm

848-10 BUDGET 2010 – 2011 - UPDATE

Members noted amendments to the 2010-2011 budget.
The committee agreed that Bus Shelters should be an item on the agenda for the next meeting

Resolved:

- 1. Amendments to the 2010-2011 budget were noted.**
- 2. Members are to bring possible sites for new bus shelters to the next meeting.**
- 3. Details of the bus shelters funded by SADC to be sought for the next meeting i.e. design, advertising policy. Action Clerk.**
- 4. Prices, designs of bus shelters to be sought. Action Clerk**

849-10 MILL WALK BRIDGE – Update

Hertfordshire County Council has instructed contractors to resurface the Mill Walk Bridge. The work will take place when temperatures rise to above 5 degrees. Members agreed a letter of thanks is sent to H.C.C.

Members were delighted to hear that a new lamp post outside T.Potts now illuminates Mill Walk.

Resolved: Clerk to write letter of thanks to H.C.C.

7-10 PARKING ON MARFORD ROAD VERGE –update

H.C.C. has programmed work to begin in April on the area of verge that is situated after the last house from the top of Necton Road to the gate into Hitchens allotment field. Stout wooden bollards are to be installed to prevent parking. A few months later a grid which allows grass to grow through (similar to grasscrete) will be installed.

Parking on verges is an ongoing problem in the village and is escalating. A list of areas where cars need to be parked on footways/verges was submitted to HCC a few years ago. Cllr. Clements will bring the list to the next committee meeting for updating.

Members agreed that the Parish Council should have a parking policy this item to be on the next committee agenda.

Resolved:

- 1. Parking to be an item on the next committee agenda.**
- 2. Councillors are to bring a list of problem areas in the village to the next meeting.**
- 3. Cllr. Clements will bring the list of sites submitted to HCC to the next meeting for updating.**

851-10 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – UPDATE

Members discussed Christmas Lighting. This year a decision had been made not to replace the missing bulbs that had occurred in some decorations due to budget limitations. Some of the timer switches are faulty; the cost of replacement was high and could not be funded from the budget.

The village is celebrating its 950th Charter Year this year (2010) and a suggestion has been made that the Christmas Lighting is installed for 'Village Day'. This item deferred to the next meeting.

A discussion on timer switches and alternatives took place. Members agreed more information was needed and this item is to be on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

- Resolved:**
- 1. Christmas Lighting to be on the agenda for the next meeting.**
 - 2. Information on timer switches, photosensitive lights, what type of plug is needed, to be sought for the next meeting. Action Clerk**
 - 3. Quotations needed for repairs to the lights. Action Clerk.**
 - 4. Lighting at Village Day to be on the next agenda.**

852-10 BUS SHELTER CLEANING

Members agreed to accept the quotation received from C.P. Cleaning to clean the bus shelters for the next 12 months. £100 per month.

Resolved: To accept the quotation of £100 per month for the cleaning of Parish Council bus shelters. Action Clerk

853-10 H.C.C. – UPDATE

Crossing on Maford Road near the Memorial Hall

The crossing that has been requested to be installed on the Marford Road is proceeding up HCC's list.

Cllr. Brewster is co-ordinating a new survey in the area.

HCC are implementing a district wide replacement of old lamppost columns. The lampposts at Station Road roundabout are well overdue to be replaced. Members agreed a letter is to go to HCC requesting these lampposts are replaced as soon as possible.

A salt bin is needed at the junction of Sheepcote Lane and Marford Road. Members agreed to request a new bin from HCC.

Cllr. Begg was not aware of the rules regarding the salt in the salt bins. The salt is for use on the public highway or footway, not personal use. The rules have been printed in the Pump.

PCSO J. Merritt had emailed the council with a list of highways matters she has brought to the attention of HCC. Members agreed a letter of thanks be sent.

- Resolved:**
- 1. Cllr. Clements to liaise with Cllr. Brewster regarding the survey on Marford Road.**
 - 2. Letter to go to HCC regarding replacement of lampposts at the Station Road roundabout. Action Clerk.**
 - 3. Request for a salt bin at the junction of Sheepcote Lane and Marford Road. Action Clerk.**
 - 4. Rules of use of salt bins to be in the Autumn/Winter edition of the Pump. Action Cllr. Clements.**
 - 5. Letter of thanks to go to PCSO Merritt. Action Cllr. Clements.**

**854-10 PARISH COUNCIL – Actions from P.C. Meeting
Cllr. Brewster arrived – 9.10pm**

The WDPS (Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society) are going to plant snowdrops and daffodils under and around the new approach signs to the village. Members agreed a letter of thanks be sent.

Sponsorship and planting of roundabouts

The sponsorship of roundabouts is under the control of St. Albans District Council. If the Parish Council takes part in the Anglia in Bloom Competition SADC will support the village with funding for planting. Members discussed the possibility of having a 'planting scheme' to enhance the identity of the village. Cllr. Reason to contact Anglia in Bloom for more information about the competition.

Cllrs. Stammers and Hills left the meeting 9.30pm.

SADC – Free manual equipment for gritting pavement – plus a bag of grit.

Members agreed to accept the offer of the free equipment for gritting the pavement.

SADC – man with a van

SADC have a man with a van who will clean pavements/graffiti etc. This is a free service.

Members agreed to request that the York Stone is cleaned.

Litter Pick Weekend

There is an official Litter Pick Week – 20th to 28th March. SADC will provide picks/gloves/black sacks.

Information to be passed to the Litter Blitzers.

Street Scene Consultation Document

The closing date for the submission of the Street Scene Consultation Document is 4th February.

- Resolved:**
- 1. Thank you letter to go to the WDPS. Action Clerk**
 - 2. Cllr. Reason to contact Anglia in Bloom. Deputy Clerk to pass on contact details.**
 - 3. Clerk to contact SADC to accept free manual gritting equipment.**
 - 4. Clerk to request the 'man with the van' cleans the York Stone in the High Street.**
 - 5. Details of Litter Pick Week to go to Litter Blitzers. Action Clerk.**
 - 6. Street Scene Consultation Document to be submitted by 4th Feb. Action Clerk.**

856-10 PROGRESS AGAINST VILLAGE PLAN TARGETS.

T.32 & T.33 new salt bins installed and salt bins refurbished.

T35 WDPS are planting bulbs to enhance the village signs.

