

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting

Held on 22 June, 2010

In Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

Present:- Chairman: Cllr Worth
Cllrs: Thorne, Myers, Robinson, Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Hoffmann
Clerk: Mrs Fiona Lippmann

A11/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Ballantine and Stevens

A11/27 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of either a personal or prejudicial interest

No members of the public were present, the Chairman continued with the agenda items.

A11/28 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 18 May were agreed as an accurate record. The Chairman then signed them.

A11/29 Finances

- a. The budgets and financial position of the Committee were considered.
- b. The charges for rental and leases of Parish Council land was discussed and agreed. Cllr Robinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the first subject discussed and withdrew.
 - It was proposed and agreed that no charge would be made for the use of the playing fields by local social clubs and local, small commercial enterprises.
 - It was proposed and agreed that the rates for the fair and circus would remain at £45 p/day (non working) and £90 p/day (working).
- c. The Clerk was asked to engage a solicitor to produce an updated lease for Budgen's and Rumsey's.

A11/30 London Road Site

- a. No further response had been received from Ian Rennie
- b. The Management Protocol was reviewed and agreed
- c. The BMX skills track was now installed. The Clerk had used delegated powers to arrange the installation.
- d. It was noted that another hole had been created in the hedgerow. The Clerk would arrange to have this repaired as soon as possible. The Clerk, Groundsman and Chair would survey the hedgerow to propose fencing.

A11/31 Ashbrook

- a. There were no updates to report
- b. The possible siting for a youth shelter was considered and agreed as the space where the half pipe had been removed. The Committee considered the designs submitted and identified their preferred design.
- c. The Management Protocol was reviewed and agreed

A11/32 Lighting and Highways

- a. The contractor had reported that the final paperwork was still being awaited from BCC before he could start work on the crossing.

A11/33 Allotments

- a. London road – no updates were received
- b. Parish Piece – an offer to repair the entrance to the allotment site had been received. The Committee asked for more comparatives before making a decision.

A11/33 Hampden

- a. It was proposed and agreed that the consideration for extending the fence between the Pond and Meadow be deferred to the next Amenities Committee meeting.
- b. There were no updates to report from the Environment Agency.
- c. The Management Protocol was reviewed and agreed

A11/33 Rope Walk Meadow

- a. The reinstatement of the hedge to Heron Cottage was discussed. It was moved and agreed that Standing Order 36 be suspended to rescind the previous decision where it was agreed that a natural screen would be offered, replanting would be considered following the season's natural regeneration. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Ford, enclosing a cheque for £9.99 as she had requested as payment.

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- b. It was agreed that reseeding would follow the monitoring of growth this season.
- c. The report from the Bio Diversity officer had not yet been received.
- c. A plan would be maintained for the map of pathways to be mown. This would be agreed each spring.
- d. The Management Protocol was reviewed and agreed

A11/34 Witchell

- a. The Management Protocol was reviewed and agreed

A11/35 Property Management

- a. The Management Protocol was reviewed and agreed.
- b. The internal decoration and restrictions covered by the listing of the Clock Tower building was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk be granted up to £50 to purchase suitable paint to touch up the walls where patches have occurred.

A11/36 Working Groups

- a. Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt gave a report on the activities of the Tourism and Events Group.
- b. The following recommendations were considered:-
 - Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt announced that she wished to stand down from the Chairmanship. The members of the group were asked to consider which Councillors might wish to put themselves forward.
 - It was agreed that the Terms of Reference would remain unchanged
 - The approval for the budget spend as outlined in the report for Fun in the Park were agreed. The Deputy Clerk was given authorisation to purchase items on the list to £550.
- b. Cllr Thorne advised that the work on parish walks was still on going.

A11/37 Play Equipment

The Play Policy was considered and agreed.

A11/38 Branding

- a. The concept of supplying branded uniforms to staff was discussed. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with the outside staff and report back at the next meeting with more prices.

A11/39 Matters of Report

There were no matters of report

A11/40 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____