

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting

Held on 18 May, 2010

In Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

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

A11/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Hoffmann and Stevens

A11/08 Declarations of Interest

- a. Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 – Parish Piece
- b. Cllr Worth declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 – London Road Allotments

A11/09 Suspension of Standing Orders

The Chair moved to suspend Standing Order 16 – to agree urgent business and elect a Vice Chairman. This was **agreed**.

A11/10 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Thorne was proposed and seconded as Vice Chair, he accepted the proposal. A vote was taken and it was agreed that Cllr Thorne would be Vice Chair of the Amenities Committee.

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

A11/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of 16 March and 4 May were agreed as an accurate record. The Chairman then signed them.

A11/12 Finances

The budgets and financial position of the Committee were considered.

- a. It was noted that over £500 had been received for fishing permits in the first 2 weeks of the season.
- b. It was noted that £18 500 had been carried over for play equipment purchase from last year's budgets under spend

A11/13 London Road Site

- a. It was noted that the contribution to the Ian Rennie Memorial Woodland had not been cashed as the organisers wished the Parish Council to contribute in maintenance. The Committee requested the Clerk to obtain further information.
- b. The safety audit for the new crossing had been received. It was noted that it had been completed on 24.12.09.
- c. The contractor commissioned to build the crossing had been in touch with BCC to complete all the necessary paperwork.
- d. It was noted that vandalism had increased around the site. Concern was raised as to the safety of users, should this persist. The Head Mistress at the John Colet would be asked to address pupils in assembly as to the implications of vandalism in a play area.

A11/14 Suspension of Standing Orders

The Chairman proposed that Standing Order 15 be suspended, in order to vary the order of business on the grounds that Cllr Robinson had to attend another meeting. This was seconded and agreed.

A11/15 Play Equipment

- a. The Committee were advised that £6k had been granted from AVDC towards replacement play equipment for Hampden Meadow.
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk would negotiate with suppliers for items as stipulated by the Committee and within a budget defined by them.

A11/16 Ashbrook

- a. It was noted that the Festival Circus was in occupation for two weeks
- b. The Committee were advised by Cllr Worth that grant applications had been submitted by the Youth Centre for the purchase of a shelter to be sited in Ashbrook. The Committee asked to be made aware of the designs for their approval prior to siting being agreed.

A11/17 Lighting and Highways

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- a. The contractor to build the crossing on London Road had been in touch with BCC to obtain the necessary paperwork.
- b. The VAS signs on London Road and Halton Lane were now working
- c. It was agreed to apply to the LAF for funding for 6 additional salt bins

A11/18 Allotments

- a. London road – no updates were received
- b. Parish Piece – the siting and sizes of sheds were discussed. It was agreed that should a shed be shared consideration would be given for a larger shed on condition that it was reduced in size if only one plot holder ended up using it.
- c. The entrance to Parish Piece would be resurfaced when plant was on site for the London Road.

A11/19 Hampden

- a. The proposal from the Environment Agency to add Hampden Pond to their list of fisheries was rejected.
- b. The Committee asked that the EA's update proposals for improvements to Hampden Pond were approved by the Committee prior to the commencement of the work.

A11/20 Rope Walk Meadow

- a. The reinstatement of the hedge to Heron Cottage was discussed. It was agreed that a natural screen would be offered, replanting would be considered following the season's natural regeneration.
- b. The reseeded with wild flowers to give more of a show was discussed. It was proposed and agreed that the meadow would be partially rotavated in Autumn following monitoring during the summer period.

A11/21 Property Management

- a. A request from Mr Pettigrove to hold fairs on non-charter days was discussed. It was agreed that the current situation of only allowing fairs on official charter days would stand.
- b. A request had been received for a dog waste bin to be placed in Warneford Avenue. This was agreed.
- c. Loose kerb stones around Manor Waste had been reported to BCC.
- d. Concern was expressed as to the persistent vandalism to Local Produce Market signage. The Clerk was asked to order one new metal one to be placed in the area considered most vulnerable.
- e. A request for fundraising for the Air Ambulance Service, to be held on the Manor Waste, during a market was agreed.

A11/22 Working Groups

- a. Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt gave a report on the activities of the Tourism and Events Group.
 - The MacMillan Cycle Event had been moved to 11 July
 - The Carols and Light Switch on would be held on 1 December. The Clerk would look into options to prevent children climbing on the War Memorial during the evening.
 - The Anglo French Fete would be held on Manor Waste on 22 May 2-4 pm
 - The list of stalls was confirmed for Fun in the Park.
- b. Cllr Thorne advised that the work on parish walks was still ongoing.

A11/23 Matters of Report

- a bicycle had been pulled from the Hampden Pond *The bicycle had been taken to the police station*
- magpies had been seen emptying rubbish bins
- surface disturbance was still going on around Witchell and Hampden Meadow
- the land beside the library was still uncultivated *The Clerk would contact Marstons Brewery*
- the Nationwide Building Society in Back Street would be closing down
- a beech tree on the bank, opposite Tesco Stores on Tring Road had died *BCC would be informed*

A11/24 Dates of Future Meetings

The next Amenities Committee meeting would be held on 22 June, 2010 at 7.30 pm

A11/25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____