

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee

Held on 17 November, 2009

Wendover Library Room at 7.35 pm

Present:- Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Hoffmann, Mrs Ballantine, Myers, Thorne and Worth
Deputy Clerk: Elizabeth Dowell
Two members of the public were present

09/58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

09/59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mrs Toft-Hunt declared that she had an allotment on the Parish Piece.

The meeting was closed for Public Participation;

One member of the public spoke.

The Chairman reopened the meeting.

09/60 MINUTES

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meetings held on 22 September, 2009, were confirmed as a true record, they were then signed by the Chairman

09/61 FINANCE

The budgets were reviewed.

09/62 LONDON ROAD SITE

a. To receive a report

The half pipe is cut and ready to move when the weather improves.

The skate park entrance completion is awaiting a site safety survey from BCC.

b. To consider the creation of the parking area for the London Road.

It was proposed that the clerk obtain quotes for the preparation of the main site entrance, the parking area grading and the installation of grass reinforcement mesh; together with a quote for the levelling and ground preparation for the Memorial Woodland. This was agreed.

It was also proposed that the clerk obtain a quote for a fence to be installed between the skate park and the memorial woodland with central access. These quotes should be compared to estimates for using council resources. This was agreed.

09/63 ASHBROOK

It was proposed that the clerk ask Roblins to quote for the improvement of access and safety to the right hand entrance gate. This was agreed.

09/64 LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

The clerk was asked to obtain a list from BCC showing the works completed by the plane and patch gang together with a list and map showing the areas under consideration for future work.

It was requested that the possibility of reducing the timing of the street lights along the Heron Path be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

09/65 ALLOTMENTS

a. London Road - No updates were available

b. Parish Piece - There had been no meeting. The lack of cultivation was mentioned.

c. Protocol for the Parish Piece Allotments. It was proposed that on the last line the word clerk be replaced with the words Amenities Committee, this was agreed.

It was proposed that the second paragraph should read; This protocol is managed by the Amenities Committee and carried out by the clerk and head groundsman. The amended protocol was then agreed.

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09/66 HAMPDEN POND

- a. To agree the management protocol for the Hampden Pond. After discussion and suggestions for changes Cllr Mrs Toft Hunt agreed to amend these and resubmit to the committee.
- b. It was proposed that two throwing lines be purchased together with storage facilities. This was agreed.
- c. It was proposed that the committee review operational and safety procedures for the use of the boat. This was agreed.

09/67 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

To agree the management protocol for the Manor Waste. It was agreed to accept the amendments as proposed. The amended protocol was then agreed.

09/68 WORKING GROUPS

- a. Tourism and Events – The report from the meeting of 26th October was received. It was proposed that two banners be purchased to advertise the local produce market and this was agreed. The recommendations for the events in 2010 were agreed.
- b. The footpath working group were asked to look at the possibility of walking the parish bounds.

09/69 MATTERS OF REPORT (for information only)

- The Cobblers Hill picnic site was mentioned
- It was noted that potential funding from the leaders programme was available.
- The fallen tree on Rope walk meadow had been inspected and removal had been arranged.

09/70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee was not scheduled at this time.

09/71 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10 pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____

Public Question Time

The following subjects were discussed:-

- i. Thanks were expressed for the speedy removal of the fallen tree along the Heron Path/Rope Walk Meadow
- ii. Thank were expressed for arranging the hedges along library approach to be cut back.