

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee

Held on 18 August, 2009

In The Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Hoffmann, Thorne, Mrs Ballantine and Worth
Clerk: Fiona Lippmann Deputy Clerk: Liz Dowell
3 members of the public

09/31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Louis and Stevens sent their apologies, which were accepted.

09/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of either a personal or prejudicial interest.

The Chairman closed the meeting for public participation.

A member of the public requested support from the committee for the approval of a Vehicle Activated Sign to be placed on Halton Lane, using funding from the LAF.

The Chairman then reopened the meeting.

09/33 MINUTES

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meetings held on 21 July, 2009, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

09/34 LONDON ROAD

- a. The new entrance had an effective wooden barrier in place
- b. The siting of a notice boards was considered. It was agreed that a temporary notice board could be erected on the new entrance fence.
- c. A working party for planning the trees and planting was formed. This would consist of Cllrs. Worth, Thorne, Hoffmann and Toft Hunt. It was agreed to fund £70 towards bulbs to be planted on the site.

09/35 ASHBROOK

The maintenance of the grounds was discussed. It was agreed that the current contract was being carried out in a satisfactory manner. The Clerk was tasked with keeping a close eye on grass management and report back to the committee on a regular basis.

09/36 LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

- a. The committee considered lowering the beech hedge alongside Witchell Car Park. The Clerk was requested to carry out a survey on costs to reduce the height to a maintainable 2m.
- b. The consultation from BCC on bus services was considered. The Committee requested for consideration of two extra services to include an evening/theatre service between Aylesbury and Wendover.
- c. The committee reviewed the request for the placing of a VAS sign along Halton Lane, which they agreed to support following funding from the LAF.

09/37 ALLOTMENTS

- a. London Road - No updates were available
- b. Parish Piece - Two plots had been vacated and immediately filled. The committee agreed a repayment of fees (£19), minus an administration charge (£5).

09/38 HAMPDEN POND

An offer from the Environment Agency to enhance the fishing area of the Hampden Pond was discussed. It was agreed to accept a limited project concept provided that Wendover Parish Council has the final say and that the conservation area should take precedence over the fisherman's requirements.

The dates of the closed season were reviewed. It was proposed that the closed season be in line with the NRA directive. This was rejected and the closed season

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will remain as currently advertised.

09/39 PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk and Cllr Worth presented documentation and drawings of the items that they had identified as adding value to the play areas. The committee agreed the concept of the proposals, pending final quotations and availability of grant funding.

The committee agreed the purchase of Playworld's Recycle BMX equipment to the value of £10,566. The funds of which were being held in the EMR, it was agreed for the funds to be transferred from EMR to the General Account to cover payment of invoice.

09/40 WORKING GROUPS

- a. Tourism and Events - a report from the meeting was presented. It was proposed that following a meeting with the Bucks. Play Association, approval was sort for raising the allocated amount for prizes to £118. This was agreed. The projected figures were reviewed and the costs for the Fun in the Park event were still coming in under the allocated £500. It was agreed that in the event of a profit being made, the RAF would be asked to nominate a charity for 50% of the figure. It was emphasised that the objective for the event is for entertainment and not for charity stalls. The Rotary Club would be holding a 'welly wanging' contest as a fund raiser.
- b. An advert had been placed for an event director for the Christmas Carols event.

Approval was granted for the group to select and co-opt or appoint. The group would report back on the outcome.

c. Notes and directions.

- The Chamber of Trade were considering extending the Christmas lighting up Tring Road
- The Chamber of Trade would support the evening of Carols. There would also be something going on in the courtyard behind the Old Post Office.

d. Immediate Tasking

- The measuring of the London Road Site for planting

09/41 MATTERS OF REPORT (for information only)

- The spring was still running across the Heron Path
- Water was leaking from a manhole in Ashbrook
- Cars were being parked with 'for sale' notices on them outside Ashbrook
- A drain was becoming dangerous to cyclists along the Aylesbury Road
- The steering group for the Health Check had already lost 2 volunteers, but new members were joining all the time.

09/42 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee would be on 22 September at 7.30 pm.

09/43 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 pm.

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