

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee

Held on 21 July, 2009

In The Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

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

09/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

09/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The Chairman closed the meeting for public participation. No member of the public wished to speak. The Chairman then reopened the meeting.

09/21 MINUTES

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meetings held on 19 May, 2009, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

09/22 LONDON ROAD

- a. The meetings between Wendover Parish Council and Ringway Jacobs were reported on. The Committee agreed to the conclusion that the dropped kerbs would be progressed without using their services.
- b. A sum of £2500 was agreed to be allocated to purchase the hire of diggers, commission the safety audit and purchase the ground stabilisers and grid matting.
- c. It was agreed to review the plan for the rest of the site when current works are more complete. Cllr Thorne offered to look at the quotations and feasibilities for moving the half

pipe from Ashbrook, Cllr Worth would look to the formation of the woodland.

09/23 ASHBROOK

- a. A request to use a part of the park for dog training was considered. It was agreed that this would be allowed as long as the trainer held the relevant public liability certification any mess was cleared up at the end of each session and that the agreement could be terminated with immediate effect should there be any valid complaints. A charge would be levied for each session of £10.
- b. Fun in the Park - An outline format of the day was given, the costs as presented were approved.

09/24 LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

- a. A request for neighbourhood watch signs to be attached to light standards was agreed.
- b. A request for either the moving or replacement of a light standard on the footpath between Holland Close and Vinetrees was considered. It was agreed not to implement this project due to the cost and potential amenity value to neighbouring properties.
- c. Dobbins Lane: The legal situation relating to common land and the perceived health of the trees was discussed in depth. The Committee asked the Clerk to write to BCC with their opinion that the grass should be reinstated in its entirety in a way not to cause any further damage to the trees.
- d. The purchase of a 2m bus shelter to be placed on Aylesbury Road was reviewed and agreed.

09/25 ALLOTMENTS

- a. London Road - It was reported that the site was proving very successful and that the vandalism appeared to have been curtailed.
- b. Parish Piece - It was reported that there had now been a complete take up of plots, the Clerk has asked all plot holders to maintain their plots and that six water butts had been purchased with funds received from Wendover Community Trust.

09/26 HAMPDEN POND

A site survey had been carried out with the volunteer bailiff of the Hampden Pond. Areas were identified where overgrowth could be cut back to open up more swims, without affecting the ambiance of the area. A policy statement would be agreed upon to enable the Clerk and Groundsmen to carry out routine maintenance.

09/27 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- a. A maintenance schedule for the Manor Waste would be considered

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- b. The Clerk would obtain quotations on replacing the broken slabs on Manor Waste
- c. The parking on the Manor Waste was discussed. It was agreed that for now, no signs would be erected, but that the possibility of replacing the bollards sooner would be explored.
- d. Alcohol - the committee considered the banning of alcohol in the parks, this was not proceeded with.
- e. It was requested that Rope Walk Meadow be rotavated in parts to enable the poppies to germinate. This will be done after the cut and bale.
- f. Cllr Worth in conjunction with the Clerk, would consider a shortlist of play equipment to present to the next meeting.
- g. The purchase of a projector was discussed. It was agreed to allocate a budget of £1100 to purchase a machine suitable for a medium sized room.

09/27 WORKING GROUPS

Tourism and Events - a report was presented. Expenditure as listed was approved as within the set budget, for the Aylesbury Community Band and RAF Band. Options for a large event next year would be investigated.

09/28 MATTERS OF REPORT (for information only)

- A request was made for a letter of appreciation to be sent to AVDC on the works of the long standing street cleaner.

09/29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No date was decided upon

09/30 CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Signed _____

Date: _____