

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee

Held on 22 September, 2009

In the John Hampden School at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Hoffmann, Myers and Worth

Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

No members of the public were present

09/44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Thorne and Ballantine sent their apologies, which were accepted.

09/45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

As no members of the public were present, the meeting was not closed for public participation

09/46 MINUTES

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meetings held on 18 August, 2009, were confirmed as a true record after 09/40 had the word 'would' changed to 'might', they were then signed by the Chairman

09/47 LONDON ROAD

a. There was no update on the crossing project

b. Contractors had been contacted for quotes on moving the half pipe. These had not yet been received.

09/48 ASHBROOK

There was nothing to report on Ashbrook.

09/49 LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

a. The new bus shelter for the Aylesbury Road was due to be installed at the end of September to Early October.

b. The branding of the bus shelters was discussed and it was agreed to order transparent and clear, decals for placing on all WPC bus shelters, where suitable.

09/50 ALLOTMENTS

a. London Road - No updates were available

b. Parish Piece - A couple of the plots were not being properly cultivated. The Clerk had written to the tenants, asking them to either start cultivating the whole plot or consider relinquishing their tenancy.

09/51 HAMPDEN POND

a. A meeting attended by Cllrs Worth, Mrs Toft-Hunt and the Clerk with a member of the Environment Agency (EA) was reported on. The EA have offered to fund some minor enhancements to include upgrading the disabled access, shoring up the bank on the weir end, building a two tier platform, an information board and performing a sample netting to check on the health and population of fish. This offer was accepted subject to a written proposal being agreed.

b. The groundsman had reported that the current dinghy was unstable for working on. It was proposed that the Clerk would arrange disposal of the current dinghy for a sum in the region of £125 and a suitable flat bottomed boat would be purchased to a maximum of £600 to be taken from Ear Marked Reserves - Hampden Pond.

09/52 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

a. Proposals for new play equipment were discussed and the following were agreed:-

- 2 more pieces of fitness equipment for Ashbrook - contract still to be decided

- 2 new springers from Playworld (Jet Sit in Springer- £805 + inst and Sidewinder Cycle - £1012 + installation)

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- Witch's Hat climber with floor - up to £6k - contractor still to be decided
- Hags Mobilus - £4278 plus installation
- Hags Cumulus - £4196 + installation

The Committee allocated £15k to the above project as budgeted. The Clerk will aim to match this figure through funding opportunities.

The purchase of a gang mower was considered.

09/53 WORKING GROUPS

- Tourism and Events - The last meeting had been totally based around the preparation for Fun in the Park. The next meeting would be held on Monday, 28 September, when a full de-brief would be done
- Communications - This would be handled at the full council meeting
- Immediate tasking - None was identified.

09/54 FINANCE

- Enhanced lettering for the War Memorial was discussed. The Clerk would present a number of options for the Council to consider.
- The precept requirements for the Amenities Committee Budgets were considered and agreed for presentation to full Council, as follows:-

Budget Items	Actual 08/09	Budget 09/10	Actual to 22.9.09	Proposed 10/11
Property Management				
Clock Tower Maintenance	548	3000	316	3000
War Memorial	0	500	0	500
Manor Waste Maintenance	2282	3000	0	3000
LP Market costs	529	400	0	400
Services	2942	2300	-2146	1500
Rates - Clock Tower	733	770	462	800
Rates - Market	0	610	305	700
Site Safe Maintenance	401	0	0	0
Floral Displays	0	0	0	2000
Sundries	0	150	0	150
CIO				
Petty Cash	0	500	50	200
Clothing Allowance	450	300	300	300
Purchase of Stock	3181	0	1036	0
Improved tourist information	0	0		1000
Sundries	346	0	0	0
Events				
Events	0	2500	908	3000
- Christmas Market	196			
- Carols	253			
- Summer Market	262			
Quiz	210	200	18	220
Highways				
Maintenance	42	10000	0	5000

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Street Furniture	0	2500	4560	1000
Lighting				
Energy - Street Lights	8408	8000	2596	8000
Maintenance	4680	6600	4160	6600
Repairs	7424	3300	1336	3300
New Lights	0	3000	120	3000
Recreation Grounds				
Petrol	110	100	137	300
Water - Ashbrook	41	100	68	100
Mowing	5140	6000	4480	6200
Mower Sundries/Repairs	105	300	76	300
Play Equipment Repairs	6	1000	188	1000
Play Equipment Purchase	73591	10000	0	15000
Inspections	153	500	66	500
Safety Surfacing	0	5000	0	5000
Fences etc.	-22	1000	0	1000
Groundworks	400	1000	448	1000
Tree works	9903	4000	0	2000
Protective Clothing	421	100	0	100
Seat and Bin Repairs	50	50	0	50
Wild Flower Meadow	220	700	0	700
Sundries	620	500	316	500
			Total	

09/55 MATTERS OF REPORT (for information only)

- Rope Walk Meadow perimeter paths were still visible
- The bench on Rope Walk Meadow was still awaiting anchoring

09/56 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

09/57 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____