

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee

Held on 17 March, 2009

In The Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Myers, Mrs Toft-Hunt, Thorne, Ballantine and Worth
1 member of the public
Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

08/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hetherington sent her apologies and asked that her resignation on the committee be accepted due extensive work commitments. This was duly accepted.

Cllr Stevens sent apologies due to work commitments. These were accepted.

08/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Worth declared a personal interest in items relating to fishing.

There were no declarations of prejudicial interest.

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

08/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2009 were signed as being a true record.

08/13 LONDON ROAD

Crossing - The Clerk advised the committee that a delay in progressing the crossing was due to BCC's arrangements with their highway contractors. The committee asked that a strong letter to Cllr Letherin be sent, complaining about the delays.

Donation - A donation of £50 had been received from Miss Molly Dell, in recognition of her uncle, Cecil Dell who was killed in WWI. The family had lived at Welwick in the early 1900's. The money would be put towards the commemorative wood.

Naming - a request had been received for a commemoration for Nick Daniuk. The committee were happy for the family to donate a tree and plaque in his memory as part of the landscaping for the BMX area.

08/14 WORKING GROUPS

Highways - Volunteers would be asked to help. Cllr Ballantine would lead the group, with Cllr Thorne

a. VAS - A VAS sign had been requested for Halton Lane. It was proposed that special constables do speed checks on the Wendover end of the lane, as per the offer given at the last NAG meeting. Parish Council Griggs would be contacted.

b. Dog Waste Bins - It was agreed that 3 new bins would be purchased and placed in the Library area, Manor Road and Clay Lane/cnr Tring Road

Footpaths - It was noted that Cllr Hetherington had resigned. Cllr Thorne would now lead the group and another councillor would be asked to volunteer to help.

08/15 HAMPDEN MEADOW

a. A request had been received for consideration, that a café be created on the Hampden Meadow. The outline proposal was considered and the proposal rejected.

b. A request by the Scouts for the use of the meadow for their AGM was considered. This was agreed and no charge would be levied.

08/16 GRANTS

The availability of grants was discussed. It was agreed to apply for a contribution from the LAF fund for improvements to the London Road skateboard project, disabled play equipment and the resurfacing for the fenced area in Ashrbook, once the half pipe had been moved.

08/17 FISHING

The current rates for fishing licenses were discussed. It was agreed to set the rates for the 2009/10 season as follows:- £48 for adult, £28 for retired and £15 for juniors. The current day rate of £4 for an adult, £2 for retired and £2 for children would be maintained.

08/18 TOURISM GROUP

The notes from the meeting of the Tourism Group were considered. Note was made that Mrs Dowell would be a member of the group.

The proposal to ask a representative from the Chamber of Trade to discuss the promotion of Wendover was agreed.

The Terms of Reference were agreed and accepted.

The recommendations of the Tourism Group in relation to Entertainment on the Manor Waste was agreed.

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08/19 IMMEDIATE TASKING

A general overview was discussed which included the following:-

Highways - plane and patch and VAS sign

Tourism - implement report proposals

Footpaths - create a group

08/20 MATTERS OF REPORT

- The Hampden Pond was in the closed season for fishing.

- A reply would be sent to the baker in response to his letter.

- Thames Water should be chased about the situation on the Old Sewerage Site.

08/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee would be held on 19 May at 7.30 pm after the Planning Committee meeting.

08/22 CLOSURE OF MEETING

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

Signed _____

Date: _____