

Communications Group Report 1 December 2008

Wendover Guide

This is now published. Small error on page 19. It is proposed to produce a new guide in the next year which will look very different from the current model.

Chilterns Conservation Board Conference

Cllr Myers attended on behalf of the Council

This organisation manages the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Board does much conservation and environmental work within the Chilterns. Cllr Myers commends its various publications, including the management plan, guidance on the planning system for parish councils. The Board gives awards and administers a funding scheme for which the Clerk has details.

Bucks Rural Advisory Group

Cllr Myers attended this on behalf of the council.

BRAG is the voice of rural Buckinghamshire. This also has produced a strategy and action plan which is recommended reading. This is an important group having the ear of all levels of government.

It appears that no level of government has a coherent rural policy, therefore every county needs a rural partnership such as BRAG. However, regional government has set up a South East Rural Board and rural forum. There is, however, a review of land use going on and there is to be a review of land designation, is our green belt under threat?

Bucks Green Infrastructure Planning Conference

Cllr Myers will be attending this on behalf of the council, Friday 5 December.

Police Liaison Group

The first meeting was held on Monday 24 November. Present: Cllr McPartland (District), Parish Council Griggs, PCSO Helen (?), Sgt Scott (based in Waddesdon).

Mick Griggs is the on Parish Council for Wendover, supported by Helen, the only PCSO. Parish Council Griggs works alternative weekends and so when he is off duty, Wendover has no police presence. Parish Council Griggs was certainly in favour of installing CCTV and suggested that the Parish Council contact Ian Carmichael, Crime Prevention Design Adviser, when the Parish Council is ready to take further steps.

Cllr Myers recommends that the Parish Council write to the Chief Constable, in support of Cllr McPartland's letter regarding the lack of police presence in Wendover.

Wendover News Insert

This was negotiated by the previous Council's chair. The cost has now escalated to £575 per issue. What steps forward does the Council wish to take?

Wendover Rotary Club

Cllr Myers has made a link with this group, which has not yet reached full status, but wishes to be involved with Wendover. Already a picnic seat has been offered for donation to be sited in Witchel, near to the newly restored pond. The group will be involved with the carol evening on 12 December. Anyone who wants a bit of fun and wants to help Wendover is welcome to join.

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