

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 1 September 2008

In Wendover Library Room at 7.45 pm

Present:- Cllrs Mrs Gregory, Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Saunders, Worth, Myers, Ms Hersant, Mrs Hetherington, Ms Cooley, Mrs Stamper
23 members of the public
Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

Before opening the meeting, Cllr Mrs Gregory declared that she wished to stand down as Chairman.

09/91 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Toft-Hunt be the new Chairman. Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt **agreed** to stand for the position. Acceptance was given by a show of hands and Cllr Toft-Hunt took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Post.

Cllr Mrs Gregory announced that she would now stand down from the Parish Council and took a seat in the public gallery.

Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt thanked Mrs Gregory and Cllr Stevens for taking on the roles of Chair and Vice Chair following such a difficult time.

09/92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stevens sent apologies due to a work commitment.

09/93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

09/94 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Worth be elected Vice Chair. Cllr Worth accepted the proposal. Acceptance was given by a show of hands.

09/95 WAY AHEAD PROJECT

The Chairman asked that consideration be given to propose a new Champion for the Project, since she was now Chair of the Council.

(A)

The Chairman moved an amendment to the motions with the following notes:-

(v) was already amended (09/99)

(vii) the Management Group would review and report on the NALC Standing Orders

(viii) Cllr Worth to be appointed Training Champion

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council adopt the motions as listed. Nine members **agreed** with one abstention.

(B)

The Communications Group reported:-

(i) that a 4 page insertion would be prepared for the January edition of the Wendover News

(ii) ideas for a Mission Statements would be discussed at the October meeting

(iii) the new guide would be more 'up beat'

(iv) the Communications Strategy was **agreed** and would be implemented

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Question Time.

The Chairman reopened the Parish Council meeting

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09/96 CHANGES TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

The proposal to exclude the management of the Parish Piece from the Property Management and Tourism Committee and transfer responsibility to the Recreations Grounds Committee was **agreed**.

09/97 STANDING ORDERS

It was **agreed** to consider the adoption of the NALC Standing Orders.

09/98 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4 August, were signed as an accurate record.

09/99 TRAINING

- a. It was **agreed** that the Clerk attend a Business Continuity Training Course.
- b. It was **agreed** that the following courses would be sourced for the Councillors and staff (where relevant): Chairmanship, Planning and Planning Frameworks, Good Employment Practice. This would complete items B,C and D on the Way Ahead Project.

09/100 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor presented her report, subjects covered were:-

- the parking review
- adult social care
- Local Area Forum
- Consultation - 15 September, Cheddington Village Hall

09/101 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Kevin McPartland was unable to present his report, which the Clerk read out. District Councillor Chris Richards spoke about on street parking and the need for local communities to combine to get a common understanding of the situation.

09/102 LOCAL AREA FORUM

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council's representative would be Cllr Myers.

09/103 POLICE LIAISON GROUP

The police presence in Wendover was discussed. Cllr Myers would be reporting on meetings with the local officers and NAG group.

09/104 RURAL STRATEGY

Following the report from Cllrs Myers and Ballantine, it was **agreed** to await the report from the County and District Councils. This would be discussed at the November Parish Council meeting.

09/105 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Staffing Committee of 20 and 26 August were received and accepted.

09/106 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Property Management and Tourism Committee meeting of 19 August were received and accepted.

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Cllrs Mrs Cooley discussed item number PM09/13, Christmas Lighting for the village. It was explained that the budget for 2008/9 was already agreed. Cllr Mrs Cooley reported that the Chamber of Trade were keen for the Parish Council to contribute towards the costs envisaged to light up the village this year.

After discussion it was noted that the Council is minded of the Chamber of Trade's proposal and would discuss the possibilities of a contribution at the next meeting, when it was hoped that the Chamber of Trade would be able to present a more detailed submission of contributions obtained from all interested parties

It was **agreed** that £500 be taken from the Entertainment budget and vired to the Christmas Evening on 12 December.

09/107 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes and recommendations of the Finance Committee were taken as read.

09/108 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted.

09/109 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented her report.

09/110 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting of 19 August 2008.

The following planning applications were considered and the responses noted:-

08/01946/APP Demolition of two buildings and partial demolition of a third, erection of a replacement building for storage of plant and machinery; Lower Little London Farm

The Parish Council had no objections

08/2036/APP Two storey side extension; The Coach House, Mayertome Manor, London Road

The Parish Council had no objections, but the proposed development would be subject to AVDC's restrictions on conversions.

09/111 MATTERS OF REPORT

- Fencing along Rope Walk had been removed
- A speaker would be attending in October to discuss CCTV in Haddenham
- Granite sets were loose on Kings Head Parade

09/112 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm..

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____