

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 6 October 2008

In Wendover Library Room at 8.05 pm

Present:- Chairman: Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt

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

09/113 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Chair proposed that Standing Order 2, in respect of the time of the meeting was suspended. This was **agreed**.

The Chair proposed that Standing Order 14, in respect of the order of business was suspended. This was **agreed**.

09/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Hersant sent apologies. These were accepted.

09/115 Cllr Ms Cooley declared a personal interest in agenda items 14 (CCTV) and 15 (Christmas Lighting).

**The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Question Time
The Chairman reopened the Parish Council meeting**

09/116 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

- the parking review
- adult social care
- childrens' centre
- AV Consultation on housing growth

09/117 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Kevin McPartland presented his report, subjects covered were:-

- off street parking
- policing
- Christmas lighting

09/118 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1 September, 2008 were signed as an accurate record.

09/119 STANDING ORDERS

It was **agreed** to adopt the Standing Orders as presented.

09/120 STAFFING COMMITTEE

- a. The minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting were accepted as read.
- b. It was **agreed** to adopt the complaints procedure as per the model presented.
- c. It was **agreed** that the proposed amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Staffing Committee to include the statement, 'The Committee will act as the Council's Complaints Committee, being delegated to deal with complaints in accordance with the Council's Complaints Procedure.'

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09/121 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Meeting of 16 September 2008 were taken as read.

09/122 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **agreed** to suspend Standing Order 24 in relation to the 6 month rule for agenda item 11.

09/123 BALC

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council considers the proper channel for advice on Council matters to be the Clerk. Any Councillor wishing further input from an external body such as BALC, NALC or the SLCC, should first consult with the Clerk. The Clerk will be responsible for dissemination of the resulting advice.

It was **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt and Cllr Myers would represent the Parish Council on this matter in meetings with BALC in order to establish an agreement on protocol.

09/124 MANAGEMENT GROUP

The notes on the Management Group meeting of 18 September, 2008, were accepted as read.

The next meeting of the group would be on Monday 13 October, 2008.

09/125 WAY AHEAD PROJECT

- a. Cllr Mrs Hetherington agreed to lead the project.
- b. A report on the progress of training was presented.
- c. A report on the progress of the communication group was presented.
- d. The Mission Statement as presented was adopted
- e. It was **agreed** to promote a competition to develop a motto/strap line for Wendover Parish Council. This would be judged from 3 categories 7 - 11, 12 - 18 and Adult. The schools would be asked to promote the competition.
- f. The project had listed 81 actions, to date, 28 were completed, 26 in progress, 1 issue, 26 awaiting commencement.

09/126 CCTV

The working group were not in a position to offer a report.

09/127 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It was proposed that Wendover Parish Council provide one third of the costs, to a maximum of £2,000, towards the village Christmas Lighting, in cooperation with the Chamber of Trade. Following discussions, the Chair amended the proposal to £4,000 with an ongoing contribution of £1,000 per annum towards the costs. The amendment was **agreed**. The members were then asked to vote on the substantive motion, this was **agreed**.

09/128 COMPLAINT

Following the withdrawal of the complaint, the proposal was withdrawn.

09/129 FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

09/130 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted.

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09/131 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented her report.

09/132 MATTERS OF REPORT

- A member spoke on the great opportunities for Tourism and accommodation in the area during the Olympic Games
- The NAG meeting did not have a satisfactory representation
- The Library was not a suitable venue for councillor surgeries, the Library Room had been booked in advance for forthcoming surgeries
- BWW had not yet repaired the fencing along Heron Path
- Councillors' allowances to be on the next agenda
- The schools would be asked to produce posters advertising the Christmas events.
- Judges for the Best Christmas Window and Farmers' Market Stalls were needed
- Volunteers were requested for the Recreation Grounds Committee
- The Chamber of Trade were adopting the Federation of Small Businesses, 'Keep Trade Local' branding
- The representative of the Parish Council had attended the Community Trust meeting
- Threshers still had not been painted
- Parking in Dobbins Lane would be subject to the Parking Review in January
- Access to the Skate Park was still under discussion with BCC.

09/133 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____

Public Question Time

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- a. The Parish Council were asked to support the Safe Cycling campaign
- b. The Parish Council were asked to support the Christmas Lighting proposal organised by the Chamber of Trade