

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held in The Library Room, Wendover
on 2 April 2007 starting at 7.45pm and concluding at 9.05 pm

PRESENT Cllrs Dr King, Mrs McKechnie, Mrs Kearney, Peeler, Wilkinson, Bowles, McPartland and Worth
County Councillor Mrs Clayton, PC Griggs, a member of the press and 4 members of the public

Chairman: Cllr Richard Gridley
Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

08/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Gregory and sent apologies.
Cllr Mrs Myers was not present due to illness.

08/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared

08/03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

a. Ursula Coles spoke on behalf of the Scooter Friends Society and reported on the dropped curbs that were under construction. She asked that a small strip be inserted in the granite sets to aid a smooth passage across the cobbles at the entrance to the car park.

b. Phyllis Hobbs requested that a 'sleeping policeman' be put at the entrance to the car park.

The Chairman responded to these requests by asking the Clerk to contact Bucks. County Council for an investigation into any Health and Safety issues and to obtain expert advice as to the options open to the Council.

c. PC Griggs thanked the Parish Council for the use of the Manor Waste for the surgery held by the police and fire services

PC Griggs also reported that a man had now been charged with the crime of indecent exposure referred to in previous Parish Council meetings.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

08/04 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Mrs Clayton reported on the following:-

a. All funds allocated in the Community Leaders Fund had been allocated this year.

b. Due to the increase in population due to the development of the Princess Mary Hospital site, she would be pushing for the library not to experience a reduction in hours.

c. Confirmation has been received that the pavements in Manor Crescent had been repaired and that 'No Parking' lines were being painted on the road.

d. Confirmation had been received that the parking review for Wendover, would now not be likely until the end of 2007, due to funding not being available.

08/05 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr McPartland commented on the open forum for the RAF Halton Development and that views need to be expressed regarding the infrastructure during the construction process.

08/06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 5 March 2007

It was **AGREED** that the minutes were a true record of the meeting,
The Chairman then signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr McPartland, seconded by Cllr. Worth

08/07 FINANCE COMMITTEE held on 2 April 2007

Cllr McPartland gave a verbal report of the meeting on 2 April 2007.

08/08 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented her report.

The Council asked that a notice be put in the Wendover News to advertise the dates that the circus would be occupying Ashbrook.

08/09 WENDOVER SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

It was **AGREED** that a new representative would be chosen after the May election.

08/10 **PRINCESS MARY HOSPITAL SITE**

It was noted that the meeting conducted by Consensus Planning was purely a design brief and no infrastructure to the site was available for discussion. It was felt that the meeting was very disappointing with too much stage management and 'spin'.

The Wendover Society were keen to arrange another public meeting. The Council **AGREED** that they would support this meeting and contribute up to £500 from the General Fund, towards publicising the meeting.

To date, the Parish Council had received no response to the outcome of the design brief.

08/11 **WENDOVER SCOUT GROUP**

It was resolved that the Council, in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants who will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure, a sum of £2000.00 to be given to Wendover Scout Group to purchase an additional sailing boat.

08/10 **PLANTING ON MANOR WASTE**

It was noted that a sample planter would be available for inspection at The Clock Tower on Thursday, 5 April 2007 at 2.30 pm. Cllr Mrs McKechnie encouraged all interested councillors to attend.

08/11 **WENDOVER LIBRARY**

Cllr Wilkinson reported on a meeting he had, with the Clerk and the Chief Librarian whereby options not to reduce the opening hours had been investigated.

08/12 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 06/01926/APP Appeal Lodged. Demolition of single storey aspect of dwelling and erection of two storey side extension, including raising of roofline and single storey front extension, 66 Perry Street.
The Parish Council noted the appeal.
- 07/00530/APP First floor side extension, 79 Thornton Crescent
The Parish Council had no objections subject to the Local Planning Authority being satisfied with a 1m gap to the boundary.
- 07/00399/APP Two storey rear extension, 9 Carrington Crescent
The Parish Council had no objections
- 07/00593/APP Rear conservatory, 65 Longcroft Avenue.
The Parish Council had no objections
- 07/00613/APP Two storey and single storey front, side and rear extension, 12 Coombe Avenue.
The Parish Council had no objections
- 07/00626/APP First floor rear extension, enclosure of existing porch and formation of new porch and replacement of existing roof at first floor level to front and side with new pitched tiled roof, 2 Mill Mead.
The Parish Council had no objections
- 07/00654/APP Erection of fence, 38 Manor Crescent.
The Parish Council asked that the Local Planning Authority be satisfied that this would not be an intrusive feature on the street scene.
- 07/00694/APP Erection of part two storey, part single storey side and front extension and single storey rear extension - amendment to planning approval
- 07/03226/APP
7 Lionel Avenue.
The Parish Council had no objections
- 07/00716/ATC Removal of one ash tree, 16 Aylesbury Road
The Parish Council would be guided by the District Arboriculturalist

08/13 **REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY**

The Chairman referred this to the Planning Committee on 17 April, 2007

08/14 **FISHING**

It was **AGREED** that due to the increase in fish stock, fishing permits would be put on sale again, under the same conditions that were printed on the back of the permits.

The charges to be levied would be £4 for adults and £2 for junior and concessions for a day permit.

The Council discussed whether a closed season should apply to the Hampden Pond. It was felt that fishing should only be allowed again from 1 May 2007, when the permit system would be put in operation.

The question was raised as to the enforcement of the charges, it was felt that an 'honour' system would be tried out initially.

08/15 **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW**

The Chairman gave a review of the Council's term of office and thanked the councillors for all their hard work and commitment during this term.

08/16 **MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a) The Wild Flower Meadow was occasionally being used for ball games. The Clerk was asked to put notices up informing people that ball games were not to be held there.
- b) During bad weather, trading had been conducted from a lorry on the Manor Waste. The Clerk would write to the market managers.
- c) More complaints had been received regarding the excessive noise from the skate ramp.
- d) The Chairman thanked all the councillors and staff for their help and hard work during his term of office, stating that it had been an honour to hold the position.

08/17 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Planning Committee will meet on 17 April 2007 at 7.30 pm

Property Management and Tourism Committee will meet on 17 April 2007 at 7.00 pm

Recreation Grounds Committee will meet on 17 April at 8.00 pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on 8 May 2007 at 7.30 pm

Finance Committee will meet on 8 May 2007 after the Annual Parish Council Meeting

08/18 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: 8 May 2007