

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in The Library Room, Wendover  
on 10 January 2005 starting at 7.50pm and concluding at 8.45pm

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**PRESENT** Cllr Mrs Myers (Chairman)  
Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Kearney, Mrs McKechnie,  
McPartland, Peeler, Mrs Toplis and Worth  
7 members of the public; Dist Cllr Richards  
Clerk: Ann Hooton

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Gridley and Searle, due to ill health, and Wilkinson.

### 05/1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) Cllr Mrs Gregory declared an interest in planning application 04/03293/ATC because it abuts her property
- b) Cllr Mrs Clayton declared an interest in agenda item 14 relating to financial support for the Memorial Hall, being a Management trustee
- c) Cllr worth declared an interest in agenda item 14 relating to financial support for the Memorial Hall being a member of Halton Singers, a group which would benefit from the proposed refurbishment

### 05/2 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a) Princess Mary Hospital site: District Cllr Richards reported that negotiations between Defence Estates and AVDC are drawing to a close with an agreement close to being reached. Funds arising from developers' contributions will be administered by the Parish Council and AVDC
- b) Memorial Hall: Mr Mogford requested that the Parish Council views favourably the request for additional funding from the Memorial Hall trustees. Dr Garrod said that the additional funding would allow for the stage to be refurbished as part of the present contract which will minimise future disturbance.
- c) Flying Activities at RAF Halton: Mr Wilding asked that the Parish Council considers including the following issues in its response to the replies from the Minister, Ivor Caplin:
  - i. Little Rissington option and Investment Appraisal
  - ii. Non financial considerations
  - iii. Programme of works and limitations on flight numbers
  - iv. Public Safety
  - v. Heights
  - vi. Powered flights
  - vii. Multi-launch winches
  - viii. Comparison of costs of tugs versus winches
- d) Wendover Society: Mrs Richards drew members' attention to the fact that the letter written to the Parish Council by the Wendover Society representative on the Memorial Hall Management Committee did not express the views of the Wendover Society. The Wendover Society had made many representations through the Princess Mary Hospital site consultations for improved facilities. She expressed concern that the present hall will not meet the needs of a growing population when there will be substantial funding available through developers' contributions. This money should benefit as wide a section of the community as possible.

05/3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- a) Council tax: The local member encouraged everyone to respond to the County Council consultation on options for council tax.
- b) John Colet School: The proposed planning application for John Colet School will be for the benefit of existing pupils and not for expansion of the school. St John Ambulance has been given an extension of the lease for a further five years and the Guides can continue to use the current premises.

It is hoped that some sort of access, probably for pedestrians and cyclists, will serve the back of the school from the Tring Road.

The sale of the land with access from Manor Crescent will not now take place.

05/4 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 December 2004**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs McKechnie and seconded by Cllr Worth that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. This was **AGREED** and they were signed by the Chairman.

05/5 **FLYING ACTIVITIES AT RAF HALTON**

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council will write to David Lidington, MP, asking for his reaction to the responses from the Minister, Ivor Caplin. The Parish Council will request copies of the specific documents to which Mr Wilding referred under the Freedom of Information Act.

05/6 **FINANCE COMMITTEE held on 10 January 2005**

The Chairman of the Finance Committee gave a verbal report. She had verified the bank totals, randomly compared cheques against invoices and confirmed that the statements and accounts agreed.

The RFO's report had been received and it had been **AGREED** that the Clerk will write to dispute the invoice from Lamps & Tubes, following unsatisfactory service.

05/7 **MINUTES of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 13 & 20 December 2004**

The minutes of the meeting were received and the recommendations agreed, other than the precept requirements.

05/8 **Planning Committee meeting to be held on 21 December 2004**

Following the cancellation of the meeting, the responses sent by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee were **AGREED** by the Council and are appended to these minutes.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that applications 04/03044/ATP to fell one tree and reduce crown of another at 1 Grange Gardens and 04/02939/APP to remove condition 7 of planning permission 03/03199/APP, relating to the window in the NE elevation at 61 Perry Street have both been refused.

05/09 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered and responses **AGREED** as follows:

a) Bulletin 49

04/03208/APP Demolition of existing shop and offices and erection of two detached dwellings, Springfield London Road  
*The Parish Council notes that permission already exists for one building. However, it objects to this application which represents a cramped overdevelopment of the site.*

04/03293/ATC Fell one sycamore 27 High Street  
*The Parish Council regrets any felling of trees but will be guided by the District Arboriculturalist*

b) Bulletin 50

04/03174/APP Creation of new vehicular accesses, 11-13 Woollerton Crescent  
*No objections but the Parish Council would ask that the Local Planning Authority be satisfied that there will be no adverse effect on the local amenity or on the safety of children*

04/03326/APP Two storey and single storey side extension and porch canopy.  
26 Grenville Ave *No objection*

05/10 **INSURANCE FOR SITE SAFE**

The Clerk will investigate the cost of insurance.

05/11 **FORWARD PLANNING**

a) Farmers' Market; The Chairman of Property Management proposed that the first Farmers' Market be held on 19 March 2005. This was **AGREED**.

05/12 **WENDOVER MEMORIAL HALL REFURBISHMENT**

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council will consider the request for an additional £20,000 for stage improvements, storage area, sheltered and ramped entrance, CCTV, car park etc at the precept meeting in conjunction with other requirements.

05/13 **REPRESENTATIVE ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF @STMARYS**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Mrs Kearney would be appointed as the Parish Council representative.

05/14 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was received and the contents noted.

05/15 **MATTERS OF REPORT**

a) Fund raising stall: The organisers of the stall in aid of the tsunami appeal were congratulated on raising over £1,100. Another event will be held in the Memorial Hall on 20 January 2005.

b) Parking on the Manor Waste: The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the complaint. (**Clerk's note**: this was done on 9 December 2004 when it was received).

c) Christmas decorations: The decorations put up by the Parish Council had been very attractive. Ian Gosling and Tony Addison were thanked for all their work in putting them up.

d) Plans for Honeydene: This will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

e) RAF Halton consultative meeting: This will take place on 28 February 2005. To go on agenda for next Parish Council

05/16 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) The precept meeting will be held on 17 January 2005
- b) The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 7 February 2005.

05/17 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date: 10 January 2005