

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held in The Library Room, Wendover
on 5 February 2007 starting at 7.45pm and concluding at 8.55 pm

PRESENT Cllrs Mrs Gregory, Mrs Ballantine, Dr King, Mrs Kearney, Mrs McKechnie, Bowles, McPartland, Weston, Wilkinson and Worth
County Councillor Mrs Clayton, District Councillor Richards, a member of the press and 12 members of the public

Chairman: Cllr Richard Gridley
Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

07/177 AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

The Chairman requested an alteration to the agenda for item 9a to be brought forward with additional Public Participation for comments on the proposed cycle route.

07/178 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Peeler sent his apologies.
Cllr Mrs Myers was not present due to illness.

07/179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared

07/180 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Dr Ian Toplis requested that the Council sponsor the dedication on the seat that had been donated by his late wife, and Clerk, Jane. This was **AGREED** by members present. Dr. Toplis thanked the Council.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

07/181 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Mrs Clayton expressed her view that the Local Committee Meetings were extremely useful, especially regarding highways maintenance and that the Cluster Meeting was now well attended.

Cllr Mrs Clayton commented on changes to planning PPP3 to PPPS3, in that development on brownfield sites did not count towards new housing figures.

In trial areas, overhead lights were being replaced by upgraded cats' eyes. This would be happening gradually over the next couple of months.

The County Council would be increasing their tranche of Council Tax by 4.5%.

All five local councils had signed up for the, 'Pathfinder Service'. This would enable the councils to work together.

Cllr Mrs Clayton had attended a sit visit with the engineers concerned with the proposed new cycle path. She was concerned with the width of the pavement in the area beyond Victory road and down Wharf Road. She had recommended that a diversion would appear a much safer option on the last stretch.

Cllr Mrs Clayton reported to the council that George Powell, a previous councillor, had passed away, aged 96. She requested that the Parish Council put in a small item in their next Parish Council Newsletter.

07/182 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr McPartland commented on the Cluster Group Meeting and the Youth Funding Scheme, along with a scheme for older residents, utilising school buildings after school hours.

He commented on the cycle route proposal, emphasising how important it was that the Council support it, his prime concern though, was for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. He believed that it had to be acknowledged as a safe route for all.

07/183 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8 January 2007

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

- 07/184 **FINANCE COMMITTEE held on 8 January 2007**
Cllr Mrs McKechnie gave a verbal report of the meeting on 8 January 2007.
- 07/185 **CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk presented her report.
- 07/186 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION regarding the proposed cycle route.**
The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

Seven members of the public spoke on the proposed cycle route.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.
- 07/187 **PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTE**
Members of the Council commented on the proposed cycle route.
The Chairman summed up with the following comment, "The Parish Council supports this proposal subject to an amendment to take the route down Victory Road and through Bankside, along the Paddocks and/or along the towpath, with a long term plan to provide a bridge in the future and look to whether the route should be extended as far as Halton Lane, thereby balancing the risk of conflict between cyclists and pedestrians and motorists"
- 07/188 **SWITCHING OFF OF HIGHWAY LIGHTS**
The Parish Council support the switching off of Highway lights to reduce light pollution and reduce the County power bill. This will be judged on health and safety reports that will be monitored over 3 years.
- 07/189 **CONSERVATION AREA**
Cllr Weston reported on the meeting with AVDC regarding the Conservation Area. He advised that there will be further consultations.
- 07/190 **PRECEPT**
The precept was approved for 2007/8 at a figure of £203.934. An increase of 2.02% on 2006/7.
- 07/191 **CHRISTMAS 2007**
This was deferred to Property Management and Tourism Committee.
- 07/192 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
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| 07/03172/APP | Erection of new summerhouse and log/coal store - Fleming House, High Street. <i>The Parish Council had no objections</i> |
| 07/00015/ACL | Continued use of the buildings and land for Class B1 (light industrial) and Class B8 (storage and distribution) purposes - Hideaway Farm, Wendover Road. <i>The Parish Council feels that as this is open countryside the Local Planning Authority consider carefully any decision.</i> |
| 07/00016/ALB | Internally illuminated replacement fascia and projecting signs - Lloyds TSB, 11 High Street - APPLICATION WITHDRAWN |
| 07/00105/APP | Two dormer windows to the side and rear, two velux windows to front and single storey rear extension - 14 Forest Close. <i>The Parish Council ask that the Local Planning Authority are satisfied that they address the reasons for previous refusal.</i> |
| 07/00143/APP | Erection of replacement detached garage and ancillary accommodation and single storey side extension to plant room - Drywick, 91 Ellesborough Road. <i>The Parish Council have no objections.</i> |
| 07/00162/APP | Rear conservatory - 7 Bryants Acre. <i>The Parish Council have no objections.</i> |
| 06/02454/APP | To consider the Appeal lodged on 24 January 2007 of 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension and new front porch - 8 Colet Road. <i>No comment</i> |
- 07/193 **MATTERS OF REPORT**
- a) A welcome was given to the new local police constable, PC Andy Greening.
 - b) It was noted that the Youth Council were no longer operating.
 - c) The Environment Agency had offered to restock the Hampden Pond with fish.
 - d) St. Mary's Church had requested a stand on the Manor Waste to celebrate Freedom Day.

- e) Wendover Junior School had been awarded a mark of 'Outstanding' in the latest OFSTED report.
- f) Air Commodore J. Harrison was leaving Halton. The Parish Council wished him every success. He would be replaced by Group Captain R. Gammage.
- g) The Mayor of Aylesbury would be hosting a Curry Night, if any councillors wished to attend.
- h) David Liddington, MP, had noted the possible staff movement from RAF Halton.

07/194 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Planning Committee will meet on 20 February at 7.30

Recreation Grounds Committee will meet on 20 February after Planning Meeting.

Finance Committee will meet on 5 March 2007 at 7.30 pm

Parish Council will meet on 5 March 2007 at 7.45 pm

07/195 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: 5 March 2007