

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in The Library Room, Wendover
on 7 February 2005 starting at 7.45pm and concluding at 9.05pm

- PRESENT** Cllr Mrs Myers (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Kearney, Mrs McKechnie, McPartland, Peeler, Mrs Toplis, Worth and Wilkinson
6 members of the public; Dist Cllr Richards; PC Griggs; Press
Clerk: Ann Hooton
- 05/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Gridley, due to a family bereavement, and Searle, due to ill health. Due to the continuing absence of Cllr Searle, it was **RESOLVED** that the reason for Cllr Searle's absence be approved by the Council. This was **AGREED** unanimously.
- 05/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 05/20 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
- a) Council tax: The Cabinet has agreed the recommendation for the council tax which will now go for approval at full Council. The tax will be increased by 3.7% which includes an increase of 0.6% due to incorrect population figures being used by the Government.
 - b) Local Delivery Vehicle: The South East plan is currently out for consultation. Following removal of the designated areas for development from the South Midlands and Milton Keynes Strategy, the area south of Aylesbury is to be considered seriously for future development. Cllr Mrs Toplis will represent the Parish Council at a specially convened Local Committee at Winslow to discuss the draft proposals.
- 05/21 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
- a) Licensing laws: the issue of Parish Councils no longer being notified of applications for licences has been brought to the attention of the Licensing Authority and clarification sought.
 - b) Princess Mary Hospital site: The recent Development Control Sub Committee has recently considered the second identical application for 400 houses on the site and had been refused. Wendover representatives, especially the Parish Council representative, were thanked for their attendance at the meeting.
- 05/22 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2005**
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ballantine and seconded by Cllr Mrs Toplis that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. This was **AGREED** and they were signed by the Chairman.
- 05/23 **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2005**
It was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Gregory that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. This was **AGREED** and they were signed by the Chairman.
- 05/24 **FINANCE COMMITTEE held on 7 February 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 noted and the transfer of funds (£16,000) from the Bank of Ireland to bank deposit account was **AGREED**. It was also **AGREED** that the surplus funds set aside for the Churchyard Care

Committee will remain in reserves for any future work to the Garden of Remembrance.

05/25 **Planning Committee meeting held on 18 January 2005**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that very minor amendments to Springfield (49/04/03208/APP) but there was to be no further consultation.

The Chairman of the Committee expressed concern over continued low attendance at the meetings. Cllr Wilkinson offered to join the Committee and this was **AGREED**.

05/26 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

a) Bulletin 1

05/00008/APP Single storey side extension 3 Thornton Crescent
The Parish Council would ask that the Local Planning Authority be satisfied that the re-siting of the garage will not adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring properties in Thornton Crescent and Dobbins Lane.

b) Bulletin 2

04/02176/APP Conversion of barn to dwelling, demolition of outbuildings and construction of new access; Cuckoo Farm Barn Rocky Lane
The Parish Council has no objections to this application providing that the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that it agrees with local policies relating to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Metropolitan Green Belt.

04/03187/ACD Demolition of five sheds/garages to rear. The Forge Boutique; 3 High Street.
The Parish Council has no objections and welcomes the additional off street parking that it will provide.

c) Bulletin 3

05/00155/APP First floor side extension, conversion of roof space to residential with insertion of dormer window to rear and conservatory; 11 Lionel Avenue
No objections

05/00157/APP Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 new dwellings – Amendment to planning permission 04/01137/APP; 94 Bryants Acre
No objections

05/00150/APP Single storey side and rear extension; 53 Perry Street
No objections

d) Bulletin 4

05/00039/ALB Internal alterations, replacement of existing windows, new windows, replacement door to rear, renewal of walkway and erection of 1.8 high fence; The Windmill 79 Aylesbury Road
The Parish Council feels that it has neither the knowledge nor the expertise to comment on this application and will be guided by the Historic Buildings Officer who must will be fully consulted throughout the process.

05/00226/APP Single storey side extension, first floor side extension
and conversion of garage roof space to create games
room. 3 Dobbins Lane
No objections

05/27 **PRINCESS MARY HOSPITAL SITE**

Reports were received from the Chairman of Planning, who had spoken at on behalf of the Parish Council at the Development Control Sub Committee, and the Clerk, the contents of which were noted. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Parish Council will continue to work in partnership with the Wendover Society in preparing submissions for the Public Inquiry. Sir John Hobson QC will be available if necessary to represent both organisations.

05/28 **FLYING ACTIVITIES AT RAF HALTON**

It was **AGREED** that the following points will be raised at the Halton Consultative Group:

- a) clarification of the 22 measures taken to reduce noise
- b) monthly log of daily flights
- c) correlation of tugs versus winch launches – has this been fully investigated?
- d) following information received from David Lidington MP, it was suggested that someone from the Consultative Group may be interested in searching the MoD website for documents relevant to the transfer of flights under the Freedom of Information rights.

It was also **AGREED** that the Parish Council will write to the Minister once research of the web site has revealed the right questions to ask.

05/29 **LOCAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Wilkinson agreed to represent the Parish Council at the Local Committee in the short term.

05/30 **HONEYDENE**

The Clerk reported that the licence between the Parish Council and AVDC had been terminated on the Parish Council's instruction some months ago. It was **AGREED** that the importance of Honeydene as public open space will be included in the council's response to the Vision 2031 Partnership comments (see minute 05/31)

05/31 **VISION 2031 PARTNERSHIP**

The Chairman gave the background to the development of what is the local strategic partnership for Aylesbury Vale. The Parish Council will comment on the consultation on 3 points:

- a) The Bucks Association is the proper representative for parish and town councils
- b) Honeydene is an essential element in the creation of public open space and is the responsibility of AVDC
- c) the TIC/CIO could be involved in marketing and tourism elements of the south East Plan

05/32 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was received and the contents noted. Thanks were given to staff for their work in setting up the summer entertainments and local produce markets.

05/33 **MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a) Governor at Wendover Junior School: There is now no longer a minor authority governorship. Cllr Peeler is now the Community Governor
- b) Cycle racks on the Manor Waste: There is the possibility of funding from both BCC and Budgens store. This will be delegated to the Property Management Committee.

- c) Step at Stars Newsagents: The entrance of the shop appears to be in breach of the Disability Act. The Clerk will write to Head Office, drawing this to its attention
- d) Rose and Crown: The area needs clearing up and the fence mending. Cllr Wilkinson will approach the landowner informally
- e) Mini bollards: The mini bollards opposite the Rose and Crown are now very damaged and vehicles are destroying the grass area where children play. The Clerk will write again to the Highways Dept.
- f) Meeting with neighbouring parish councils: The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk will attend an informal meeting with neighbouring parish councils to discuss areas of mutual interest on 24 February
- g) Police Report: Parish Council Griggs reported that there had recently been a reduction in crime in Wendover. A number of arrests has been made for disorderly conduct and officers have been patrolling trains coming into the parish at the weekends.

05/34 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) The Planning Committee will be held on 22 February 2005 in St Mary's Centre at 7.30pm
- b) The Property Management Committee will be held on 22 February 2005 in St Mary's Centre at 6.30pm

05/35 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: 7 March 2005