

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 5 January 2009

In Wendover Library Room at 7.34 pm

Present:- Chairman: Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt

Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Stamper, Mrs Hetherington, Worth, Myers, Stevens

11 members of the public, County Councillor Marion Clayton, District Councillors Richards and McPartland

Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

The Chair welcomed all members and the public to the first Parish Council meeting of 2009 and thanked them for attending due to the bad weather conditions.

09/184 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Hersant sent apologies, which were accepted

09/185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Question Time

The Chairman reopened the Parish Council meeting

09/186 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

An application for co-option to the council from a Mr Gary Thorne was considered and accepted. Mr Thorne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took a seat at the members' table. The Chair welcomed him on behalf of the Parish Council.

09/187 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor presented her report. Subjects covered included:-

- Confirmation that the BCC report on Back Street had been received
- Dobbins Lane works to pavements
- The parking situation
- Weather conditions and gritting schedule
- 2nd Adult Social Care Forum on 8 January 2009

09/188 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr McPartland reported on the District Council's proposed increase in budget. As far as he was aware, there would be no cuts in services.

Cllr Richards thanked the Parish Council for their response on the proposed Southern Arc Development. He urged the Parish Council to respond to all consultations on housing, whether it was deemed to have an impact on Wendover, or not.

09/189 MINUTES

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

09/190 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The minutes on the Staffing Committee meeting of 3 December, 2008, were received.

09/191 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1 December, 2008, were received..

09/192 LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Lighting and Highways Committee meeting of 29 July 2008 were agreed and signed. It was noted that Lighting and Highways would now be treated as a working group under the Amenities Committee.

09/193 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Amenities Committee would be 30 January 2009 at 7.30 pm
Members wishing to be included on the committee were: Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Worth Myers, Stevens, Mrs Hetherington, Thorne and Mrs Toft-Hunt.

09/194 MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE GROUP

The notes from the meeting of the Management and Finance Group of 11 December 2008, were accepted. The following recommendations from that meeting were proposed, seconded and agreed by full Council:-

- a. Public Liability Insurance would be increased to £10m
- b. Fidelity Guarantee would be increased to £300k
- c. The Payment List as presented

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09/195 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

There had been no meeting of the Communications Group to report on. The Group Leader reported that the insert in the Wendover News had been well received. All comments received on the Motto Competition had not yet been disseminated, therefore any decision would be delayed until the February meeting.

09/196 WAY AHEAD PROJECT

- a) The Project Leader reported on the progress to date.
- b) The Training Leader reported:
 - The Groundsman would be attending a course on using a brush cutter
 - Training for the new councillors was being researched
 - The Clerk's portfolio submission for the CiLCA qualification had been successful.

09/197 CONSULTATIONS

- a) Expansion of Aylesbury - LDF - comments had been submitted, objecting to the Southern Arc proposal
- b) Bicycle routes - Cllr Worth had examined the proposals and reported back in support of the local group's findings. This was agreed by members present.
- c) AVDC – Sustainability Community Strategy, would be considered at the Management Group meeting on 14 January, 2009.
- d) Code of Recommended Practices of Local Authority Publicity Consultation. Cllr Myers would address this with the Communications Group.

09/198 PRECEPT

The Parish Council's precept requirement as presented by the Management Group was presented. After considerable discussion it was **agreed** to raise the precept for 2009/10 by £16,330, to £226,535, which included a sum of £10k for road safety measures for the London Road. This represented an overall increase against the 2008/9 precept of 7.7%.

09/199 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence list was noted.

09/200 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented her report.

09/201 MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. Conservation Enhancement of Walnut Tree Meadow would be carried out by a volunteer group on 18 February, 2009.
- b. The Wendover Community Trust had made a considerable contribution towards the swimming pool at the John Colet School.
- c. The Tourist Information Centre would be collecting Christmas Cards for recycling.
- d. A report on the land behind 26 High Street, had been received and would be available for Councillors to peruse.
- e. Cllr Toft-Hunt would be attending a meeting on behalf of the Council of Aylesbury Vale Strategic Partnership Reference Group on 15 January, 2009.

09/202 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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Public Question Time

- Approval was proffered for the Parish Council's insertion into the Wendover News
- Congratulations were given on the perceived success of the Christmas Lighting project
- It was requested that pressure be kept on the off – licence to change the colour of the paintwork
- Advertising 'A' boards were causing a nuisance to users of the pavements (*The County Councillor offered to take this matter up with the officers at BCC Highways*).