

# Wendover Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 7 December, 2009

In Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

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**Present:-** Cllrs Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Stamper, Mrs Carroll, Myers, Worth, Mrs Hoffman, Mrs Hersant  
Clerk: Mrs Fiona Lippmann

6 members of the public, County Councillor Mrs Clayton, District Councillors McPartland and Richards

**10/174 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Cllrs Thorne, Stevens and Louis.

**10/175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. There were no Declarations of a Personal Interest.
- b. There were no Declarations of a Prejudicial Interest.

**The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Question Time**

Two members of the public spoke

**The Chairman reopened the Parish Council meeting**

**10/176 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

An application for co-option from a Mr Paul McPartlan was considered. A vote was taken in favour of Mr McPartlan joining the Council who was then invited to join the Council. The Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and the Chair welcomed him as a Councillor.

**10/177 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor reported:

- the Parking Review was being prepared for consultation
- on the excellent response to the Healthcheck

Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt asked whether the BCC budget setting process would have a marked impact on Wendover, for which Cllr Mrs Clayton responded that this was not known at present.

**10/178 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Richards reported:

- A meeting had taken place with the owner of Brook House and that protective measure would be taken to the existing structures. A planning application was expected in January 2010.
- The Economy Scrutiny Committee would be meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December, where parking issues would be discussed
- The Environment Scrutiny Committee would be meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December, where funding for public toilets and planning fees would be considered.

**10/179 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2 November, 2009, were confirmed as a true record. The Chairman signed them

**10/180 STAFFING COMMITTEE**

There had been no meeting of the Staffing Committee. The Chair reported that following the resignation of one member of staff from the TIC, another member had now been recruited.

The Deputy Clerk was recovering from her operation and the members all sent her their best wishes.

**10/181 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting dated 17 November, 2009 were received as read

**10/182 AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

- a. The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of 17 November 2009 were received as read.
- b. Following complaints about the height of a hedge, an offer of £150 had been accepted, to have the works done. This was done under the Clerk's delegated powers following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.
- c. The throwing lines had now been purchased for Hampden Pond.

**10/183 MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE GROUP**

- a. The payment list was presented to council and agreed.
- b. The financial statements were accepted and agreed.

**10/184 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

- The Chair of the Communications Group presented a report from the last meeting.
- The Website Group had not held a meeting this month.

**10/185 FAIRTRADE TOWN**

No progress to report

**10/186 WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING AND SERVICES**

The Chair explained that AVDC had proposed withdrawing funding in certain areas that would affect Wendover, specifically the public toilets. The Parish Council had already set the precept and budgets for 2010, the additional costs needed to maintain the toilets would make a marked impact on the rates for Wendover residents, unless agreed projects were cut back.

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**The Chair then closed the meeting to enable Mr Jon McGinty, Director of Corporate Resource, AVDC to address the Council.**

During this address options for income generation were discussed, Mr McGinty explained the financial constraints AVDC were under.

**The Chair then reopened the meeting.**

- a. A proposal was put forward that a minimum of a 2 year hand over, be considered, subject to the full refurbishment of the existing facility, to the council's satisfaction. This was **agreed**.
- b. The members supported Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt attending the Scrutiny Committee meetings at AVDC in order to put forward Wendover's proposals. Cllr Mrs Toft-Hunt would consult with members as to the statement to be presented.
- c. AVDC were thanked for listening to previous discussions regarding parking issues and raised no objections to the increase in fees as this enabled Wendover to retain its first hour free.
- d. The Council **agreed** to support a proposal to AVDC for the charges for pre-application planning advice (excluding business).
- e. BCC's proposal that the management of Cobbler's Pitts be considered by Wendover Parish Council was rejected as the area was outside the parish. No other area within the Parish is to be considered.

### **10/187 CONSULTATIONS**

- a. The Community Governance Review was discussed. It was proposed and agreed that the Council should respond with the proposal that subject to consultations, Dunsmore as a whole, be incorporated within the parish of Wendover. This would ensure a co-ordinated and consistent approach to management.
- b. The Parish Council's response to the LTP3 was discussed. Emphasis would be made on the need for improved transport links, specifically evening bus services to outlying towns and villages and cycling facilities. It was proposed and **agreed** that Cllr Myers would complete and submit the survey with the aid of the Clerk.

### **10/188 GRANTS**

- a. The application from Wendover Action Group was discussed. It was **agreed** to grant a sum of £500 towards the running costs of the Community Car.
- b. The application for aid from Sue Ryder Care was not discussed at this meeting.

### **10/189 AUDIT**

The 2008/9 accounts, signed off by the external Auditor, were received and the recommendations were noted.

### **10/190 CONFERENCES/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Cllr Worth had attended the Chiltern Awards Conference and a seminar on Leader Grants.

### **10/191 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION**

NAG – There would be a NAG meeting on 14 December. Cllr Myers would be attending.

Healthcheck – This month there had been two public consultations held.

John Hampden School – a meeting of the Governors had been attended by Cllr Worth.

William Hill Charity: Cllrs Mrs Ballantine and Mrs Hoffmann had attended a meeting where 3 grants had been made to Wendover residents.

### **10/192 CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence was noted.

### **10/193 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's Report was received.

### **10/194 MATTERS OF REPORT**

- a. The access to the new woodland along Ellesborough Road would create a problem in the traffic flow
- b. The Christmas Window competition would be judged on 9 December.
- c. The users of the London Road Skateboard Site had been digging ground away for jumps.
- d. The Clock Tower light was working erratically
- e. Thanks were given to the Chamber of Trade for organising Mark Webber to switch on the Christmas lights.

### **10/195 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Planning meetings would be held 4 January, 2010 at 7.00 pm

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### **10/196 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 pm

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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**Public Question Time**

Subject discussed were the wonderful welcome received by a new member of the community, support for those facing redundancy, unemployment, debt in the current climate.