

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 2 November, 2009

In Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllrs Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Stamper, Mrs Carroll, Myers, Worth, Louis,

Thorne, Mrs Hoffman, Mrs Hersant and Stevens

Clerk: Mrs Fiona Lippmann

4 members of the public

10/153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

10/154 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

10/155 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

One application to join the Parish Council had been received, but the applicant had been unable to attend the meeting.

The Parish Council agreed that the application would be held over until the next meeting, to enable the councillors to meet the applicant.

10/156 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting.

10/157 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Richards urged the members to ask AVDC to apply their existing powers to protect Brook House (urgent works notice).

10/158 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5 October, 2009, were confirmed as a true record. The Chairman signed them

10/159 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The minutes from the meeting of the Staffing Committee were received as read

10/160 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting dated 5 October, 2009 were received as read

10/161 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

a. The next meeting of the Amenities Committee would be on 17 November, 2009 at 7.30, following the Planning Committee Meeting.

b. One quotation had been received for the removal of the half pipe to London Road. It was proposed

and agreed that this be accepted.

c. Following a request from a member of the public, the financing of the reduction in the beech hedge in the Witchell car park was discussed. It was agreed to delay a decision, pending quotations.

10/162 MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE GROUP

a. The payment list was presented to council and agreed.

b. The notes from the meeting on the 13 October, 2009 were received as read and the following recommendations were approved:-

1. The financial statements were agreed.

2. The vexatious complaints process was agreed to, proposed and adopted.

3. An application would be put in for NALC's award for Best Improved Council.

10/163 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

a. The notes from the communications group meeting of 26 October were received as read.

b. It was proposed and agreed that a trial be run on using an outside printer and distribution company for the next Parish Council newsletter

c. Cllr Myers stood down from the Chairmanship of the Communications Group. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Mrs Carroll take the Chair of the group.

d. A report was given on the first meeting of the Web Site Design Working Group, it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Louis take the Chair of the group.

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e. The Terms of Reference for the Web Site Working Group were considered and adopted.

10/164 FAIRTRADE TOWN PROJECT Cllrs. Mrs Saunders reported on the proposed way forward to finalise the registration. This would involve the establishment of a community steering group based on existing supporters. Cllr Mrs Saunders would approach the team at @ St Mary's.

10/165 PRECEPT

The proposed budgets were considered. It was agreed to deduct the budget for flower displays (£2000) and add in £1000 for more cycle racks. The precept figure for 2010/11 was agreed as £240,658.00.

10/166 CONSULTATIONS

- a. It was noted that the LTP3 Consultation needed a response by mid-December. In view of the impact it would have on Wendover, the Chairman proposed that a working group be set up to formulate a response. The group would consist of Cllr Myers, Thorne, Mrs Toft-Hunt. Ms Laura Ferguson was co-opted to membership of the group.
- b. It was noted that BALC requested 2 representatives to attend their AGM on Friday, 13 November. No members were available to attend.

10/167 CONFERENCES/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- a. There were no conferences or training opportunities to consider.

10/168 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

Wendover Health Check - Cllr. Myers gave an update and reported that representation would be on the next Local Produce Market.

Churchyard Care Committee – Cllrs Mrs Ballantine and Worth attended a meeting of the Churchyard Care Committee with the Clerk. The report was circulated. The subject covered was future funding proposals and the expiry of the original agreement in 2011.

Local Area Forum – The Chairman and Clerk attended the last LAF meeting, where funding was approved for a VAS sign along Halton Lane and 2 new pieces of exercise equipment for Ashbrook.

WAG Car – Cllr Hersant had attended a meeting. It was reported that the number of rides is down only slightly, the group are looking for grant funding in the region of £3k. It was considered whether the car might be used for the market bus route.

Chamber of Trade – Cllr Louis had attended a Chamber of Trade meeting. Questions had been asked about the market, it was noted that the Christmas Lights had gone up, the Parish Council were asked to reinstate the Christmas Window Competition. It was agreed that the Bucks Herald would be advised of the competition and judging would be done before 5 December.

10/169 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted.

10/170 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report was received.

10/171 MATTERS OF REPORT

a. The erection of the Christmas lights during the night was not acceptable (*This has already been reported to the contractors*)

b. Would it be possible to weight the two gates into Ashbrook (*This will be looked into*)

c. Barbed wire was reported to be in the hedge between the Pursell Path and Ashbrook. (*The Wendover Society would be asked to remove it during their maintenance routines*).

d. A complaint had been received about the additional fair in Ashbrook.

e. The Remembrance Day Parade would be on 8th November, the Chair would be laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Timings had been circulated to the members.

10/172 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Planning meetings would be held 17 November, 2009 at 7.00 pm

The next Amenities Committee meeting would be held 17 November, 2009 at 7.30 pm

10/173 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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Public Question Time

Subjects discussed were:- Provision of more cycle racks within the village, the Parish Council 's response to LTP3, the overgrown hedge along the approach to the library.