

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 5 October, 2009

In Wendover Library Room at 7.32 pm

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

Deputy Clerk: Elizabeth Dowell

5 members of the public

10/132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Louis, Thorne, Mrs Hoffman and Mrs Hersant sent apologies for absence which were accepted

County Councillor Mrs Clayton also sent her apologies.

10/133 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

One member of the public spoke

The Chairman reopened the Parish Council meeting

10/134 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

10/135 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Richards reminded members of the date of the next development control meeting, 8 October.

Cllr McPartland spoke on the annual review of parking tariffs.

10/136 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7 September, 2009, were confirmed as a true record.

The Chairman signed them

10/137 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The notes from the complaints hearing together with their findings were received as read. It was proposed that the report and its findings were accepted, this was agreed. The report and letter will be made available for public inspection. Cllr Mrs Saunders proposed a vote of thanks, to Cllrs. Mrs Carroll and Thorne and the independent clerk, Keith Grey, for their help, this was agreed. Cllr Worth proposed and it was agreed for a vote of thanks be given to Cllrs Mrs Sue Toft-Hunt and Mrs Saunders for their hard work.

10/138 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting dated 7 September, 2009 were received as read. It was agreed that Cllr Myers would attend the development control meeting on the 8th October.

10/139 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

a. The minutes were received as read of the Amenities Committee meeting of 22 September, 2009.

b. Update on the London Road Site

No update was available

c. Update on Recreation Areas.

None available

10/140 MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE GROUP

a. The payment list was presented to council and agreed. The clerk was asked to look at the options for the supplier of electricity.

b. The notes from the meeting on the 14 September 2009 were received as read and the following recommendations were approved:-

1. The financial statements were agreed.

2. The balance of the Wendover Review account (£682.00) be made available to support the Health Check initiative.

3. To establish a web site design working group. Cllrs. Louis, Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Carroll volunteered to be on the group together with members from the clerk's office.

4. The structure of the Parish Council would continue and this would be reviewed again in a year's time.

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10/142 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

- a. The notes from the communications group meeting of 14 September 2009 were received as read.
- b. The following recommendations were approved and agreed:-
 1. That all future street furniture be branded with the Parish Council logo.
 2. The newsletter was well received and it was agreed that the next newsletter should be delivered to all households.

10/143 FAIRTRADE TOWN PROJECT

Cllrs. Saunders will investigate the status of the project and report back on the way forward.

10/144 CONSULTATIONS

- a. The proposed Federation of Prestwood Lodge and Wendover House School. The document was noted – no comment was made.
- b. Transport Symposium – No representation.
- c. Gambling Act Licensing Policy 2009. – It was agreed that the Council accept the proposals and support AVDC officers and their decisions

10/145 CONFERENCES/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- a. Cllr. Myers gave a report on the NAG meeting.
- b. It was agreed that Cllrs. Worth and Mrs Toft-Hunt would attend the Annual Chilterns Forum

10/146 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

- a. Cllr Myers gave a report on the NAG meeting. The parish council discussed the lack of police presence and visibility in Wendover in line with the Thames Valley Policing Pledge. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable to voice the Parish Council's concerns. There were also concerns raised about the opening hours of the police station and the lack of communication within the police force. It was agreed that this should be brought up at the next LAF meeting.
- b. Cllr. Mrs Toft-Hunt gave a report on the LAF meeting and advised the council that two grant applications have been made for the VAS sign and fitness equipment.
- c. Cllrs. Mrs Carroll and Mrs Stamper attended the Memorial Hall Committee meeting and it was reported that they would try and accommodate our bookings for the APM.
- d. Cllrs. Mrs Ballantine and Saunders had attended the event at Wendover Youth Club, it was very well attended.
- e. **WENDOVER HEALTH CHECK**
 - i. Cllr. Myers gave a report.
 - ii. The request from the health check steering committee for £150 for the purchase of banners and stationery was approved.

10/147 PARKING REVIEW

- a. BCC parking review – The proposals were generally welcomed by the Parish Council. They address the immediate issues but there are concerns that the implications of migration have not been adequately addressed e.g. Dobbins Lane/Thornton Crescent/Witchell/Mill Mead and Chiltern Road.
- b. Concerns were raised about compaction of residents parking due to the proposals of yellow lines in Vicarage Close/Chiltern Road.
- c. AVDC review of parking tariffs – The Parish Council strongly requests that the first hour should be free in the Library car park to support the economic stability of the village. The proposal for charges was viewed as having negative impact on the local economy and discouraging visitors to stay.
- d. Concern was expressed that any proposals for a car park in the Witchell recreation grounds should ensure that the rights of the recreation users are protected.

10/148 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted.

10/149 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report was received.

10/150 MATTERS OF REPORT

- a. The Witchell Meadow springs have dried up

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10/151 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Planning meetings would be held 20 October, 2009 at 7.00 pm

The next Parish Council meeting would be held 2 November, 2009 at 7.30 pm

10/152 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____

Public Question Time

The following subjects were discussed:-

- i. Weeds on the Manor Waste – War Memorial. *The Clerk would ask the groundsman to look at this.*
- ii. The position of Rumsey's bins and a request that they be screened.