

Wendover Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 6 April, 2010

In Wendover Library Room at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Hoffmann, Mrs Stamper, Mrs Carroll, Thorne, Mrs Toft-Hunt, Worth,
Clerk: Mrs Fiona Lippmann
11 members of the public, County Councillor Mrs Clayton, District Councillor Richards

10/270 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Cllrs Mrs Saunders, Stevens, Myers and McPartlan

10/271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. All members declared a personal interest in agenda item 6: HS2.
- b. There were no Declarations of a Prejudicial Interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for Public Question Time

Five members of the public spoke

The Chairman reopened the Parish Council meeting

10/272 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

An application from a Mr Peter Robinson was discussed. A vote was taken and Mr Robinson was invited to join the Parish Council, which he accepted. The Declaration was signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

10/273 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor reported on:

- Dobbins Lane – Cllr Mrs Letheren would be reminded that a response was still being awaited.
- Parking – the consultation would be out in June/July having taken longer than expected
- HS2 - The County Council would be totally opposing the route through Wendover, but supporting the option that went through Milton Keynes.

10/274 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Richards reported on:

- HS2 – Meetings with Chilterns' Conservation Board, a fact finding visit to Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Chiltern District Council meetings, forthcoming cabinet meetings the Exceptional Hardship Scheme, political consensus.

10/275 HS2

The Parish Council reviewed paperwork presented and agreed the following :-

Having been made aware of the current proposals for HS2 as presented in the Command Paper "High Speed Rail" 2010, and the detailed map showing the currently envisaged route in the vicinity of Wendover and heard the concerns expressed by local residents, the Parish Council will continue to support the local community and opposes the HS2 proposals as they impact Wendover.

The Parish Council has received reports of the opposition strategies adopted by other concerned groups and the Parish Council also resolved to support the Chilterns Conservation Board, the Chiltern Society, AVDC and Bucks County Council in their responses to the paper.

It was proposed and accepted that the Parish Council facilitate the public meeting in the MemorialHall.

10/276 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1 March 2010, were agreed and the Chairman then signed them.

10/277 STAFFING COMMITTEE

No meetings had been held.

10/278 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 1 and 16 March, were taken as read

10/279 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

- a. The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of 16 March were taken as read.

10/280 MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE GROUP

- a. The notes of the meeting of 15 March, 2010 were taken as read and the following recommendations were considered:
- b. The current financial statements and payments lists were agreed
- c. A tree would be purchased in recognition of Ian Gosling's work.

10/281 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

- a. Cllr Mrs Stamper reported on the meeting of the Communications Group of 15 March, 2010.

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- The next tasks for the group would involve the APM on 14 April.
- A Surgery would be held on 17 April, Cllrs Mrs Stamper and Myers would be attending
- A French Market would be held on Sunday, 11 April

10/282 WEB SITE DESIGN GROUP

There was nothing to report. Group would be reformed at the APCM.

10/283 FAIRTRADE TOWN

There was no update to report.

10/284 LOCAL POLICING

The new officer appointed to Wendover, P C Andy Smith, had commenced duties.

10/285 AUDITOR'S REPORT

- a. The Review of effectiveness of the internal audit was considered and agreed.
- b. The appointment of Auditing Solutions as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2010/11 was agreed.

10/286 RISK REVIEWS

There were no risk reviews to be considered at this meeting.

10/287 CONSULTATIONS

- a. Cllr Thorne was asked to review the County's Highways Winter Maintenance Scrutiny paper.
- b. Members were asked to comment on the proposed Cycle Route consultation (closing 16.4.2010)

10/288 GRANTS

No full applications have been received.

10/289 CONFERENCES/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There was nothing to report.

10/290 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

- a. Cllr Mrs Ballantine agreed to represent Wendover Parish Council at the AVALC meeting.
- b. Cllr Worth had attended meetings as School Governor
- c. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Robinson represent Wendover Parish Council on the Wendover Chamber of Trade.

10/291 WAR MEMORIAL

It was proposed and agreed that a sum of £800 be allocated to the placing of plaques around the War Memorial with names engraved in corian stone.

10/292 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was noted.

10/293 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report was received.

10/294 MATTERS OF REPORT (for information only)

- a. Footpath patching was looking incomplete and messy
- b. The Hampden Pond was full
- c. Bolts needed tightening on fitness equipment

10/295 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Planning meetings would be held 20 April and 4 May, 2010 at 7.00 pm

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on 4 May, 2010 at 7.30 pm

The next Management Group meeting would be held on 19 April, 2010 at 7.00 pm

The next Amenities Committee meeting would be held on 20 April, 2010 at 7.30 pm

10/296 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

It was resolved to close the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 to discuss contracts.

10/297 CONTRACTS

- a. Two tenders to build dropped kerbs along London Road to make a crossing were discussed. It was agreed to award to work to Mr M Philips.
- b. The Market Traders' agreement was considered in detail and agreed with 2 amendments.

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

Signed _____
Chairman

Date: _____

Public Question Time

Subjects addressed were:-

- Trees on Aylesbury Road
- Dobbins Lane verges
- Parking in Vinetrees
- Signage in Vinetrees
- The need for a unified approach on HS2
- WenSTAG meeting
- Delivery of newsletters
- Liaison with other local groups
- Replies from Action Groups re HS1
- Rights of the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty