

# Wendover Parish Council

## Minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee Meeting

Held on 29 July 2008

In Wendover Library Room at 8.40 pm

**Present:-** Cllrs Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Gregory, Stevens, Mrs Toft-Hunt, Mrs Hetherington, Myers and Worth

3 members of the public  
Clerk: Fiona Lippmann

### **R9/01 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Worth take the Chair of this Committee.  
Cllr Worth agreed to the proposal.  
A vote was taken and Cllr Worth took the Chair

### **R9/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Mrs Stamper sent apologies

### **R9/03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Mrs Hetherington be nominated as Vice Chair.  
Cllr Mrs Hetherington accepted to the proposal.  
A vote was taken and it was agreed.

### **R9/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to speak

**The Chair then reopened the meeting**

### **R9/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 18 March 2008**

The minutes were reviewed by those present at the meeting. The minutes were agreed as correct and the Chairman signed them.

### **R9/06 LONDON ROAD SITE**

Cllr Worth outlined the ongoing project with recommendations for action:

- Network Rail would be contacted again for an update on contributing towards the fencing and having graffiti removed from the bridges.
- The cost of bringing the main entrance up to Highways standards to enable a parking area to be created would be in the region of £38k. St Mary's Church had offered a contribution of £2500 towards this project. It was agreed by all present that the site would not be opened up until an effective deterrent against fly tippers and travellers had been put in place.
- Visibility - it was reported that the users of the skate park had broken down a hedge and were entering the highway in a dangerous fashion. The access points and possibilities of a safe crossing would be taken up with BCC as a matter of extreme importance.
- The Chair proposed that the hedgerow be brought down to a lower level to enable higher visibility, with the dead trees removed. The Clerk would contact the local Arboriculturalist as a matter of urgency for a quotation. (*implemented 30.7.08*)
- Shelter: the users have requested a youth shelter and bike stands. Cllr Stevens would look into the possible grant funding available.
- Transfer of half pipe. A location had been identified and contractors would be contacted. A coating would be added to the surface after installation, to improve safety.
- BMX Track. The outline of the bmx track was still to be identified.
- Landscaping. It was suggested that the middle section be seeded with wild flowers whilst final useage was decided. This was agreed.

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- Vandalism. Graffiti, rubbish and the destruction of the hedgerow had been much more intense than expected. Cllr Myers agreed to look into setting up a police liaison group.

### **R09/07 FISHING**

Requests had been received for a decrease in the price of an adult fishing license. Cllr Worth explained that the fishing had been accepted by the previous Parish Council on condition that it did not disturb the conservation area. He proposed that the fishing not be promoted as a commercial venture and be kept low cost for juniors and older members of the village as a pastime and that the Adult prices be kept the same.

This was agreed by all.

It was noted that there were a number of signs around the Pond, the Clerk and the Chair would inspect the area and decide whether some could be disposed of.

The Chair asked that the Clerk speak to BWW on how throwing lines are stored and prevented from being subject to vandalism

### **R09/08 PARISH PIECE**

The Chair asked the Committee to consider making Parish Piece into an allotment site, since the grazing lease had expired. This was agreed on the proviso that an area be set aside as a butterfly meadow.

### **R09/09 RAF HALTON**

The Community Liaison Officer from RAF Halton had contacted the Chair to consider whether the Parish Council would be able to donate play equipment when the existing equipment was unfit for use and removed. It was agreed that the Officer would be asked to do a presentation.

The Clerk advised the Committee that it may not be possible to fund equipment on land that was owned by the RAF. The Clerk would look into this fact.

### **R09/10 ACTION PLAN**

The Committee was asked to present ideas on the creation of an Action Plan for the next 3 years and bring them to the next meeting.

### **R9/11 MATTERS OF REPORT**

The Cricket Club had complained about the amount of dog waste on the Witchell and has asked whether the Parish Council would be willing for a sign to be erected. The Clerk would contact the Club with suggestions for wording and funding.

British Waterways had done a fantastic job on the Wendover Arm Canal, keeping the footpaths clear.

The entrance to Walnut Tree Meadow had been opened up to provide access to all.

### **R9/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was still to be decided.

### **R9/13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman