

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

18th April 2024 at 7:00pm

Meeting held at Wendover Youth Centre, Wharf Road, Wendover, HP22 6HF

Clerk: Andy Smith

Chair: Councillor Williams

Present: All parish Councillors

Members of Public: 45

1. APOLOGIES

APM/24 -01 There were no apologies

2. MINUTES

APM/24 -02 Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed

3. WELCOME FROM YOUTH CENTRE

APM/24 -03 The Youth Centre welcomed the APM to the centre and outlined how the money from Wendover Parish Council supported its work. The Youth Centre in the previous year had 3500 – 4000 interactions greater impact when you consider the partnerships and local relationships. The money from the Parish Council is used specifically for their outreach works

4. CHAIR'S REPORT AND LOCAL ISSUES

APM/24-04 The Chair highlighted that whilst the Parish Council may not always get it right, she is proud to chair a team who's intentions are to do the best for Wendover

APM/24-05 The Chair highlighted key Parish Council successes for the year with an underlying theme of the community coming together such as the Coronation event, Best Kept Villag, Freedom Parade, HS2 events, HS2 representation and the Christmas event.

APM/24-06 The Chair looked at local challenges that the Parish Council were committed to exploring to improve for Wendover residents

APM/24-07 The Chair outlined the Council Mission and Vision, Parish Council impact and forthcoming projects and workstreams.

APM/24-08 The Chair highlighted that we had a full Council which was helping to bring a wide range of views to the decision making and then highlighted how the committees were structured

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

APM/24-09 The Chair of the Amenities Committee presented an update report on the work of the committee. It was note that this committee had oversight of all the open spaces.

APM/24-10 The Chair of the planning committee presented an update on the work of the committee including the issues of the Halton Woods SPD

APM/24-11 The Chair of Staffing Committee presented an update on the work of the committee

6. FINANCE REPORT

- APM/24-12** The finances were reported to the meeting. This included a summary of the 23/24 costs and the 24/25 budget and Precept request. It was noted that despite wanting to keep the precept at the same level as previous years that inflationary pressures meant we had to increase by an extra 68p a month for a band D household.
- APM/24-13** The grants to local organisations were noted and updates given on the impact of the money: St Mary's Church doors, Wendover Dementia Support and Wendover Memorial Hall were our major grant awards. We also gave minor grants to WAVUS, Friends of Guiding, Chiltern Creative Writing and towards a HS2 public update meeting.
- APM/24-14** The 2024/25 Ear Marked Reserves/Projects were noted

7. GUEST SPEAKER

- APM/24-15** The Parish Council welcomed the a speaker from the Wendover Action Group to talk about the work it does to provide the Wendover Community Car, the impact on local people and how the support from the Parish Council helps

8. COMMUNITY AWARDS

- APM/24-16** The Community Awards winners were announced as follows:
- Service with a smile – Eileens of Wendover
 - Volunteer of the year – Robert Duggan
 - Business of the year – Sweeney's
 - Lifetime Achievement – Alan Myers
 - Outstanding young person – Hebe Mast-Hughes
 - Wendover Parish Council Award – Murray Cooke

9. QUESTIONS

- APM/24-17** There were some general questions from the Parish including an update on the skate park and it was clarified that the skate park would accommodate all ranges and abilities and that we were working with a project management company that specialises in developing public skate parks.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

- APM/24-18** As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 9.06pm

Signed by
Chair to the Parish Council

Date: Thursday 17th May 2025