

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2nd April 2024 at 7:00pm St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Ballantine, Gallagher (Chair), O'Donnell, Porter, Thornton, Wales, Walker, and Worth.

In attendance: Buckinghamshire Councillors Bowles, Newcombe and Strachan

Clerk: Andy Smith

Members of Public: 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC23/312 Apologies were received from Councillors Williams, Standen and **APPROVED**

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC23/313 None

3. MINUTES

PC23/314 The minutes of the Parish Council of 5th March 2024. were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC23/315 None

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC23/316 None

6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC23/317 Councillors asked if there were any questions to take back to the Council. Cllr Thornton highlighted the issue of the quality of pothole repairs meaning that they were having to be done more than once.

7. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE

PC23/318 It was noted that there was not an opportunity to produce a detailed report and there would be a full report at the next meeting.

8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS

a) Payments to consider.

PC23/319 The payments to consider, totalling £4592.17, were **RESOLVED** and signed.

b) Latest financial reports

PC23/320 The financial reports were noted and Councillors were happy with the financial position.

9. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

a) HS2 Mitigation Action Group

PC23/321 The report was noted.

b) Wendover Business Group

PC23/322 It has not met since January and it was noted that many businesses find it difficult to commit time to the group because of their own endeavours.

c) Parish Council Surgeries

PC23/323 There was one person who came to talk the Councillors about difficulty walking down the path by the Scout Hut. This has been noted by the office. Cllrs Porter and Worth will attend the next surgery in April.

d) St Mary's Church

PC23/324 The meeting with the Chair of Finance and Clerk with the Church was noted. It was further noted that we do have formal representation on the Church meetings.

e) Other groups

PC23/325 Nothing to report

10. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

a) PLANNING

PC23/326 The draft minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2024 were noted.

b) AMENITIES

PC23/327 The draft minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2024 were noted.

11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) Transport Working Group

PC23/328 There was no report.

b) Open Spaces Working Group

PC23/329 There was no report.

c) Sustainability and Biodiversity Group

PC23/330 There was no report.

d) Strategic Planning Steering Group

PC23/331 There was no report.

12. OTHER ITEMS

a) Standing Grants referred from Finance Committee

PC23/332 **St Mary's Churchyard** - .The Chair and Clerk met with the Church about the Churchyard. After the meeting it made sense to continue with the current arrangement. It was felt that on an ongoing basis that the Parish Council rep on the Churchyard committee should present the request at future meetings. It was further noted that we could help the community support the maintenance of the grounds.

PC23/333 It was **RESOLVED** to grant the £7500

PC23/334 Wendover Youth Centre - The youth centre set out their financial details as requested which reassures the Parish Council. The work of the Youth Club was noted, in particular the Wendover Parish Council request for an outreach programme to help reduce vandalism and ASB in the area.

PC23/335 It was **RESOLVED** to grant £7500

b) Updates to policies

PC23/336 Freedom of Information Policy - This was considered and **RESOLVED** to be renewed.

PC23/337 Protocol for site visits - This was considered and **RESOLVED** to be renewed.

PC23/338 Non-Councillor attendance at Council - This was considered and **RESOLVED** to be renewed.

PC23/339 Council Representatives to external bodies - This was considered and **RESOLVED** to be renewed.

PC23/340 Environmental Policy - This was considered and **RESOLVED** to be renewed.

PC23/341 Scheme of Delegation - This was considered and **RESOLVED** to be renewed.

c) Plans for Wendover Canal

PC23/342 The council considered the implications of bringing the barges to Wendover. Wendover PC are being asked to support the letter that was sent by Halton Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** to support the opposition to the current proposals but are open to looking at any new proposals that address the concerns set out by Halton Parish Council.

d) Devolved Services

PC23/343 The works have been clarified and are now similar to last years works. It was noted that we are doing more work than set out in the agreement through choice to keep Wendover in as good a condition as possible. It was noted that it costs more than the income received from Buckinghamshire Council to deliver these services.

PC23/344 It was **RESOLVED** to take the 12 month deal, but to set out that we need to negotiate a multi-year deal that addresses the inflationary costs that we have taken on board.

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC23/345 To note the next Parish Council meeting **Tuesday 7th May 2024**. Agenda items must be with the Clerk strictly by 9am **Monday 29th April. It was noted that this is the annual meeting**

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC23/346 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8.15

Signed by *Julie Williams*

Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 7th May 2024