

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting

21st September 2021 at 7:30pm

St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Stephen Worth (Chair), Jennifer Ballantine, Julie Williams, Diane Washington, Sam Walker. Sheila Bulpett, Ruth Malleson, Julie Lloyds-Evans.

Clerk: Amanda Massingham

Members of Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A21.039 Apologies were made by Councillor Standen and they were ACCEPTED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A21.040 None.

3. MINUTES

A21.041 The minutes of the meeting of 20th July 2021 were AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A21.042 None

5. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A21.043 The Deputy Clerks report was NOTED. The Manor Waste modular seating had been cleaned and photos were shared with the Committee. The new bins had been installed at Witchell and Ashbrook. Hampden Pond fencing works were due to commence on 11th October and Transport for Bucks had confirmed that the new white gates had been ordered. The gator has required a new clutch, the works have been agreed by the office as the spend was within the Clerks delegated powers. The new truck arrival is delayed due to a worldwide semiconductor shortage. It was confirmed that a review of the Village Quiz will be an October agenda item as too would be the lease for Wendover Cricket Club. Councillor Walker confirmed he would be happy to review the current lease.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A21.044 One item of correspondence was NOTED. The Committee agreed that it was important for the Football Club to continue, particularly in respect of the benefits that outdoors sports have for mental health. Councillor Williams volunteered her services to meet with the school. It was AGREED that Councillors Williams and Worth would meet with Wendover Men's Football club in the first instance, before requesting a meeting with the school. The office would arrange the meetings, and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

7. FINANCE

To consider the list of payments and sign cheques.

A21.045 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the list of payments and they were duly signed by the Chairman. The online payments would be made the following day.

8. OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

a) Playground Inspections

i) To note the recent Playground Inspections under the Sovereign contract.

A21.046 The inspection reports were NOTED. No actions were required.

ii) To consider three quotations for future annual playground inspections.

A21.047 One contractor failed to submit their quotation, hence just two quotations were considered by the Committee. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the Fenland quotation, they offered a 3-year discount if the prepayment of £540.00 was paid in the first year. This would be charged against line 4415 which had a budget provision of £1k.

9. OTHER MATTERS

a) Ashbrook Noticeboard

To consider a quotation to replace the Parish Council and Public notices boards at Ashbrook.

A21.048 The quotation was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to replace both notices boards at Ashbrook. The funding would come from budget lines 4215 and 4200.

b) Climate Action Wendover Tree Planting

To consider a request for planting locations for trees and agree funding from the dedicated EMR.

A21.049 The proposals including the maps were NOTED by the Committee. Concerns were raised by several Councillors in relation to the limited open green spaces we have with the view that they shouldn't be filled with trees. It was also highlighted that the saplings planted in Hampden Meadow last year need attention and that the PC would discuss with CLAW who was responsible for the ongoing maintenance before any further planting. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the hedge planting at Ashbrook, along with the 6 new mature saplings near the zipwire. A single tree could also be planted near the entrance gates. No trees are permitted within the playground. The planting at the old Skate Park, along London Road and the proposed planting at Witchell Meadow was not agreed. The Committee requested more coherent plans if future proposals are requested.

c) Streetlights

i) To receive an update on warm LED replacements.

A21.050 The costs and timelines were NOTED. It was **AGREED** that it would be **RECOMMENDED** to full Council to budget for warm LED replacements next year. Warm LED replacements cost £70 more than current bright LED's. The replacements would be for repairs and failures only.

ii) To consider a quotation to replace two streetlight columns in Carrington Crescent.

A21.051 The quotation was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the replacement columns and charge against budget 4315.

d) Silent Soldier

To consider replacing and relocating the Silent Solider that was recently vandalised.

A21.052 The Committee **RESOLVED** purchase another Silent Solider. It was **AGREED** that it would be relocated on the verge outside South Street Barbers, if the barbers don't have any concerns. If concerns are raised the second option would be the round planter outside Istanbul.

e) Manor Waste – Rumsey's

To consider the costs to install permanent ground fixings for outdoor seating on Manor Waste.

A21.053 The quotation was **NOTED**. The Committee supported the request and it was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** the project to full Council. Funding would need to be agreed, the Deputy Clerk recommended charging against 4410 groundworks and 4660 property management Manor Waste.

f) Open Spaces Working Group

To receive an update from the Open Spaces Working group and consider any recommendations.

A21.054 The Survey results and draft design plans were **NOTED**. Following a vote, it was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** locating the new Skate Park at Ashbrook to the full Council. Councillor Ballantine abstained from the vote.

g) 2022/2023 Amenities Budget

To consider budget lines and ear marked reserves for the draft Amenities budget 2022/23.

A21.055 The draft budget was **NOTED**. Subject to the full Council agreeing to the warmer LED lights, the budget against 4305 lighting maintenance would need to be increased. The Playground Inspection costs could now be removed as the three-year prepayment had been agreed earlier at the meeting.

10. MATTERS TO REPORT

A21.056 None

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A21.057 Cricket Club lease and Quiz any other Items should be forward to the Deputy Clerk.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A21.058 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 19th October 2021.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

A21.059 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 21:15pm.

Stephen Worth

Signed by
Chairman to the Amenities Committee

Date: 19th October 2021