

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

21st June 2022

Meeting held at St Annes Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Jennifer Ballantine, Andrew Barnard, Sheila Bulpett, Clive Gallagher, Rob Goodall, Julie Lloyd-Evans, Mark Standen, Sam Walker, Julie Williams, and Stephen Worth.

Clerk: Lynda Baker

Chair: Sheila Bulpett

Members of Public: 6

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC22/095 Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillors Jo Durden-Moore, Ruth Malleson and Diane Washington.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC22/096 Regarding Haddington Play Park: The Clerk declared that she knows the Solicitor at D C Kaye who is handling the sub lease proceedings but that she has not seen him in person nor spoken to him since the year 2010 until starting the Clerks role.

3. MINUTES

Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 7th June 2022

PC22/097 The minutes were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

It was **NOTED** that this meeting overran, and Councillor Ballantine mentioned that all meetings should try to be kept to within the 2-hour timeframe.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC22/098 A resident of Thornton Crescent handed over a petition regarding the Parking Consultation which earlier in the day had been emailed to the Clerk and a member of the Parking Consultation team at Buckinghamshire Council. The resident was thanked for attending the meeting and hand delivering the petition. Residents of Thornton Crescent have concerns that if parking restrictions are, in the future, to be placed on Dobbins Lane that this will just push the problems in to Thornton Crescent. This will be discussed further at the next Parish Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 5th July 2022. The **ACTION** is with the Clerk to try to ensure up- to-date information from Buckinghamshire Council is available for that meeting.

PC22/ 099 Three residents from Princess Mary Gate spoke separately to voice their thanks to the Parish Council for the help so far regarding the play park formerly known as the Helicopter Park and now to be known as Haddington Play Park. However in preparation for the play park area being rebuilt they each voiced concern about the area being a target for vandals. They each suggested a series of measures might be considered.

Altogether these include: 1) High fence locked at night by MOD Police 2) CCTV in the park and around the car parking area close by 3) Floodlighting 4) That the land around the play park is better maintained – It is currently looking quite unkept. 5) That a local initiative is set up with some Buckinghamshire schools, The Parish Council, The MOD, The Communities Board, local Youth Groups, Thames Valley Police, local citizen representatives, the Management Companies who are responsible for Princess Mary Gate etc. to see something can be done to assist with the ongoing problem of anti-social behaviour including littering, bad language, vandalism, trespassing, name calling, graffiti, fly tipping.

PC22/100 Another Wendover resident spoke to say how much they endorsed what the residents had said and that they hoped the whole community may come together to support any initiative and it was **NOTED** that the subject of Managing Anti-Social Behaviour at the Location of Haddington Play Park area on Princess Mary Gate should be added to the Meeting Agenda for 5th July 2022 for discussion.

5. HADDINGTON PLAY PARK

To receive an update re Haddington Play Park.

PC22/101 The Council received an update to say that this agenda point was to clear up any confusion from the previous meeting on 7th June 2022. The Sub lease is NOT signed, and it is recommended to not sign it until the latest possible time e.g. as close as possible to Handover Day or similar. What has been signed are Forms of Proof of Identification (re money laundering etc.). Councillors Sheila Bulpett and Stephen Worth have presented personal documentation identifying them to the Solicitors as when the time comes, they will sign the sub lease document. It was **NOTED** that they will be signatories on the lease document because they are signatories on the bank account. Councillors Sheila Bulpett, Stephen Worth and Sam Walker will continue as before to work with the Solicitor at D C Kaye to enable the paperwork.

It was **NOTED** that the wording of the sub lease should ensure that a six months' notice exit clause is written in the lease documentation to enable Wendover Parish Council to remove themselves from the agreement if required. e.g. if the council wanted to stop maintaining the play park. It was also **NOTED** that the Council should be aware of any Right to Rectify clause which could allow the original landlord to retake possession.

It was **NOTED** and **AGREED** that all council will have sight of the lease copy to be discussed and voted on before Councillors Bulpett and Worth will sign the lease documentation. It was therefore **PROPOSED** by Councillor Sam Walker and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mark Standen and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY / RESOLVED** that the work on the sub lease document should continue to proceed under the detail here in PC22/101. (See also Agenda Item 8. PC106/22 below).

PC22/102 The Clerk **NOTED** for herself that she would like to research and understand the company Annington Homes who are named on the sub lease document.

PC22/103 The Haddington Play Park Project is ongoing and the planning application for the 5 metres high equipment has still not been seen on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal. The equipment is on order and council had the opportunity to review the sustainability document of the company chosen for the supply and installation of the play park.

6. MANOR WASTE

To receive an update on the arrangements for the Manor Waste.

PC22/104 Council reviewed the 5 Year Working Group Plan re Manor Waste. It was advised in this public session that following 2 Councillors recently attending training on Common Land Law, combined with that the way the Council may want to see increased activity use of Manor Waste that it would be absolute best practice to seek legal advice. The legal advice would be in two stages.

Stage 1: To review existing historic documents and see what if anything may need to change and could / should be changed if required.

Stage 2: To make these changes legally.

It was advised that any appointed specialist Solicitor is likely to need to approach The Privy Council and The Lord (Lady) of The Manor.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC22/105 To note the next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 5th July 2022, 7.30 p.m. at the MS Chiltern Centre.

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 makes provision for excluding the public by resolution when confidential business is being considered or there are other special reasons and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

22/106 The Council moved into closed session and the following was discussed:

(a) The principles of Haddington Play Park lease (confidential as land is MOD and a lease arrangement).

The main discussion took place during the public meeting under Agenda Item 5. PC22/101 It was **PROPOSED, VOTED** and **RESOLVED** to continue with the sub lease proceedings.

(b) Manor Waste Legal Fees

An amount to pay legal fees was **PROPOSED, VOTED** and **RESOLVED** and next steps action was discussed.

(c) Staffing

One staffing issue was discussed and **VOTED** and **RESOLVED**.

The Clerk left the room for Item 8c.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC22/107 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 7.39 p.m.

Signed by

Chair to the Parish Council

Date Tuesday 5th July 2022.