

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 20th July 2021 at 7:30pm St Anne's Hall

Present: Councillors Mark Standen, Stephen Worth, Jennifer Ballantine, Julie Williams, Diane Washington, Sam Walker and Sheila Bulpett.

Clerk: Amanda Massingham

Members of Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A21.020 Councillors Malleson and Lloyd-Evans were considered ABSENT as apologies had not been received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A21.021 None.

3. MINUTES

A21.022 The minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2021 were AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A21.023 None

5. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A21.024 The Deputy Clerks report was NOTED. The Deputy Clerk reconfirmed the dates for the Play around the Parish events. Wendover Youth Centre have moved their end of year event from 16th July to 1st September 2021. The Rennie Memorial plaque has been installed in the Orchard as previously agreed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A21.025 One item of correspondence was NOTED. Wendover Men's FC requested info on a previous agreement when they moved from Bryants Acre in 1972 and info pertaining to the future of Witchell Meadow. The office had responded accordingly.

7. FINANCE

To consider the list of payments and sign cheques.

A21.026 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) Hampden Pond

To review the project and agree the priorities and communication plan for recommendation to full Council.

A21.027 The budget spends set from 2019/20 were NOTED, as was the previous communications to the Community from July 2020. The Committee AGREED that the pond should remain as a wildlife haven and the focus should be placed on new fencing and improvements to the paths. Replacement fencing around the Heron Path Side and Hampden Meadow would cost in the region of £15-17K, this would include widening/encroaching into Hampden Meadow to ensure the path remains passable into the future. The Path works required on the opposite side would be done by the grounds team once the grass cutting season is finished. The Dedicated EMR for the Pond 2021/22 is £25K and would cover the costs of the required works. It was AGREED that this would be RECOMMENDED to Full Council along with quotes for the fencing. A new communication to the Community would also need to be agreed.

9. OTHER MATTERS

a) Replacement Bins

To consider replacing four concrete bins at Ashbrook and Witchell Meadow from the dedicated EMR.

A21.028 The report and quotations were NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with replacing the four concrete bins with the 120 litre, 100% recycled Enviropol 100 bin. Councillor Worth requested that a WPC logo should be placed on the bins. The total cost, including concrete bases, removal of old bins and new bins installed is £4484.24, which would be charged against the replacement bin EMR of £5k.

b) Manor Waste Information Board

To consider a quotation to correct the text on the Manor Waste History of Wendover information board.

A21.029 The quote to amend the information board was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the order at the cost of £221.50 to be charged against account 4215.

c) Annual Streetlight Inspections

To review the inspections and consider the repair quotations.

A21.030 The inspection report and two quotations were NOTED. It was AGREED that the quotation to install new LED lanterns at columns 20 and 21 along the Aylesbury Road would be budgeted for in 2022/23. It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the works for the other repairs totalling £1330.00. Councillors Bulpett and Williams requested future LED replacements should be warm white, the Deputy Clerk confirmed that enquires would be made with the contractor to see if this is feasible.

d) Replacement White Gates

To receive an update on the funding request from the Community Board.

A21.031 The communications with the Community Board regarding funding and ownership of the asset were NOTED. The Deputy Clerk reported that a further update has been received, confirming that TFB would be replacing the gates along the Tring Road and Aylesbury Road. The gates along Ellesborough Road and South Street would be repaired and/or replaced once the quote was received. As the project is going to be lead and paid for by Transport for Bucks, the Council can step back from leading the project. It was AGREED that the EMR Funds of £15k would be released back to general reserve once an install date is confirmed.

e) Manor Waste Seating

To consider a quote to clean the modular seating at Manor Waste.

A21.032 The quote was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the works as per the quotation.

f) Wendover Arm Canal

To receive an update on the funding for the canal path repairs.

A21.033 Councillor Bulpett reported that some funding had been secured to improve the path from Wharf Road to where the canal starts to widen close to Walnut Tree Meadow. Communications are ongoing in terms of how the funding will be collated in the agreement.

g) Open Spaces Working Group

To receive an update and any recommendations from the working group.

A21.034 Councillor Standen reported that he has been speaking to Wendover Community Board about funding. A site visit had taken place at Ashbrook, due to concerns raised by the grounds team in terms of the flood plain, an install contractor has subsequently reported that the concerns are not an issue in terms of the proposed build and materials used. Conversations have taken place with Wendover Cricket Club in relation to their move from the Ellesborough Road ground to Tring Road to see if a skate park could be included in the plans. This appeared to be a non-starter, as the re-location had no firm dates. A member of the working group had presented plans to the group in relation to improvements at Hampden Meadow for inclusive play.

10. MATTERS TO REPORT

A21.035 Councillor Washington reported an overgrown bush near the entrance of the cricket ground just beyond the bypass bridge. Councillor Standen reported an overgrown bush on the corner of Aylesbury Rd/Victory Road. Councillor Walker reported that the milestones along South Street and Aylesbury Rd need attention, the Deputy Clerk confirmed that enquires would be made with TFB and/or BC Heritage Department.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A21.036 Items should be forward to the Deputy Clerk.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A21.037 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 21st September 2021.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

A21.038 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 20:20pm.

Stephen Worth

Signed by
Chairman to the Amenities Committee

Date: 21st September 2021