

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st August 2023 at 7:30pm Meeting held at St Annes Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG

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

In attendance: Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors Newcombe, Strachan and Bowles.

Clerk: Andy Smith

Members of Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC23/083 Apologies were received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllrs Williams, Standen, Walker. Councillor Lloyd-Evans was absent

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC23/084 None

3. MINUTES

PC23/085 The minutes of the Parish Council of 4th July 2023 were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to amend the public participation section from “the crime statistics were encouraged” to “the crime statistics were encouraging”. The minutes were **RESOLVED**, as amended, as a true record to be signed by the Chair.

4. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC23/086 There was a warm welcome to the two new Councillors and they were thanked for their interest. It was also noted that Wendover had won the Best Kept Village Award in their category and congratulations were sent to the team.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC23/087 A member of the public drew attention to the enquiry into the govt handling of the Covid pandemic. It was outlined that there is an opportunity for Wendover’s voice to be heard. It was noted that Wendover was a good place to be during the pandemic, however, this was due to the efforts of the people of Wendover with no tangible help or support from local or central government. The member of the public requested that the Parish Council support an application into the enquiry. It was discussed and agreed that the Parish Council would consider the submission at the next meeting.

There was a question from Council as to if Wendover do anything wrong. The member of the public felt there was nothing specific that went wrong in Wendover, and everybody was in the same situation. However, one learning point was that the emergency procedures had not considered a long-term crisis and were more focused on discrete incidents. It was noted that the emergency procedures are due for review and will include the comments from this review.

6. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

PC23/088 The applicant for co-option to become a councillor introduced themselves and gave an overview of why they were interested in becoming a councillor and their motivations. The Council asked questions.

They were thanked for their time and interest in the role.

7. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC23/089 There was no update

8. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

PC23/090 The report was noted. There was a verbal update on the current bank issues and a contact to the office about fishing during nesting season, with the impacts on wildlife from hook and line fishing.

9. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS

a) **PC23/091** The payments to consider, totalling £21,271.90, were **RESOLVED** and signed.

b) **PC23/092** The financial reports were noted.

10. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

a) **HS2 Mitigation Action Group**

PC23/093 The report from the group was NOTED

b) **Lionel Abel -Smith Trust**

PC23/094 The report from the Trust on its activities was NOTED.

11. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

a) **AMENITIES**

PC23/095 The draft minutes of the meeting on 18th July 2023 were noted.

PC23/096 The Christmas Lights expenditure as approved at Amenities on 20th June was discussed it was **RESOLVED** to accept quote number 2 for the Christmas Lights.

b) **PLANNING**

PC23/097 The draft minutes of the meeting on 18th July 2023 were noted.

12. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) **Wendover Community Action Plan Working Group**

PC23/098 There has been no progress to note

b) Transport Working Group

PC23/099 The group have made progress with the schools and the traffic problems around the area. A meeting with John Hampden discussed the anti-social behaviour from parents parking dangerously and being abusive when asked to move on. There is an air quality monitor to measure the quality of air on the campus particularly during peak traffic. The group are still looking for funding for a proper survey. The EV pilot is looking at publicly accessible lamppost charging points. We have some more clarity on the sort of locations that they are looking for. The group are trying to set up another meeting regarding South Street speeding.

c) Open Spaces Working Group

PC23/100 Councillor Standen is trying to set up a meeting but because of holiday season there has been limited availability

13. OTHER ITEMS

a) Councillor Wards and Engagement

PC23/101 It was noted that there is a strength to having a single point of contact through the office. It was further noted that councillors have never been approached on the basis of being a ward representative. Councillors are approached, if they are known, but not on the basis of being their ward representative. It was **RESOLVED** to stop using the informal wards as a daily communication tool, but they may be required when considering our emergency plan. This will be discussed when the emergency plan is renewed later in the year. Option 2 was considered, and it was **RESOLVED** to continue to include Councillors in the communication loop if requests covers areas that they are working on.

b) HS2 Public Meeting

PC23/102 It was noted that some waterways concerns have gone away but there are still some concerns around the information presented at the previous meeting. Whilst it could be an important time to consult with the Parish about these issues until we know the full details it may be a bit too early for a public meeting. The decision was deferred until more information was available.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC23/103 To note the next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 5th September 2023

PC23/104 To note the difficulty in scheduling meetings and getting attendance in August and that when next year's meeting schedule is published, we will first look at a reduced meeting schedule for August.

15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

PC23/105 Exclusion of the public was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED** to go into confidential session for the reason of discussion of sensitive personal information.

PC23/106 The application for co-option was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to Co-opt the new applicant onto the Council.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC23/107 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8.31pm

Signed by *J Williams*
Chair to the Parish Council

Date:

PAYMENTS TO CONSIDER Aug Parish Council 01/08/2023

Cheques

Date	To	Amount	Payment for
TOTAL CHEQUE AMOUNT		£0.00	

Petty Cash

Date	To	Amount	Payment for
TOTAL Petty Cash AMOUNT		£0.00	

BACS

Date	To	Amount	Payment for
03/08/2023	PawPrint	£140.40	Printer/Copier Costs
03/08/2023	Val Mayland	£80.00	Cleaning
03/08/2023	Marley Design	£487.50	Web and communications
03/08/2023	Numbers	£72.00	Payroll Services
03/08/2023	St Annes Hall Hire	£50.00	Hire of hall for meetings
03/08/2023	Salaries	£8,678.87	Monthly Salaries Bill
03/08/2023	LGPS	£884.61	LGPS Pension Costs
03/08/2023	HMRC	£3,428.49	Payroll Tax and NI
03/08/2023	Windflowerers	£2,640.00	plant and water summer displays
03/08/2023	Wellers Hedleys	£320.00	support and charges for upgrading the title absolute on manor waste
03/08/2023	Farol	£1,350.66	Repair to mower flail deck
03/08/2023	Sams Rainbow Faces	£200.00	Pay £100 before event and £100 after event
03/08/2023	Pickerings	£406.08	container rental and collection (delivery already paid)
TOTAL BACS AMOUNT		£18,938.61	

CARD

Date	To	Amount	Payment for
26/07/2023	Asda	£17.60	Office and site safe supplies
28/07/2023	Cell Pack Solutions (Tracer)	£429.00	Replacement battery for speed sign
27/07/2023	Adobe	£19.97	Acrobat Pro
26/07/2023	Lock and Key Centre	£49.08	Replacement gate padlock for allotment gate
24/07/2023	Chesham Fencing	£43.20	repairs to Hampden shelter after fire damage
19/07/2023	Amazon	£20.00	Spark plugs for machines
11/07/2023	Land Registry	£3.00	Search for Little Hampden Close
05/07/2023	Engraveitnow	£44.40	Brass bench memorial plate
TOTAL Debit Card AMOUNT		£626.25	

DD/SO

Date	To	Amount	Payment for
3 Aug 2023	SIDLEYS CLIENT THE	£133.00	Sidleys garage rent
3 Aug 2023	LEX AUTOLEASE	£444.29	Hilux lease agreement
5 Aug 2023	CASTLE WATER LTD	£3.75	Site Safe Water
31-Aug-23	SMART PENSION LTD	£778.30	SMART pension contributions
15 Aug 2023	BG LITE	£26.50	Manor Waste Electricity
15 Aug 2023	BG LITE	£92.77	Clock Tower Electricity
15 Aug 2023	BG LITE	£13.74	Site Safe Electricity
20 Aug 2023	MICROSOFT	£73.60	Microsoft 365 Licenses
28 Aug 2023	CASTLE WATER LTD	£3.59	Clock Tower Water
5 Aug 2023	BUCKS COUNCIL	£90.00	Manor Waste Market Rates
18 Aug 2023	GOCARDLESS	£37.50	Wendover Canal Arm Trust
TOTAL DD & SO		£1,707.04	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£21,271.90	SIGNED BY COUNCILLORS:
COUNCIL MINUTE NUMBER			