

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

5th October 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting held at St Anne's Hall

Present: Councillors Ballantine, Bulpett, Durden-Moore, Gallagher, Goodall, Lloyd-Evans, Malleson, Standen, Walker, Washington, Williams and Worth

Clerk: Louise Hayday

Chairman: Sheila Bulpett

Members of Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC21/168 None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC21/169 None

3. MINUTES

Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2021

PC21/170 The minutes were RESOLVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC21/171

- 1) A member of the public expressed his concern over the proposed fixings on the Manor Waste and asked if the current arrangements for businesses using the space was to be made permanent. He went on to ask about an update of the Local Support Information leaflet and requested an update on the canal path, which was covered later in the meeting.
- 2) A member of the public spoke in support of two local charities, both of which will be/have already requested grants from the Parish Council, namely Wendover Celebrates and Wendover Dementia Support. He gave a brief overview of both organisations to ensure the Council were aware of their roles prior to grant decisions being made.
- 3) A representation from Climate Action Wendover gave a brief introductory talk into the history and current/future remit of the group.
- 4) A member of the public highlighted the current Buckinghamshire Council consultation on bus use and encouraged Councillors to get involved where possible, he also thanked Cllr Worth for a recent conversation regarding litter.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC21/172 Cllr Bulpett gave an update on the canal path and the meetings that have taken place with the Canal and Rivers Trust. There will be a temporary fix on the worse section of path costing in the region of £12,000, this will be taken from the Parish Council contribution, works are expected to start within the next couple of months. There was also an update that work on the cycle path was expected to begin in November.

6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC21/173 Cllr Peter Strachan gave a written update including, details on instructions that were due to be given to Councils regarding tree planting, notification that the planning service was still under pressure and a request for funding applications from the community board. The report also detailed how Buckinghamshire Council was trying to hold HS2 to account including on contractor compliance and lorry routes. It was noted that the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan has been adopted and Cllr Richard Newcome is now a Buckinghamshire representative on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.

7. CLERKS REPORT

PC21/174 The Clerks report was NOTED and it was agreed to discuss the Community Awards in greater detail at the November meeting.

8. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

PC21/175 None

9. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

PC21/176 Cllr Durden-Moore reported from the Respect conference held by BMKALC, a YouTube recording of which had already been circulated to Councillors. Cllrs Goodall and Walker had attended a training session on Engaging with Young People, it was felt there was a lot of valuable information that could be built on from that and it was asked that slides be circulated when they become available. Cllr Bulpett reported that herself and several other Councillors had attended the relaunch of The Wendover Society where Rob Butler MP had been in attendance. Cllrs Bulpett and Ballantine had also attended an evening at the Youth Centre, where praise had been given for being one of only two centres to remain open during the pandemic.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

PC21/177

- 1) Correspondence from RAF Halton was NOTED
- 2) Correspondence from BMALC regarding devolution from Buckinghamshire Council was NOTED
- 3) Correspondence from a resident wishing to park a camper van at the Witchell was discussed and it was RESOLVED to refuse permission on the basis that the convenience of the land was to promote recreational use and the Council could not over-ride this and set a precedent in the car park.

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) To consider the list of payments and sign cheques

PC21/178 It was RESOLVED to accept the list of payments; the list and cheques were duly signed. BACS payments to be made on next working day.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meetings of 7th & 21st September 2021.

PC21/179 The draft minutes were NOTED.

13. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2021

PC21/180 The draft minutes were NOTED subject to the amendment of minute A21.049

To consider any recommendations from the Amenities Committee

PC21/181

- a) LED Warm lights - It was RESOLVED to include provision to replace 10 warm LED lights in the 2022/2023 budget at a cost of £3600. It was asked how many bulbs had been replaced since the LED switch over, Clerk to report back.
- b) Ground fixings on Manor Waste - The Council had reservations regarding it appearing that preferential treatment was being given to one business, Cllrs Durden-Moore, Washington and Gallagher are to visit other businesses near the manor waste to discuss the scheme prior to any decision being made. The item was deferred until the November meeting.
- c) Skatepark & Inclusive play - It was RESOLVED that the replacement skatepark should be sited in Ashbrook recreation ground. It was RESOLVED that the inclusive play area be sited in Hampden Meadow.

14. OTHER MATTERS

(a) HS2 Working Group

PC21/182 Cllr Bulpett updated on the current areas of focus for the working group, including the recent letter from the HS2 Minister to Rob Butler MP. A discussion took place regarding future funding of fighting HS2, this will be placed on the November agenda.

(b) Speed & Noise Working Group

PC21/183 The 20mph survey is currently live on the WPC website, hard copies are available in the library and clocktower. The survey will be closed on Sunday 17th October.

(c) Policy update and reviews.

a) **PC21/184** It was RESOLVED to approve the amended public participation at meetings policy.

b) **PC21/185** It was RESOLVED to approve the new Code of Conduct. Councillors were reminded that they must attend code of conduct training as part of their Councillor role.

(d) Community Board Funding Update

PC21/186 The Council NOTED that the four current projects with the community board were, the skatepark, the Clay Lane safety gates, the 20mph zone proposal and the bypass average speed cameras. It was noted that the inclusive play is yet to be submitted.

(e) Beneficiary for Christmas Event

PC21/187 After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support both the Wendover Juniors and the Wendover Men's football clubs as joint beneficiaries of the 2021 Christmas Event.

(f) Climate Emergency

PC21/188 The Council RESOLVED to declare a climate emergency and to aim for carbon net zero by 2030.

(g) 5 Year Plan Working Group

PC21/189 Cllr Durden-Moore presented the proposed vision and mission for WPC going forward, the council RESOLVED to accept the proposal, subject to a small amendment on the wording on the vision statement.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC21/190 The date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be 2nd Nov 2021.

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

PC21/191 None

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC21/192 The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed by *S. Bulpett*

Chairman to the Parish Council

Date: 02.11.2021