

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

7th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting held at St Anne's Hall

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

Clerk: Louise Hayday

Chairman: Sheila Bulpett

Members of Public: 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC21/138 Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Williams

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC21/139 Cllr Walker declared an interest in item 16g Parking Consultation, being a resident on South Street.

3. MINUTES

Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 3rd August 2021

PC21/140 The minutes were RESOLVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CO-OPTION

Consideration of an application to co-opt onto the Council

PC21/141 The presentation was heard; the Chairman requested the Council members consider the application for discussion in confidence at the end of the meeting.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC21/142 None

6. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC21/143 Cllr Bulpett updated the Council on the wardens thank you event that had taken place on 7th August 2021. The Council were also informed on the progress of the canal tow path work and an update was expected on a proposed start date on 17th September 2021.

7. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC21/144 No councillor present.

Cllr Bulpett explained that the Council had no objection to the planning application put in by Cllr Strachan and this had been called in to ensure transparency.

The boundary changes were also briefly discussed, this is to be placed on the October agenda.

8. CLERKS REPORT

PC21/145 The Clerks report was NOTED and a list of charities previously supported from the Christmas event would circulate.

9. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

PC21/146 None

10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

PC21/147 Cllrs Ballantine and Worth reported that they had attended the AGM for the Memorial Hall, they stated that bookings were looking positive and the Memorial Hall thanked the Parish Council for the grant received for the new PA system.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

PC21/148 The Council discussed the proposal from Rumsey's, however they were concerned over perceived ownership of the manor waste and a solution was to purchase and install these as a Council. It was requested that the Clerk seek a cost and the matter is put onto the next amenities agenda. A brief discussion also took place regarding planning trees in pots on Manor Waste.

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) To note the draft minutes of the meeting 17th August

PC21/149 The draft minutes were NOTED

b) To consider the list of payments and sign cheques

PC21/150 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.

c) To note the August 2021 I&E, EMR and balance sheet.

PC21/151 The reports were NOTED

d) To consider a recommendation regarding the Parish Council Insurance Policy

PC21/152 The Council RESOLVED to proceed with the recommended policy from Came & Co.

13. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meetings of 3rd and 17th August 2021.

PC21/153 The draft minutes were NOTED.

14. STAFFING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meeting of 17th August 2021

PC21/154 The draft minutes were NOTED.

15. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

To consider a recommendation from the Amenities Committee to carry out tree and lily work at the Hampden Pond.

PC21/155 The Council RESOLVED to proceed with the tree and lily work, subject to approval on the tree work from the 211 notice. The agreed cost was £7,629.43 + vat for four days tree work including lily cutting.

16. OTHER MATTERS

(a) HS2 Working Group

PC21/156 Cllr Bulpett updated on the current areas of focus for the working group.

The petitions committee are meeting on 13th September to debate the Chris Packham petition, a meeting has been held with the researcher for Taiwo Owatemi MP and information has been sent over regarding the mined tunnel proposal. The support letter is expected to be sent by the end of the week in preparation for Monday, currently there are nine MPs signing it. There is currently no new Chair for the working group, this will be decided at the next meeting.

(b) Speed & Noise Working Group

PC21/157 The Council discussed the proposed 20 mph zone and the overall feeling was that the proposed zone was too large an area. However it was RESOLVED to proceed with the informal consultation, with the questionnaire being available both on and off line, hard copies in the clock tower and library was suggested.

(c) Policy update and reviews.

a) **PC21/158** It was RESOLVED to approve the new communications policy.

b) **PC21/159** It was felt that the public participation at meetings policy needed to be updated in line with GDPR, the Clerk will update and bring to the Council again in October.

(d) Rural Market Town Membership

PC21/160 It was agreed not to continue with this membership.

(e) Climate Action Wendover – Solar Streets

PC21/161 After discussion it was RESOLVED to support the initiative without giving Council endorsement to the company involved. The Clerk to re-write the supporting statement and email to councillors for approval.

(f) Clay Lane Safety

PC21/162 An update was given on the progress and funding options of the proposed safety barrier at the end of the footpath on Clay Lane.

(g) Parking Consultation

PC21/163 An update was given on the parking consultation, it was then RESOLVED to continue to the statutory consultation.

(h) 5 Year Plan Working Group

PC21/164 An update was given on the progress of the group and a short presentation was given after the meeting had concluded.

17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC21/165 The date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be 5th October 2021.

18. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

PC21/166 A discussion took place regarding the application for co-option and it was felt that an informed decision could not be made without further information.

19. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC21/167 The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed by *S. Bulpett*
Chairman to the Parish Council

Date: 05.10.2021