

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

5th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Meeting held at St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road

Present: Councillors Bulpett, Barnard, Goodall, Gallagher, Lloyd-Evans, Malleson, Walker, Washington, Williams and Worth.

Clerk: Amanda Massingham

Chair: Sheila Bulpett

Members of Public: 11

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC21/343 Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillors Standen, Ballantine and Durden-Moore.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC21/344 None

3. MINUTES

Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 1st March 2022

PC21/345 The minutes were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC21/346

Lionel Avenue Cycleway Markings

Two residents raised concerns regarding the volume of cycleway symbols that that been laid along Lionel Avenue. TFL Street spaces guide was referred to, in terms of spacing and volumes of road signage in local streets. Comparisons were given in terms of the volumes installed along Dobbins Lane and Coombe Ave as the volume and spacing at these locations was deemed much more in line with the TFL guidance. The residents were angered on how the funding, some of which was from HS2 had been used and cited safety concerns. The issues had been raised with Councillor Bowles, but a response had not been received. Councillor Bulpett requested a copy of the TFL referred document to be forwarded to the Clock Tower.

PC21/347

Vines Trees Parking

Three residents raised concerns with parking at Vinetrees. The 10-11am no parking restriction was not deemed ideal, as residents often have to move vehicles during this time, and local car parks are full with no spaces. However the rumours to increase the double yellow lines was not necessary and the preferred option was to keep the restrictions and introduce permits for residents parking. A petition of twenty-nine signatures was provided to 'Keep restrictions the same (10-11) with option of permits for residents'. A resident acknowledged that permits have been discussed before but there was no demand at the time. A resident suggested Parish Councillors, Buckinghamshire Councillors and residents should meet to discuss the concerns.

PC21/348

Manor Waste Proposal

A resident raised concerns that he had completed the survey some time ago but had not received any feedback or updates. It was NOTED that an update was going to be provided as per item 15.h.iii, however Councillor Durden-Moore, the lead on the consultation, had given apologies for the meeting.

PC21/349

Bus Services

A resident, who is the Secretary of the Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group, reported that service 55 to Chesham is likely to cease operating due to driver shortages and Buckinghamshire Council are not interested in funding the service, despite them having a Bus Improvement Plan.

5. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC21/350 Councillor Bulpett reported that the trees planted in error by a Buckinghamshire Council contractor at the corner of Halton Lane/Aylesbury Road had been moved to the other side of the white gates.

6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC21/351

Councillor Strachan gave apologies on behalf of Councillors Newcome and Bowles. Councillor Strachan confirmed he would take away the comments in relation to the Lionel Ave Cycle road signs and Vinetrees parking and provide an update. He continued to confirm that the Community Board structure and governance continues to be reviewed, ownership and potential clearance of the walled planter outside Tres Corazones is being investigated along with verge foliage and grass cutting legacy issues at Princess Mary Gate. Planning guidance regarding the re-instatement of the playpark at Haddington Close, had been forwarded to the Chair. Environmental Campaign focus will be a priority over the coming months.

7. CLERKS REPORT

PC21/352 The Clerks report was NOTED

ECO Audit The visit to the Clock Tower and Site safe to produce the recommendations for the Eco Audit report are scheduled to take place on 7th April.

Annual Parish Meeting Planning for the APM has started. Grants awardees have been asked to provide written reports with two organisations providing a presentation. The community award selection panel have selected the winners and the awards will be ordered shortly.

St Georges Day Flags We are planning for them to be up by Thursday 14th April, before the easter weekend and St Georges day and will come down around 29th April 2022.

End of Year

The finance system will be closed via teams on 26th April. The internal auditor will attend 9th May.

8. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

PC21/353 None. The Clerk reported that correspondence has been sent to Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood team regarding three incidents of anti-social behaviour within our open spaces.

9. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

PC21/354 None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

PC21/355 The Clerk reported that an invitation for the Friends of the Ridgeway AGM had been distributed by e-mail.

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) To consider the list of payments and sign cheques

PC21/356 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.

b) To note the February 2022 I&E, EMR and balance sheet.

PC21/357 The February I&E, EMR and balance sheet were NOTED

c) To consider recommendations from the Finance Committee.

PC21/358 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed tracked changes to the Grants Policy as recommended by the Finance Committee. The issue to either cease the Grants Sub-Committee or open the membership to the Full Council was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to keep the Grants Sub-Committee and open the membership to the Full Council, not just the Finance Committee.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meetings 1st and 15th March 2022

PC21/359 The draft minutes were NOTED

13. STAFFING COMMITTEE

a) To note draft minutes of the meeting of the extraordinary meeting 23rd March 2022

PC21/360 The draft minutes were NOTED.

b) To receive an update on the Clerk Vacancy.

PC21/361 Councillor Bulpett reported that the interviews had taken place, and the decision to appoint was ratified by the Staffing Committee. References received, signed contract returned, start date 3rd May 2022.

c) To receive an update on the Code of Conduct Training and consider any actions.

PC21/362 The two proposals for group training were NOTED. Proposal two was the preferred option as this included in person training and could be accommodated in the evening. Subject to the provider being accredited by BALC it was **RESOLVED** to arrange the training, dates via an e-mail would be sent.

14. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

a) To note the draft minutes of the meeting on 15th March 2022.

PC21/363 The draft minutes were NOTED.

b) To consider recommendations from the Amenities Committee.

PC21/364 The recommendation for the Committee was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the playground repairs charging the costs against account codes 4440 and 4410 from the 2021/22 budget.

15. OTHER MATTERS

a) HS2

i) To receive updates on any matters relating to HS2 & the HS2 working group.

PC21/365 Councillor Bulpett referred to the letters distributed by e-mail to Clive Maxwell and Andrew Stephenson. The lobbyist work has finished as per the end of March 2022. There is currently no working group meeting planned as the Schedule 17 submissions are now not due to be released until May/June. EKFB

engagement bus attended Manor Waste on 29th March, the issue of requested signs about lorries on London Road was raised again.

ii) To receive an update from Councillor Malleson regarding recent meetings at Dunsmore.

PC21/366 Councillor Malleson provided an update on a recent meeting at Dunsmore. The key issues pertained to A413 closures with the diversion through Dunsmore and a bridleway diversion that is too steep to use. Councillor Bulpett confirmed that there was a scheduled meeting with EKFB next week, and the issues will be raised for response.

iii) To note the £1250 for HS2 mitigation lobbying agreed PC21/197 has been returned.

PC21/367 Councillor Bulpett's understanding of the reason for the return of the monies was misleading so following the meeting confirmation was received to state the money was returned as the mitigation solution proposed by WHS2 was not mature enough to be put to Parliament in a professional manner due to lack of collaborative evidence; principally any costing corroboration.

b) Climate Action Wendover

To receive an update on the Bee Squared project and consider funding from the dedicated 2022/23 EMR.

PC21/368 The proposal and funding request was NOTED. A member of CAW was also present and provided a brief overview, confirming wildflower seeds would be delivered to all homes in Wendover. It was **RESOLVED** to provide the £750 funding request from the dedicated 2022/23 EMR.

c) Fixed Payment Grants 2022/23

i) To receive an update from the Churchyard Care Committee and consider paying the budgeted 2022/23 grant.

PC21/369 The update from the Church was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the budgeted grant, £7K, from account 4585.

ii) To receive an update from Wendover Youth Centre and consider paying the budgeted 2022/23 grant.

PC21/370 The update from the Youth Centre was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the budgeted grant, £7K, from account 4586.

Councillor Lloyd Evans raised concerns about the grants being paid outside the standard grants policy. It was suggested that they could be re-named and reference should be made in the Grants Policy. It was **AGREED** that a review should take place before the payments are made next year.

d) Minor Grants

To consider a minor grant application from John Hampden School.

PC21/371 The grant application was NOTED. Councillor Bulpett reported the School had previously had a grant at the start of the pandemic. The Clerk referred to the minute when the grant was re-deployed from Look for a Book due to the exceptional circumstances of the pandemic. Following a vote it was **RESOLVED** not to award the grant, two Councillors abstained from the vote.

e) Noise Issues on Chiltern Road

To discuss resident concerns over noise from the Royal British Legion late at night.

PC21/372 Councillor Goodall reported that residents in Chiltern Road have concerns over noise from the Legion club and that it appeared to be more of an entertainment venue and not a member's club. It was noted that the site has a late licence until 02:00am Thursday-Saturdays. Due to lack of data on events that are causing concerns it was recommended that a log should be started. Buckinghamshire Council are the licensing authority, complaints would need to be logged directly with them. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Buckinghamshire Council to see how many complaints had been received and establish how they monitor the licensing conditions.

f) Wendover Celebrates 2022

To receive an update on the 2022 event with a proposal to hire Ashbrook Open Space.

PC21/373 A director from Wendover Celebrates attended the meeting and this item was dealt with during Public Participation. The written proposal was NOTED by the Committee. It was **RESOLVED** for the re-scheduled event to take place on 5th November at Ashbrook Open Space, with fireworks and a pop-up bonfire. It was confirmed that the grant awarded for the June event, could be transferred and used for the November event.

g) Policy Review

To review and consider updates to the Environmental Policy and Scheme of Delegation.

PC21/374 It was **RESOLVED** to update the Environmental Policy with the suggested changes in line with the Council Climate Emergency vision. It was **RESOLVED** to update the Scheme of Delegation with the suggested changes excluding 'appointing the Clerk' in section two.

h) Open Spaces Working Group

i) To receive an update and consider any recommendations from the Open Spaces working group.

PC21/375 Councillor Worth reported that the next working group meeting was scheduled to take place on 7th April, agenda items included grants funding for skate park, accessible play at Hampden, use of the former skate park site, Manor Waste proposal and the tree trail.

ii) To receive an update on the Haddington Close Playpark.

PC21/376 Councillor Bulpett reported that over 400 votes for the new playpark had been received, with option two being the preferred option. Some minor changes had been submitted including replacing the basketball hoop with an accessible piece of equipment. It is expected the work will be completed by July. Councillors Lloyds Evans and Malleson raised concerns with the designs, stating they lacked planting and high value play options and the opportunity to design the area should be discussed with the students at John Colet. Councillor Bulpett explained the levels of confidentiality requested by the DIO. If the timelines etc were not adhered to, the funding to replace the park could have been lost. Councillor Walker added that it was not the perfect outcome, accepts the funding could be lost but the emphasis should be ensuring the lease agreements are completed correctly.

iii) To receive an update Manor Waste proposal.

PC21/377 An update could not be provided at Councillor Durden-Moore was not present.

i) 5year Working Group

To receive an update and consider any recommendations.

PC21/378 An update could not be provided at Councillor Durden-Moore was not present.

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC21/379 The date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be 3rd May 2022. Councillor Bulpett reported that it was likely that the Staffing Committee meeting prior to the main meeting would be cancelled, if this were the case the full council meeting could start at 7pm. No issues were raised.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

PC21/380 It was **RESOVLED** that further to s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that the public be excluded and the matters be dealt with in confidence.

a) The complaints about trees were NOTED. However the issue raised had been dealt with the previous day and the matter was considered closed.

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC21/381 The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Sheila Bulpett

Signed by
Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 3rd May 2022.