

# WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm

Meeting held at St Anne's Hall

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

**Clerk:** Louise Hayday

**Chair:** Sheila Bulpett

**Members of Public:** 8

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**PC21/306** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Gallagher and Durden-Moore

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**PC21/307** None

### 3. MINUTES

**Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**PC21/308** The minutes were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### 4. CO-OPTION

**Consideration of an applications to co-opt onto the Council**

**PC21/309** The presentation was heard; the Chair requested the Council members consider the application in confidence at the end of the meeting.

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**PC21/310**

- 1) A resident asked if the Council has any plans to lead the village with regards to the war in Ukraine, the Chair replied that there are no current plans with regards to this situation.  
The resident then urged the Council to pause the parking review. The initial strategy was questioned in light of changed commuter behaviour. There were also concerns that Thornton Crescent, Mill Mead and Bridleways were not included in the consultation. Several Councillors gave reply and discussion, it was explained that the parking review was about to enter the final statutory consultation stage and there would be opportunity for all residents to enter their views.
- 2) A local resident questioned why there were no roads on PMG included in the review.
- 3) A resident asked about the Manor Waste proposal and advised the Council to look at the principles of Common Land.
- 4) A local resident questioned the spend on the parking review and brought up a proposal that had been put to EKFB in the past regarding using the 'donkey field' as free commuter parking. Once the Schedule 17 is presented it should become clear that the land is not needed once construction is complete.

## 6. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PC21/311** Cllr Bulpett began by thanking the outgoing Clerk for her work over the past 11 months. An update was then given on the canal path, £291,000 had been granted from HS2, with a further £25k from the Community Board and £25K from Lionel Able Smith Trust. Peter Elwin from the Wendover Arm Canal Trust was thanked for working together with the Parish Council to obtain these funds, work is expected to start within the next few months.

It was reported that the Community Board would soon be launching an initiative around 'Smoke Free Parks' to encourage parents not to smoke around children's areas in public parks.

## 7. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

### **PC21/312**

Cllr Peter Strachan explained that the Buckinghamshire Council balanced budget had now been voted through.

## 8. CLERKS REPORT

**PC21/313** The Clerks report was NOTED

### **Stanhope Close**

The six trees for Stanhope Close have been planted as well as one on the corner of Castle Park Road, the other nine trees should be going in shortly.

### **HS2 Traffic Monitoring Camera**

The HS2 monitoring camera has now been installed and will remain in place for around 8 weeks. HS2 traffic in Wendover can be reported to: [EWRANDHS2enquiries@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:EWRANDHS2enquiries@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), the camera can then be checked to verify and the matter reported to HS2.

### **Staffing**

Cheryl has returned from maternity leave and is settling back in well.

### **Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council briefing by Boundary commission - Reminder**

An email was circulated on 17<sup>th</sup> February regarding two zoom session for Councillors to learn more about the plans to reduce the number of Buckinghamshire Councillors and the ward changes needed to achieve this. Zoom sessions are 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Wendover Food Bank**

Wendover Food Bank will be running a food bank donation week from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Drop off areas are in Budgens, The Youth Centre, St Marys Church and the Christian Centre.

## 9. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

**PC21/314** None, Cllr Ballantine had been in contact with the police regarding the recent absence and was awaiting a reply.

## 10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

**PC21/315** It was reported that Councillors Bulpett and Worth had attended some recent flood resilience training. Cllr Worth also reported that the library had received £500k for the extension work.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

**PC21/316** None

## 12. FINANCE COMMITTEE

**a) To consider the list of payments and sign cheques**

**PC21/317** 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 January 2021 I&E, EMR and balance sheet.**

**PC21/318** The January I&E, EMR and balance sheet were NOTED

**c) To note the draft minutes of the meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**PC21/319** The draft minutes were NOTED

**d) To agree that the resolution F16.093 should be added to the Financial Regulations**

**PC21/320** It was resolved to add the resolution to the Financial Regulations:

- All requests for donations or grants are made using the WPC grants application form and are assessed by the relevant committee for recommendation to the full Council.

**13. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**To note draft minutes of the meetings of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**PC21/321** The draft minutes were NOTED

**14. STAFFING COMMITTEE**

**a) To note draft minutes of the meeting of the extraordinary meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

**PC21/322** The draft minutes were NOTED

**b) To agree that the Clock Tower can seek admin support if needed**

**PC21/323** The Council **RESOVLED** to approve the Deputy Clerk seeking admin help if required.

**15. OTHER MATTERS**

**(a) HS2 Working Group**

**To receive updates from the working group**

**PC21/324** Councillor Bulpett informed the Council that a letter had been received from Clive Maxwell, Director General, High Speed Rail Group in the DfT, stating that it was too late for any of the mitigation suggestions that had been made, the working group would be discussing the way forward at their next meeting. It was also reported that EKFB would be holding a public engagement session on the Manor Waste on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 3pm. Cllr Malleison reported that she was due to have a meeting with Murray Cooke of WHS2 shortly regarding the traffic issues, caused by the diversion due to the closure of the A413 by HS2, through Dunsmore.

**To approve the HS2 engagement questionnaire**

**PC21/325** After discussion the Council **RESOVLED** to approve the HS2 engagement questionnaire.

**(b) Climate Emergency**

**To receive updates from CLAW relevant to the Council**

**PC21/326** No update from CLAW, Cllr Malleison stated that herself and Cllr Lloyd-Evans could offer Councillor Carbon Literacy training for all Councillors for free.

**To approve the use of the Manor Waste by CLAW for solar streets promotion**

**PC21/327** The Council **RESOVLED** to approve the use of the Manor Waste on 12<sup>th</sup> March for solar streets promotion.

**(c) 5yr Working Group**

**PC21/328** The Council NOTED that the Social Regeneration Plan was ongoing

**(d) COMMITTEE FORMATION**

**PC21/329** The Council **RESOVLED** to set up a Complaints Committee to sit as needed and approved the terms of reference.

**(e) PARKING REVIEW**

**PC21/330** After lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** to continue with the parking consultation, 8 Councillors abstained from the vote.

**(f) POLICY UPDATES**

**PC21/331** The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Council Representatives to External Bodies policy

**PC21/332** The Council **RESOVLED** to approve the Non-Councillors Attendance at Meetings Policy

**(g) QUEEN'S JUBILEE**

**PC21/333** The Council reviewed the project status document and **RESOLVED** spend £250 on entertainment from Entertainment & Events 4110.

**(h) OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP**

**To discuss and receive updates from the group**

**PC21/334** Cllr Bulpett explained that the Station Commander had explained the extent of the anti-social behaviour at the Helicopter Park, including the abuse that grounds staff had been subject to in the area. Councillor Malleson pointed out that this was not a valid reason to close the Helicopter Park. Councillor Lloyd-Evans pointed out there were local examples, such as Blackbird Leys, where anti-social behaviour had been successfully tackled. Both councillors offered to investigate what lessons could be learned from such local examples.

**To note that community board award for the skate park**

**PC21/335** It was NOTED that £25k of funding had been awarded to the skate park project, it was suggested that another application be placed in 2022/2023 to make up the shortfall.

**PC21/336** The Council **RESOLVED** to hold a jubilee celebration on the Witchell on the afternoon of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

**To agree the manor waste proposal before the final consultation**

**PC21/337** The Council **RESOVLED** to continue with the manor waste consultation subject to the suggestion from a resident to look at the legalities of common land.

**(i) RENT INCREASE SIDLEYS**

**PC21/338** The Council **RESOLVED** to continue with the rental of the Sidley's storage area at a cost of £135 per month.

**(j) WENDOVER NEWS**

**PC21/339** The Council **RESOLVED** to continue with the back page of Wendover News at a cost of £3600.00

**16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**PC21/340** The date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

**PC21/341** 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) It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the proposal as laid out in the report.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Andrew Barnard to the Council.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** that replies are to be sent to the residents, if matters were not satisfied it was to be advised that the Complaints Committee would hear the Complaints.

#### **18. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**PC21/342** The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed by

Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 05.04.2022

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