

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2nd August 2022 at 7:30pm Meeting held at St Annes Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG

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

Clerk: Amanda Massingham

Chair: Sheila Bulpett

Members of Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC22/171 Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillors Barnard, Malleson, Walker and Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC22/172 None.

3. MINUTES

Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 25th July 2022.

PC22/173 The minutes were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC22/174 A member of the public thanked the Council for cleaning the bus stops. He also referred to correspondence sent to the Clerk on 28th January relating to financial impropriety and the response received 31st January, querying if a resolution had been made for the demands made. An understanding of the Council's policy for dealing with threats was requested. A request to acknowledge a petition from the residents of Thornton Crescent was requested. Clarity surrounding the parking review funding along with additional roads being added to the review referencing minutes of March and July 2022 was also requested.

A member of the public highlighted anti-social issues at Haddington Playpark and Hampden Pond, following posts he had seen on Facebook. The 50th year anniversary of the Ridgeway will be celebrated next year, a perfect opportunity to complete the Clock Tower wall project. It was recommended that the Council review the project page on the website. The growth at the bottom of the trees along Dobbins Lane was raised, along with concerns about conflicting reports on how many trees have been planted that requires clarification.

A member of the public reported that he was the only member of the public at a recent Complaints Committee meeting. He reported that two Councillors had pre-determined the outcome, and all five Councillors were compromised as they had been involved in the complaint prior to the Committee meeting.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC22/175 Councillor Bulpett reported that the Statutory Parking Consolation date was still unknown and continues to be chased.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

PC22/176 Councillors Bowles, Strachan and Newcombe attended the meeting, reporting there were no updates from Buckinghamshire Council. A resident reported that the Council had distributed information to all households regarding Solar Together. Through his own investigations, the scheme was 40% more expensive compared to other options available. Councillor Durden-Moore reported that a dead tree was removed along Pound Street and requested to understand the process to replace. Councillor Strachan reported that dead trees are replaced but wouldn't necessarily be at the same location.

7. CLERKS REPORT

PC22/177 The Clerks report was NOTED. A response from Buckinghamshire Council about the levels of workmanship with regards the Cycleway had been received. The annual duck race along the Heron Path stream would be taking place in Oct. The Play Around the Parish Event takes place in Wendover on 8th August. Wendover came second in the 2022 Best Kept Village competition, further details we be shared at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

PC22/178 Three Councillors had attended the last Community Board meeting on 14th July, the report was NOTED. Councillor Durden-Moore had received training on Village Greens. Councillor Worth reported that he recently attended a Library Management Committee meeting, and public consultations about the extension would start shortly. Councillor Bulpett reported that she had met with the Head of John Colet regarding the anti-social issue around the Haddington Close playpark, he confirmed that assemblies would address civic responsibility and members of the senior team would visit the site.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

PC22/179 The list of correspondence responded to from the office was NOTED.

10. FINANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) To consider the list of payments and sign cheques

PC22/180 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the list of payments; the invoices were duly signed. BACS payments would be made the next working day.

b) To note the June 2022 I&E, EMR and Balance Sheet.

PC22/181 The June 2022 I&E, EMR and balance sheet was NOTED. Councillor Gallagher queried account code 4565, the clerk reported that all codes within negatives spends year to date within the Finance and General section relate to the accruals for the end of year process including the external audit.

11. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meeting on 5th and 19th July 2022

PC22/182 The draft minutes were NOTED.

12. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

a) To note the draft minutes of the meeting on 19th July 2022.

PC22/183 The draft minutes were NOTED.

b) To consider a recommendation from the Amenities Committee regarding the use of the old skate park land.

PC22/184 Councillor Worth reported that he had meet with Climate Action Wendover and proposed that the Council allow Climate Action Wendover to use the old Skate Park site to set up the forest garden proposal. Following discussions regarding liability, lease and peppercorn rent it was **AGREED** that the request

would be deferred to the September Parish Council meeting. A meeting would be arranged with Councillors Bulpett, Worth, Lloyd-Evans with Claw to review the concerns discussed.

13. STAFFING COMMITTEE

To note the draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 19th July 2022.

PC22/185 The draft minutes were NOTED.

14. COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

To note the draft minutes from the meeting on 14th June 2022.

PC22/186 The draft minutes were NOTED.

15. OTHER MATTERS

a) HS2 Working Group

i) To receive an update on any matters relating to HS2 & the HS2 Working Group.

PC22/187 The Traffic Management Information Guide from EKFB for July – October 2022 and press release from Buckinghamshire Council regarding the HS2 lorry routes High Court decision was NOTED. There was no working group update as a meeting had not taken place, it was AGREED that a meeting should be arranged promptly by Councillors Lloyd-Evans and Walker.

ii) To review and consider membership requests for the working group.

PC22/188 The paper detailing the requests to join the working group was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the three new members to the group.

b) Open Spaces Working Group

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

PC22/189 Councillor Standen reported that the only update from the group was the recommendation to release a tender for the project.

ii) To review and consider membership requests for the working group.

PC22/190 It was NOTED that no requests had been received to join the group.

iii) To review and consider a draft Skate Park tender for Ashbrook open space.

PC22/191 The two tender documents were NOTED. Councillor Goodall challenged the weighted scoring and provided advice. It was AGREED that tender template based on the Western Turville Tender was the preferred draft. Councillor Standen and Goodall would review the final draft to present at the September Parish Council meeting.

c) Parish Plan Working Group

i) To receive an update and consider any recommendations.

PC22/192 The report dated 18th July was NOTED.

ii) To review and consider membership requests for the working group.

PC22/193 The paper detailing the request to join the working group was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the new member to the group.

iii) To receive recommendations from the working group following the recent Eco Report.

PC22/194 The Eco Report action summary report was NOTED. It was AGREED that the recommendations would be considered by the relevant Committees. The Clerk would ensure that they are added to the relevant agendas.

iv) To receive recommendation from the working group for future engagement ideas and the launch of the new Welcome to Wendover website.

PC22/195 The report providing the link for the new website dated 26th July 2022 was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a soft launch and request feedback from the Community. Councillor Durden-Moore also proposed that the Council took the lead in re-launching the I love Wendover campaign. It was **RESOLVED** to approach three local design companies who would be asked to pitch for the design work free of charge and then ask the Community to select their favourite. Costs to produce promo material would be limited to the £500 budget against account code 4109.

v) To consider legal advice on the how Manor Waste can be used for all types of activities.

PC22/196 The Clerk advised the Council that the decision to consider legal advice was back on the agenda and the decision to pay the costs was incorrectly considered in confidential session in June. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the stage one legal advice. The estimated cost of £1200, would be charged against account 4570.

d) Transport Working Group

i) To receive an update and consider any recommendations.

PC22/196 The report dated 18th July 2022 was NOTED.

ii) To review and consider membership requests for the working group.

PC22/197 The paper detailing the requests to join the working group was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the four new members to the group. In order to accommodate the requests, it was AGREED that a Councillor would step down from the group.

iii) To note the outcome from the HS2 Road Safety Fund Application for speed average speed cameras along the Wendover bypass.

PC22/198 The response confirming that our application had not been successful was NOTED.

iv) To receive recommendations from the working group for future consultations on traffic management and speed reduction plans

PC22/199 The Chair of the Working Group reported that need for the community to pick three priorities to ensure funding for 2023/2024 projects are requested before the Transport for Bucks application deadline of 31st October. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with an informal consultation using the Parish Councils media streams.

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

P22/200 To note the next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6th September 2022, 7.30 p.m.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 makes provision for excluding the public by resolution when confidential business is being considered or there are other special reasons and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

PC22/201 It was **RESOLVED** to move into confidential session.

PC22/202 Councillor Durden-Moore gave an update on a confidential staffing matter. It was **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to be Acting Clerk.

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC22/203 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 9:05 p.m.

Sheila Bulpett

Signed by
Chair to the Parish Council

Date Tuesday 6th September 2022