

# WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm Meeting held at St Annes Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG

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**Present:** Councillors Ballantine, Gallagher, Lloyd-Evans, O'Donnell, Porter, Standen, Wales, Walker, Washington, Williams (Chair) and Worth.

**In attendance:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors

**Clerk:** Andy Smith

**Members of Public:** 2

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**PC23/108** Apologies were received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr Thornton and Goodall. Apologies were noted from Buckinghamshire Councillor Newcombe, Bowles and Strachan

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**PC23/109** None

### 3. MINUTES

**PC23/110** The minutes of the Parish Council of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 were considered – minor amendments to PC23/106 to make it clear it was the co-option of one Councillor were accepted and it was **RESOLVED** to accept them as a true record to be signed by the Chair.

### 4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PC23/111** Proud to announce that Wendover won the Best Kept Village Award congratulations to the team – there is a presentation of the trophy at 9:45am on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the Manor Waste and all Councillors are welcome to attend.

Engagement with young people in the community – would like to increase our engagement, particularly with the local teenagers. We will be setting up meetings with the Youth Club and the John Colet School to investigate the best channels to reach a broad range of young people. Any ideas please get in touch with the Clerk or the Chair. It was noted that there may be details in the archives of previous attempts for the Council to engage.

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**PC23/112** None

### 6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

**PC23/113** None

## 7. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

**PC23/114** The report was noted. There was an update on the bank account in that it now seems that we have an agreed solution to the problems and are awaiting the forms to sign to bring the account signatories up to date. The bank offered £150 compensation for the time it has taken to resolve and that is already in the account.

## 8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS

- a) **PC23/115** The payments to consider, totalling £22,117.68, were **RESOLVED** and signed.
- b) **PC23/116** The financial reports were noted – the situation with a trade creditor was noted and discussed and will be monitored by the office.

## 9. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

### a) **HS2 Mitigation Action Group**

**PC23/117** The report from the group was NOTED. Cllr Porter attended a meeting of the group and it was noted the hard work they are doing for Wendover. The group are very keen for people to come along and engage with ideas for mitigation and impacts on Wendover.

### b) **Wendover Business Group**

**PC23/118** Wendover Business Group met prior to the Council meetings on 5<sup>th</sup> Sep. It was reported that the local shops felt they were the “last-minute shop because the online delivery had not arrived”. The group discussed a proposal around the idea that if everyone spent £5 a week in Wendover it would make a huge difference. It was noted that we would continue working with them to support that campaign. The next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> October and all would be welcome.

### c) **Library**

**PC23/119** There is a real worry that increasing costs will mean changes to the design of the refurbishment. The library will remain open, using the meeting room to keep a limited stock of books.

## 10. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### a) **STAFFING**

**PC23/120** The draft minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were noted.

### b) **PLANNING**

**PC23/121** The draft minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were noted.

## 11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

### a) **Wendover Community Action Plan Working Group**

**PC23/122** It was noted that there is difficulty getting a meeting date in the diary.

**b) Transport Working Group**

**PC23/123** It was noted that speed data has been collected on South Street for the outbound cars and the group will be in touch to see what format it is required in order to make changes along South Street.

**c) Open Spaces Working Group**

**PC23/124** There have been issues with Skatepark funding being requested to be spent by September. Fortunately, we were able to ensure that the funding was in place until end of December and after a meeting today there are plans to get an invoice from Canvas for works completed up to the value of £25k and that the funding will be saved. We request the £25k up front and store in an EMR. Resolved to ask the community board for the money. Canvas have emailed that the application for planning is ready to submit. This will then start a public consultation phase about the skatepark.

**12. OTHER ITEMS**

**a) Christmas Event – Chosen Charity**

**PC23/125** The suggestions for charities were discussed. The youth centre was Resolved

**b) Covid Response**

**PC23/126** A letter had been received regarding the report and the issues raised in the letter were discussed and had been addressed. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to submit the report as presented in the paper to the official public enquiry.

The issue that was raised by the member of public in their letter regarding the broader collation of experiences in the Parish from Covid for future learning. It was agreed further work was needed on this and if required it would need to come back as a formal proposal

**c) HS2 – Public Meeting**

**PC23/127** It was noted that it is still important to engage the local community on the issues, get feedback on the local experience, explain what the Council is doing to mitigate the issues and collect ideas and feedback on what can be done with the land that is to be returned. This will require strong promotion and perhaps should be led by the more positive discussion on what can be done with the land that is returned for community benefit. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office to schedule and book a public meeting and to start promoting the meeting.

**d) Minor Grant – Guide hut kitchen**

**PC23/128** This was brought forward on the agenda and discussed after item 6, Public Participation. A representative from the group discussed the application and the difficulties that had been faced. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the grant request

**e) Asset Register**

**PC23/129** This was a full audit and all items noted it was **RESOLVED** to accept the asset list as presented

**13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**PC23/130** To note the next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

#### 14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

**PC23/131** As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Signed by  
Chair to the Parish Council

Date:

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