

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 21st January 2020 7:30pm St Anne's Hall

Present: Cllrs Myers (AM), Clare (KC), Worth (SW), Green (RG), Gregory (NG), Walsh (TW) and Clayton (MC).

Clerk: Amanda Massingham, Deputy Clerk

Minutes: Amanda Massingham

Members of Public: 0

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	A19.109 Apologies were made by Cllr Ballantine and they were accepted.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	A19.110 None
3.	MINUTES
	A19.111 The minutes of the meeting of 17 th December 2019 were AGREED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	A19.112 None.
5.	UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK
	A19.113 The Deputy Clerks report was NOTED. Thank you e-mails had been received from the Philbey family in terms of the relation of the memorial plaque along with the U3A confirming the Cecilia Helena Payne plaque had been received and will be installed shortly. Dates had been confirmed with Lindengate in terms of the hanging basket drop off and collection dates, it was confirmed that the baskets will be in place for the late May BH/Wendover Celebrates event, Cllr Walsh agreed that we shouldn't put them up any earlier as they need sufficient time to cultivate. The new grit bin purchased in early 2019 had yet to be installed by BCC along Beachwood Rd, the issue was being escalated by the office. Following on from the last Parish Council meeting further investigations had been done by the office in relation to the proposed wildflower meadow along the Tring Rd bank. The report noted the investigation and the Deputy Clerk gave a verbal overview. Cllr Clayton expressed her concern over the cost and did not think the project was good value for money, Cllr Gregory suggested planting shrubs instead and Cllr Walsh aired his concern in term of longevity. Cllr Claire confirmed she had spoken to Lindengate who may be able to suggest some ideas and potentially carry out the project. It was AGREED that the office would contact Lindengate to see if they could assist and arrange a site meeting if necessary.
6.	CORRESPONDENCE
	A19.114 None.
7.	FINANCE
	To consider the list of payments and sign cheques. A19.115 It was RESOLVED to accept the list of payments and they were duly signed by the Chairman. The online payments would be made the following day.
8.	OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND
a	Hampden Pond
	To receive an update on the Hampden Pond proposal. A19.116 The Deputy Clerk reported that a meeting had been planned at the pond with a contractor along with the Clerk, Cllrs Myers and Worth, but unfortunately the contractor failed to attend and has been uncontactable since. The Clerk is now looking into alternative contractors.
9.	OTHER MATTERS
a	Happy to Chat Bench
	To receive an update on the recent Facebook poll about creating a happy to chat bench on Manor Waste. A19.117 A paper confirmed the outcome of the recent Facebook poll. There was a total of 82

	votes, of which 78 members of the community voted yes, leaving 4 no votes, this equated to a 95% wanting the plaque to be installed. The Deputy Clerk was delegated to purchase the plaque and it was confirmed that the installation date would be shared with the Committee and Cllrs were encouraged to frequent the bench during the first couple of weeks.
b	PMG LED Upgrade
	To receive an update on the PMG Streetlight upgrade. A19.118 The Deputy Clerk reported that the LED upgrade works had been completed. Communications had started with UKPN in terms on updating the inventory, E-ON will then be updated to ensure the savings are captured. The process is taking sometime as there is a 10 day response period when dealing with UKPN.
c	Wendover App
	To receive an update on the Wendover App proposal. A19.119 Cllr Claire reported that she had meet with the Clerk and Cllr Walsh last week to provide an update. Meetings had taken place with some local business owners to establish their objectives to see if they could be aligned with the WPC objectives. At present the objectives don't appear to align as the businesses are building their ideas around a social media platform similar to 'Tring Buzz'. Cllr Claire will be meeting with a marketing company based in Prestwood to gather some advice on social media platforms verses apps, to establish if both are required.
d	Community Speedwatch
	To receive an update on recent Community Speedwatch activity. A19.120 The Deputy Clerk confirmed that staff had been a running a joint initiative programme of speed watch activity along Wharf Road with Wendover Junior School. To date, there were no recordings of vehicles exceeding the limit but the presence of the camera during the peak school runs was deemed positive by passers-by. Cllr Clayton reported that the issue of speed along Wharf Rd/Manor Road was outside school time and asked if more checks could be done outside school hours. The Deputy Clerk reported that due to the lack of volunteer's additional checks would be limited as only staff plus one volunteer was available. Cllr Claire suggested advertising the activities positively on our social media platforms.
10.	MATTERS TO REPORT A19.121 Cllr Clayton expressed her concerns with verges being damaged due to parking, particularly in the winter periods. Boulders or posts were offered as a solution, the Deputy Clerk reported that these prevention measures were not ideal in terms of grass cutting. Cllr Walsh suggested that the issue should be escalated to BCC in a similar way that hedge enforcement is escalated. It was AGREED that the office would contact BCC and report back.
11.	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA A19.122 Items should be forward to the Deputy Clerk.
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	A19.123 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 17 th March 2020.
13.	CLOSURE OF MEETING A19.124 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 20:20pm

Signed by: _____

Date: 17th March 2020