

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

20th January 2026 at 7:10pm

Wendover Community Library, High St, Wendover HP22 6DU

Present: Councillors Gallagher, Atwell, Ballantine, Mackinlay, Porter, Thornton, Tipper, Walsh, Washington and Worth.

Chair: Councillor Gallagher

Clerk: Phoebe Sharps

Members of Public: 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC25/374 Cllrs Standen, O'Donnell and Coupland offered apologies, which were accepted by the Committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC25/375 None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC25/376 It was noted that members of public were present to speak on the Hampden Pond borehole, the Chair invited them to participate in item 4 on the agenda.

4. EO BUSINESS

a) Hampden Pond Borehole

PC25/377 A member of the public noted that the Council had been sent some information from Natural England regarding boreholes and suggested that it contradicted the report the Council had received.

PC25/378 A member of the public suggested that they believe there is defect in the pond from previous works that is causing a leak.

PC25/379 A member of the public presented details on the borehole project and the aquifer, including the challenges that the pond has with water levels as well as the effect of climate change.

PC25/380 The Council discussed whether there would be any impact on wildlife, in terms of the drilling and installation. A member of the public connected to the project stated that due to the location of the borehole the installation should not impact the wildlife, the works would be carried out immediately if resolved to be completed before bird nesting season. It was also stated that a consistent water level would increase the water quality and oxygen levels this would be positive for the wildlife.

PC25/381 The Council discussed that the borehole could add assets that can be used for future projects and for maintenance at Council open spaces, as there would be a water source available and potential for a power supply to be installed into Hampden Meadow in the future.

PC25/382 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the creation of a borehole using methodology indicated in the papers that keeps a level volume of water in the Hampden Pond.

PC25/383 It was **RESOLVED** to award the contract from the quotes provided to Contractor One and ask them to start works in line with their timetable.

5. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

PC25/384 It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will sit at 7.40 pm on Tuesday 3rd February at Wendover Community Library. All agenda items and papers to be with the clerk by Mon 26th January.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC25/374 With all business having been transacted, the meeting was closed at 7:37pm

Signed by *Clive Gallagher*
Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 3rd February 2026