

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting

18th July 2023 at 8:15pm

St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Worth (Chair), Julie Williams, Clive Gallagher, Jennifer Ballantine, Mark Standen, Julie Lloyd-Evans, Diane Washington & Sam Walker

Absent: 0

Clerk & Minutes: Phoebe Sharps

Members of Public: 5

1. APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBER

A23.022 Cllr Julie Lloyd-Evans was unanimously appointed as a committee member.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A23.023 None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A23.024 None

4. MINUTES

A23.025 The minutes of the meeting of 20th June 2023 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A23.026 None

6. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A23.027 The report presented by the Clerk was NOTED. It was NOTED that the Clerk gave an update on the community payback trial project, this is taking place on Thursday 20th July 2023, and they are painting Hampden Shelter, there will be a maximum of 6 people with 1 supervisor. It was NOTED that there was an update from the Open Spaces Working Group on the skatepark project funding, the main funding is likely to come from the National Lottery Community Fund but this means the project would need planning to apply for this funding. The working group will run a public consultation to get opinions on the project and design.

7. OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

a) EMR for Playground Updates

To consider that the Council plan ahead and approve a 5-year plan for improvements to Hampden and Ashbrook playgrounds.

A23.028 – It was **RESOLVED** to get figures to take to finance committee to approve. It was NOTED to get quotes for sustainable playpark equipment.

b) HS2 and impact on local hydrology

To note that HS2 are about to cut through the local aquifer and consider a campaign to ensure local waterways are not affected.

A23.029 – It was **RESOLVED** to

- Fund qualified opinion from a hydro geologist up to £2000
- Develop an awareness campaign around the issue of the Waterways and the potential impact on Wendover's open spaces
- Report back to Amenities on any developments

c) Hampden Pond Throwing Line Signage

To consider authorising expenditure of up to £800 to add signage explaining that tampering with equipment is an offence.

A23.030 – It was **RESOLVED** to Approve expenditure of up to £800 to add signage to the Hampden Pond throwing lines.

8. OTHER MATTERS

a) Open Space Hire Request for Ashbrook Open Space

To consider the hire request for Ashbrook Open Space for the Phillip Green Fun Fair from the 7th August 2023 to the 14th August 2023.

A23.031 – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the hire request. It was **NOTED** to speak to the company about anti-social noise due to issues raised from previous years.

b) Christmas Lights 2023

To consider the quotes for the Parish Council Christmas Display 2023 and award the work to the selected contractor.

A23.032 – It was **RESOLVED** to accept quote 2 and send to Full Council for approval.

c) Christmas Light Switch On Event 2023

To consider approving the recommendations brought by the Christmas Event Working Group.

A23.033 – It was **RESOLVED** to

- Authorise the office to look for sponsorship opportunities for the Christmas Light Switch On Event 2023.
- Approve the family friendly policy for the event.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A23.034 None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A23.035 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 19th September 2023.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

A23.036 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8.47pm.

Signed by *S Worth*

Chair to the Amenities Committee

Date: 19th September 2023