

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

4th August 2026 at 7:40pm

Wendover Community Library, High St, Wendover HP22 6DU

Present: Councillors Atwell, Ballantine, Baughan, Coupland, Hudson, Mackinlay, O'Donnell, Thornton, Tipper, Washington and Worth.

Chair: Councillor Tipper

In attendance: Buckinghamshire Councillors Strachan, Cllr Field offered his apologies.

Clerk: Andy Smith

Members of Public: 11

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC26/166 Cllrs Gallagher, Hudson and Standen offered apologies. The reasons for their absence were accepted and approved by the Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC26/167 None declared

3. MINUTES

PC26/168 It was noted that in the Chairs Announcements that the medal awarded was a British Empire Medal (BEM) and not an MBE and this was corrected and the corrections initialled. The amended minutes of the Parish Council of 7th July 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC26/169 The chair welcomed the two new councillors to the team and they were thanked for their interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC26/170 A member of the public asked if the flag policy had been updated. They were also concerned about the Baldwins Wood development and if further developments are going to be seen in that area. Residents seem not to be able to report this activity efficiently. They felt there are local impacts and no local benefits of the work being undertaken in that area.

PC26/171 A member of the public noted that the public participation is in a different location on the agenda for finance than for Parish Council and also reminded the events working group about Armed Forces Week for next year.

PC26/172 A member of the public outlined a project about bee homes that are not about honey but to help the local environment. They reminded the council about the market proposal which included the market being managed by a Community Interest Company.

PC26/173 A member of the public, who had worked with the Forestry Commission highlighted their concern about the security of local properties and traffic, because of the recent new activities. There has been no response from Forestry England to this member of public

PC26/174 A member of public highlighted the new holiday caravans and how they were concerned about whether it has been carried out legally and appropriately. New hardstanding and infrastructure has been added and they did not feel this was within regulations. The draft local plan does not cover this area.

- PC26/175** A member of public outlined that he was uncertain about proposals for the market and that he thought a deadline for proposals had lapsed.
- PC26/176** A member of public said he was disappointed that there was not a football pitch in Wendover for anyone to come and play. All sports provision for football seem to be more formal.
- PC26/177** A member of the public outlined that they had written to the council about the Local Plan. He felt the consultation led by Buckinghamshire Council was too short. He was concerned that the public have very little understanding of the process. They felt the parish council should hold a public hearing for this. They further felt that a map that was discussed at planning had not had any consultation before it was produced. Everyone was encouraged to respond to the local plan.
- PC26/178** A member of the public asked about the 300 houses. It was noted it was not a development in the local plan and it was further noted that the developer is likely taking the opportunity because of that. In brief, the access from Halton Lane is not fit for purpose, wildlife is extensive such as otters, foxes, owls, kingfishers, bats and badgers all being reliant on that space. There are also chalk streams and established hedges. There is a sewage pipe over the canal that is also problematic.
- PC26/179** A member of the group asked about the Wendover Springs development deadlines and where it is at in the process.
- PC26/180** A member of the public outlined the application for the squirrels grant and the how the age group requires slightly different equipment and hopes for the new section.

6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

- PC26/181** The Local Plan for Bucks – consultation is out and the timing of the consultation has been driven by government imposing tight deadlines. The comments made on this plan are not filtered and adjusted and they are all used for evidence in the decision by the planning inspector on the viability of the plan
- PC26/182** Cllr Strachan outlined the new proposal for 300 homes is truly horrific and he will vigorously oppose it. He highlighted that the best thing that can happen is getting the new Local Plan in place which will protect us from this type of development.
- PC26/183** The planning inspector will get the Local Plan and comments in Dec and will inspect the plan and evidence and judge if it is valid.

7. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE

- PC26/184** The Clerk was congratulated on achieving the CiLCA qualification - The Clerk updated the Council on the latest consultation on the Local Plan and the planning application since the pack had been distributed. The Clerk also highlighted the extreme importance of working groups reporting back to council after they meet. The Clerk's report was noted

8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS

a) Payments to consider

- PC26/185** The payments to consider, totalling £36,263.11 were considered and questions answered. The payments were **RESOLVED** and would be signed electronically by Councillors O'Donnell and Worth. It was noted that allotment refunds listed on the payments would be reviewed in line with GDPR

b) latest financial reports

- PC26/186** The financial reports were noted.

c) Flagstone statement

- PC26/187** The statement was noted.

9. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

a) HS2 Mitigation Action Group

PC26/188 The report was noted and it was noted that Bacombe Lane and Ellesborough Rd resident meetings also need to be reflected in HS2 reports.

b) Other Groups

PC26/189 None presented

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) PLANNING COMMITTEE

i) Minutes

PC26/190 The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting on 21st July 2026 were noted.

b) AMENITIES COMMITTEE

i) Minutes

PC26/191 The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting on 21st July 2026 were noted.

11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) Transport Working Group

PC26/192 The update was noted. It was further noted that the bollards on the school campus have been installed.

b) Open Spaces Working Group

PC26/193 The update was noted

c) Sustainability and Biodiversity Group

PC26/194 The update was noted

d) Strategic Planning Steering Group

PC26/195 The next meeting will be mid Aug

e) Engagement Strategy

PC26/196 The update was noted

12. OTHER ITEMS

a) General Power of Competence

PC26/197 It was noted that the Parish Council does not have the General Power of Competence even after the Clerk is now qualified. Our S137 expenditure is capped for this financial year at £11.60 per elector based on 5938 electors at a total of £68,881

b) Minor Grant Request

PC26/198 The parish council considered the proposal and information from the group on its ambition to start a new section in the scout group called Squirrels.

PC26/199 A grant request from the 1st Wendover Scout Group to fund the establishment of a "Squirrels" section for young people aged 4-6 years old totalling £984.00 was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant of £984 under the powers of the Local Government Act 1972 s137

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- PC26/200** The next Parish Council meeting will sit at 7.40 pm on Tuesday 1st September at Wendover Community Library. All agenda items, reports from working groups and papers to be with the clerk by Mon 24th August
- PC26/201** The agenda will include the response to the Local Plan, A flag policy may need to go to the following Amenities

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

- PC26/202** With all business having been transacted, the meeting was closed at 8:49pm

Signed by *Clive Gallagher*
Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 1st September 2026

PAYMENTS TO CONSIDER		August	Parish Council 4 August 2026
PC4-8-2026			
BACS			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
08/07/2026	Wendover Youth Centre	£7,000.00	Annual Grant
05/08/2026	Unipar Services	£111.00	Speed Gun Charger
05/08/2026	Paw Print	£140.40	Printer/copier costs
05/08/2026	Farol Limited	£30.00	Sealant Per Lt
05/08/2026	Numbers Ltd	£72.00	Payroll services
05/08/2026	Sparkx Ltd	£4,903.20	Power to Borehole
05/08/2026	Sparkx Ltd	£2,640.00	Trench to Borehole
05/08/2026	WindowFlowers Limited	£3,286.80	Hanging Baskets & Planters
14/07/2026	British Gas	£202.98	Electricity Connection Heron Pond
14/07/2026	Mrs Val Mayland	£60.00	Clock Tower Clean - July25
05/08/2026	Wendover Memorial Hall	£100.00	Local Plan Consultation
28/08/2026	Salary Payments	£10,353.71	Salary Payments - Aug
28/08/2026	HMRC	£3,888.53	Tax and NI - Aug
05/08/2026	Buckinghamshire Media Ltd	£300.00	Compering of Picnic in the Park
05/08/2026	rCOH Ltd t/a ONH - Planning fo	£1,740.00	final payment for local plan consultation
05/08/2026	Marley Design	£500.50	Web and Communicatiosn
TOTAL BACS AMOUNT		£35,329.12	
CARD			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
21/07/2026	Ashco Wendover	£9.99	Pest Control
22/07/2026	Chiltern view Nursery	£92.00	Plants
24/07/2026	Sweeneys Wendover	£6.00	Office Supplies - Coffee
22/07/2026	PHS Group	£239.96	Sanitary Bin Disposal
23/07/2026	Hildreth's Hardware	£98.00	Sadolin Walnut Paint
20/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£21.42	Paper Bags - to be refunded
27/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£21.42	Paper Bags - Refund
22/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£6.91	Cleaning Alcohol - Lens / Screens
29/07/2026	Ashco Wendover	£21.99	Microfibre Cloths
03/08/2026	Amazon Business EU	£19.59	History of Wendover Book
03/08/2026	Amazon Business EU	£8.33	aaa batteries
31/07/2026	Jovs Ltd	£30.62	Isopropyl Alcohol (Graffiti removal) (v)
30/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£6.64	Paintbrushes - graffiti removal (v)
30/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£6.98	Laminating pouches
04/08/2026	Land Registry	£14.00	Land reg documents - wendover springs
30/07/2026	Amazon EU	£11.99	Paintbrushes - bench renovations
30/07/2026	Amazon EU	£47.98	Anti corrosion paint - playparks
28/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£19.99	Winners ribbons/rosettes - dog show
29/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£15.02	Bags for coffee grounds scheme
03/08/2026	Sweeneys Wendover	£8.00	Sweets for Picnic in Park giveaways
31/07/2026	ACAS via worldpay	£270.00	Clerk - Masterclass training in mental health and reasonab
TOTAL CARD AMOUNT		£933.99	
DD/SO			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
13/07/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£25.33	Fuel Card
20/07/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£119.20	Fuel Card
20/07/2026	Castle Water Limited	£11.48	Water Charges - Site Safe
20/07/2026	Castle Water Limited	£25.85	Water Charges - Clock tower
23/07/2026	Lebara Mobile	£5.00	Estates Phone Plan
03/08/2026	Lloyds Bank plc	£10.30	Bank Charges- Jul 2026
26/07/2026	Adobe	£19.97	Adobe Acrobat plan
31/07/2026	Radius Connect	£156.17	Phone and Broadband - Jul 2026
03/08/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£105.48	Fuel Card
07/08/2026	Smart Pensions	£26.40	Pension Admin Fee
28/08/2026	Smart Pensions	£1,184.24	Pension contributions - Aug
14/08/2026	Wendover Canal Trust	£37.50	Corporate - annual
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£36,263.11	SIGNED BY COUNCILLORS: