

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 17th December 2019 7:30pm St Anne's Hall

Present: Cllrs Myers (AM), Clare (KC), Worth (SW), Green (RG), Gregory (NG).

Clerk: Amanda Massingham, Deputy Clerk

Minutes: Amanda Massingham

Members of Public: 0

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	A19.093 Apologies were made by Cllrs Clayton and Walsh and they were accepted. Cllr Ballantine was considered absent from the meeting.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	A19.094 None
3.	MINUTES
	A19.095 The minutes of the meeting of 15 th October 2019 were AGREED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	A19.096 None.
5.	UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK
	A19.097 The Deputy Clerk reported that AVDC had confirmed that the Library hedge could not at this time be adopted by WPC, however devolved powers will be reviewed again once the Unitary Council comes into effect. The Witchell fence behind the Scout hut along with a gate at the Pond will be replaced in January. The wooden bus shelter along Tring Rd had unfortunately been vandalised, new perspex would be supplied by RAF Halton. The yearly PAT testing at the Clock Tower was completed in November and the site safe extension had been completed just last week. The family associated with the old memorial bench on the corner of Lionel Avenue have confirmed that the bench can be removed and a new plaque could be placed on one of the two benches at the Community Orchard. A recent Facebook post by a local resident highlighted a story about elderly gentleman creating a friendly bench in Grimsby, the Deputy Clerk reminded the Committee that it had been previously resolved not to install a friendly bench inline with the national campaign due to its size and materials used, however the Committee could consider installing a simple plaque on a current bench. It was AGREED that a FB poll should be conducted asking the community if they would like a plaque installed in the bench outside Lloyds Chemist on Manor Waste, the results of which would be reported back at the January meeting.
6.	CORRESPONDENCE
	A19.098 None.
7.	FINANCE
	To consider the list of payments and sign cheques. A19.099 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. Cllr Duggan had queried the cost associated to the PA system hire for the Christmas event via e-mail. It was AGREED to pay the invoice, but investigate a comparable cost from the company that supplied the stage.
8.	OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND
a	RoSPA Reports
	To review the RoSPA inspection reports for Ashbrook, Hampden Meadow and Hampden Pond. A19.100 The reports were NOTED by the Committee. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk has new proposal for future inspections and repairs, the details of which will be presented to the full Council at the January 2020 meeting.
b	Hampden Pond
	To note the report following the removal of the fish from Hampden Pond. A19.101 The report was NOTED by the Committee. Cllr Worth aired his surprise in the volume of

	fish removed. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk is currently in contact with a specialist who will be providing some suggestions on how to develop the area into a wildlife haven.
9.	OTHER MATTERS
a	Dog Waste Collection Services
	To note the new SLA with AVDC for dog waste collection services. A19.102 The SLA and associated papers were NOTED by the Committee. Cllr Myers highlighted the price uplift was recorded differently within the documentation; the Deputy Clerk was tasked to raise this with AVDC for clarification.
b	Wendover App
	To consider the Wendover App proposal. A19.103 The proposal was NOTED. Cllr Claire reported that she had meet with a couple of business owners, who had confirmed that an app or mobile first platform is required to promote Wendover and its businesses and facilities but their objectives differed from the details of the proposal. The business owners made reference to the need of a platform similar to 'Tring Buzz'. Cllr Claire confirmed she was exploring the issue further and reaching out to a media company based in Prestwood who would give some advice on apps, mobile first platforms and the incorporation of social media. It was AGREED that Cllr Claire would provide a further update at the next Amenities meeting in January.
c	Highways Tree
	To receive an update on the possibility of planting and adopting Highway trees. A19.104 The Deputy Clerk reported that a response had been received from BCC, that confirmed they had no funding to replace Highway trees. However Town and Parish Council could fund and plant replacement trees. All planting would require adoption by applying for a Cultivation Licence and gaining authority from TFB in terms of site, location and species. Details of the cost and requirements to gain a Cultivation were NOTED by the Committee. The Committee raised three issues with this proposal: 1) BCC, as the responsible authority, should not be negating its responsibility in replacing trees as a general principle. 2) Will there be any changes after April, due to Unitary. 3) If WPC did participate in the proposed scheme, who would be responsible for root growth etc if third party property was affected. It was AGREED that the Deputy Clerk would raise this questions with BCC/LAF.
d	Engagement Working Group
	To receive an update from the engagement working group and consider any recommendations. A19.105 The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the engagement working group had meet on 6 th December 2019. The notes from the meeting were NOTED.
11.	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
	A19.106 Items should be forward to the Deputy Clerk.
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	A19.107 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee was 21 st January 2020.
13.	CLOSURE OF MEETING
	A19.108 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 20:15pm

Signed by: _____



Date: 21st January 2020