

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 16th March 2021 at 7:30pm Online Meeting via Zoom

Present: Councillors Ballantine, Clayton, Clare, Green, Gregory, Myers, Washington, and Worth.

Clerk: Amanda Massingham

Members of Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A20.74 Apologies were made by Councillors Bulpett and they were ACCEPTED. She was unable to attend due to the Community Board meeting taking place at the same time.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A20.75 None

3. MINUTES

A20.76 The minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2021 were AGREED as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A20.77 None

5. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A20.78 The Deputy Clerks report was NOTED. The Deputy Clerk reported that all the allotments plots at both Hogtrough Lane and London Road were rented and a waiting list is in place. It had been confirmed that the Best Kept Village 2021 competition would not be taking place this year. As previously agreed by the Committee a wildflower area had been created at Witchell and had been received well by the community. The works to start the new path at Ashbrook started on 12th March and the playground repairs would be commencing on 16th March.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A20.79 The two items of correspondence were NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** for the Wendover WI to install a plaque in the planter outside Istanbul and for a tree to be planted to celebrate their 50th anniversary. It was AGREED that the Deputy Clerk would respond and highlight the differences with planting on Parish Council land versus the highway. The second item of correspondence was a proposal from a resident about litter and mess around the village. Concerns were raised as the proposal would be extremely expensive to implement. It was AGREED that the response would be delegated to the Deputy Clerk and Chairman, which would include a recommendation to create a working party in the new Council year.

7. FINANCE

To consider the list of payments and sign cheques.

A20.80 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) Commemorative Stones

i) To consider installing a new Commemorative Stone at Witchell Meadow

A20.81 It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk would research a ground level plaque that would be positioned close to the entry point at Witchell near the car park. The research and quotations would be shared with the Committee in April, with a recommendation then going to full Council and there was no budget provision.

ii) To consider a quotation to clean the Commemorative Stone at Hampden Meadow.

A20.82 The quotation to clean the stone was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** proceed with the agreed quote of £85.

9. OTHER MATTERS

a) Streetlight Column – Hampden Road

To review a quotation to replace a column that was hit by an unidentified vehicle.

A20.83 The quotation from the Councils chosen supplier was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the repair at a cost of £2760 against account code 4315. Councillor Clare suggested advertising the costs to the community via Facebook to encourage residents to report incidents if they witness them.

b) Memorial Bench

To consider a memorial bench application for Ashbrook Park.

A20.84 The application was **NOTED**. The committee raised no issues with the application, it was therefore **RESOLVED** to accept the application. The Deputy Clerk was tasked with making the necessary arrangements with the family.

c) Dog Waste Bin

To consider a request to install a dog waste bin at Swan Mews.

A20.85 The request from Neil Douglas Estate and Block Management was **NOTED** by the Committee. Councillor Worth reported that there were already two bins close to the area highlighted on the map. The Deputy Clerk added that an additional bin is unlikely to solve the issue based on other areas around the village where waste is not picked up despite bins being within eyesight. The Committee **AGREED** that signage should be used in the first instance. It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk would arrange some additional signage, which may require permission from the management company if it need to be placed on boundary walls/fences.

d) Open Spaces Working Group

To receive an update from the Open Spaces Working Group and consider any recommendations.

A20.86 The update report from the working group as **NOTED**. The skatepark survey had been extended until the end of March. The group are still waiting for a decision on the Church's requirement in relation to using

the land at the old skate park location along the London Road. An audit has been conducted on the current provision of accessible play equipment.

10. MATTERS TO REPORT

A20.87 None.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A20.88 Items should be forward to the Deputy Clerk.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A20.89 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 20th April 2021.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

A20.90 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 20:25pm

Signed by
Chairman to the Amenities Committee

Date: 20th April 2021.