

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

3rd March 2026 at 7:40pm

Wendover Community Library, High St, Wendover HP22 6DU

Present: Councillors Atwell, Ballantine, Gallagher, Mackinlay, O'Donnell, Thornton, Tipper, and Worth.

Chair: Councillor Gallagher

In attendance: none

Clerk: Andy Smith

Members of Public: 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC25/416 Cllrs Coupland, Standen and Washington offered apologies, which were accepted by the Committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC25/417 None

3. MINUTES

PC25/418 The minutes of the Parish Council of 3rd February 2025 were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC25/419 The Chair highlighted the issue of the borehole works with additional money required to secure an electrical connection for the borehole which also includes a power supply that can be used for our events. This will be taken to Amenities Committee and back to this Council.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC25/416 A member of the public highlighted that there would be a meeting with HS2 on the spring chamber works on Thu at the Library.

6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC25/417 None presented

7. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE

PC25/418 The Clerk's report of the Action Plan was noted. It was further noted that the file would be circulated to see if we can clear down the actions. The Chair answered questions on the action list. It was noted that we need to make progress on the engagement strategy

8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS

a) Payments to consider

PC25/419 The payments to consider, totalling £19,777.10 were considered and questions answered. The payments were **RESOLVED** and signed electronically by Councillors Gallagher and Worth

b) Latest financial reports

PC25/420 The financial reports were noted.

c) Flagstone statement

PC25/421 The statement was noted.

d) End of year projection

PC25/422 The projection was considered and a modest reduction to the general reserve was noted.

9. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

a) HS2 Mitigation Action Group

PC25/423 The report was noted.

b) Wendover Youth Centre

PC25/424 A verbal update to Council was made and additional meetings with Trustees have been made to reassure the Parish Council.

c) Other Groups

PC25/425 **CLAW** – all trees were planted as part of their planting efforts at the top of the Hampden Meadow. They are working with the Bucks Climate Action Alliance on a workshop day for Parish Councils

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) FINANCE COMMITTEE

i) Minutes

PC25/426 The minutes of the Finance committee meeting on 17th February 2026 were noted.

ii) Year End EMR and general reserve movements

PC25/427 It was **RESOLVED** to make the end of year movements as set out in the paper - £5900 to be transferred to the skatepark EMR 357, £15000 to be transferred to the Hampden Pond EMR 338, £10000 to be transferred to a new equipment replacement fund EMR 336 and £25000 transferred to the LGPS Cessation Fund EMR 356

iii) Local Government Pension Scheme update

PC25/428 The paper outlining the current status of the LGPS pension scheme cessation was considered and questions were answered by the Chair.

PC25/429 It was **RESOLVED** to enter into the Suspension Agreement to formalise the current position. And retain our option to place a member of staff in the scheme.

PC25/430 It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Buckinghamshire Pensions Administrator to explore what might be possible in terms of a DSA or DDA and the maximum term that might be possible and the interest rates applicable.

PC25/431 It was noted that Council had agreed to add another £25k to the LGPS Reserve from the General Reserve to bring this up to £100k.

PC25/432 It was **RESOLVED** to further explore the legality of placing one member of staff into the LGPS.

PC25/433 It was **RESOLVED** to make a final decision after the production of the 2025 valuation of the LGPS to see how our liability has moved.

iv) Approval of standing grants recommended by Finance Committee

PC25/434 It was **RESOLVED** to follow the recommendation of Finance Committee and approve the grant of £7000 under the powers of the Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s19. The release of the funds will be subject to reassurances on the governance of the Youth Centre. The Chair of Council was authorised to make the decision as to when the funds can be released.

PC25/435 Council noted that it was still a long-term ambition to take over all works on the churchyard in house. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant of £7500 under the powers of the Local Government Act 1972, s214(6)

b) PLANNING COMMITTEE

PC25/436 The minutes of the Planning committee meeting on 17th February were noted

11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) Transport Working Group

PC25/437 The report was noted.

b) Open Spaces Working Group

PC25/438 No update given.

c) Sustainability and Biodiversity Group

PC25/439 The report was noted. It was highlighted that the group are keen to progress a space for the Buckinghamshire Bee Keepers in the land returned by HS2.

d) Strategic Planning Steering Group

PC25/440 The group met on the 24th February and discussed some additional projects which will be worked up into the strategic framework for review.

e) Community Emergency Response Group

PC25/441 It was noted that no further information on WhatsApp groups had been forthcoming and the group was now finished so would no longer need to meet.

12. OTHER ITEMS

a) Response to Bucks Local Plan Sites Survey

PC25/442 It was noted that we had made a detailed submission in October and this consultation was more focused on individual sites. Our response would be based on the October submission

PC25/443 It was **RESOLVED** to send feedback on the current stage of the local plan consultation as set out in the paper.

PC25/444 It was **RESOLVED** To authorise the office to respond to the survey regarding site reference 7 (RAF Halton) as set out in the paper.

PC25/445 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office to prepare for a public meeting to discuss the impacts of the Local Plan with residents and get their views.

PC25/446 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office and Chair to continue to engage with other local Parish Councils on submitting a combined response to the final draft of the local plan with the caveat that we would make a Wendover specific submission.

b) Proposal for Development of "Wendover Link"

PC25/447 The proposal developed in conjunction with Wendover HS2 MAG was considered

PC25/448 It was **RESOLVED** to support the Proposal for Development of Wendover Link and continued development of proposals for the land in line with community priorities

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC25/449 The next Parish Council meeting will sit at 7.40 pm on Tuesday 7th April at Wendover Community Library. All agenda items and papers to be with the clerk by Mon 27th March.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC25/450 With all business having been transacted, the meeting was closed at 8:25pm

Signed by *Heather Thornton*
Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 7th April 2026

PAYMENTS TO CONSIDER		Feb	Parish Council 3-3-2026
PC3-3-2026			
BACS			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
04/03/2026	PawPrint	£140.40	Printer/copier costs
04/03/2026	Sparkx Ltd	£1,062.00	S/L Repair 83 & 372
04/03/2026	G J Electrical Services	£163.20	Fix Heater at Site Safe
31/03/2026	Salaries	£10,189.42	Monthly salaries - Mar
31/03/2026	HMRC	£3,808.70	Payroll tax and NI - Mar
04/03/2026	Val Mayland	£100.00	Clock Tower Cleaning (Feb)
TOTAL BACS AMOUNT		£15,463.72	
CARD			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
17/02/2026	Back<Market	£158.00	Iphone 11 - Unlocked
17/02/2026	Bob Richardson Tools & Fasten	£149.00	Stihl - Cordless pruner kit
18/02/2026	Sweeneys Wendover	£6.00	Office Supplies - Coffee
19/02/2026	Royal British Legion Trading Ltd	£190.00	Large Poppies
23/02/2026	DIY Play	£629.00	Nest Swing
23/02/2026	Online Playgrounds	£470.14	Wet pour kit and nut covers
23/02/2026	Wendover Motor Spares	£1.50	Electical Tape
12/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£15.96	Work Gloves
12/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£25.76	Air filter for trimmer brush cutter
12/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£31.99	Drill set
12/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£39.99	Ratchet Straps
13/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£45.74	Masonary drill set
13/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£19.49	Litter picker
13/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£8.55	Rust Metal Paint
18/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£12.35	White Board Markers
18/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£23.79	I-phone protective case
17/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£24.99	Wheel Barrow Tyre
17/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£27.98	Bulk/ garden waste bags
24/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£15.98	Safety/ edge protectors
17/02/2026	Back<Market	£3.49	Iphone 11 - Unlocked - Service Fees
09/02/2026	Lebara Mobile	£5.00	Estates mobile plan
25/02/2026	Griffin Lane Car Wash	£30.00	Clean Work Vehicle
26/02/2026	Wendover Motor Spares	£36.50	Hammerite/ Redex
26/02/2026	Amazon Business EU	£119.94	Fence repair Kit
26/02/2026	Adobe	£19.97	Adobe Acrobat plan
TOTAL CARD AMOUNT		£2,111.11	
DD/SO			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
08/02/2026	Buckinghamshire council	£2,907.00	Dog bin emptying Credit note
07/03/2026	Buckinghamshire council	£3,060.00	Dog bin emptying 04/25-03/26
23/02/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£88.46	Fuel Card
14/03/2026	BT	£175.96	Phone/ broadband Feb 26 - to be refunded
15/03/2026	British Gas	£55.87	Site Safe Elec
15/03/2026	British Gas	£433.47	Clock Tower Elec
15/03/2026	British Gas	£14.33	Manor waste elec
31/03/2026	Smart Pensions	£1,119.78	Pension contributions - Mar
01/03/2026	Sidleys	£135.00	Garage rental - Mar 26
06/03/2026	Smart Pensions	£26.40	Pension admin fee (mar)
TOTAL DD & SO		£2,202.27	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£19,777.10	SIGNED BY COUNCILLORS: