

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

7th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting held at St Anne's Hall

Present: Councillors Ballantine, Bulpett, Durden-Moore, Goodall, Walker, Washington and Worth

Clerk: Louise Hayday

Chairman: Sheila Bulpett

Members of Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC21/222 Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Standen, Lloyd-Evans, Malleson, Williams and Gallagher.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC21/223 None

3. MINUTES

Consideration of approval of minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2021

PC21/224 The minutes were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC21/225 A member of the Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend and speak at Parish Council meetings.

5. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC21/226 Cllr Bulpett gave an update on the cycle path and stated that it was hoped work would start in January. The five trees that were to be planted between Halton Lane and World's End Lane would now be delayed until after completion. It was also reported that a letter had been sent to the Canal & Rivers Trust confirming the £25,000 donation from WPC for the canal tow path repair work.

Cllr Bulpett thanked the staff and Councillors for the success of the recent Christmas event.

6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

PC21/227

Cllr Steve Bowles

Buckinghamshire Household Support Fund

Cllr Bowles reported that the Buckinghamshire Household Support Fund was up and running and over 12,000 digital food vouchers had been issued with a value of £30 each.

Back on Track Initiative

Buckinghamshire Council had partnered with Red Kite Housing to hold a virtual event aimed at providing support to residents experiencing financial hardship.

Buckinghamshire Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy

The strategy had been adopted by cabinet and set out ways in which Buckinghamshire Council will promote a zero tolerance and coordinated response to people at risk of domestic violence or abuse.

HS2

Cllr Bowles expressed his view that WPC should not give up on the tunnel but should now be looking to lobby for the best mitigation. The best chance of the tunnel will be when Schedule 33 for water comes in and is examined by the Environment Agency.

Footpath Repair

A meeting had taken place with the Local Area Technician and footpaths on Grenville Avenue and the entrance to Stanhope Close would be repaired shortly including dropped kerbs.

Community Board

A reset was due to take place with the community boards to make the process more streamlined, including the introduction of terms of reference

Cllr Richard Newcombe

HS2

Cllr Newcombe expressed his view that the Schedule 33 would pose many challenges for HS2 and that it wasn't expected for many months. He went on to confirm that Buckinghamshire Council has asked for a judicial review into the HS2 lorry routes and that the HS2 marshals had been in place and operating for several months.

Highways

50% of gullies in Buckinghamshire had now been cleared.

Marlow and High Wycombe are trialling cameras to deter poor driver behaviour, if successful these could be rolled out into other areas.

Planning

It was reported that the enforcement team has been increased and as a result 24 notices have been issued this year, 28 appeals had been heard with 93% of decisions upheld on appeal.

The Buckinghamshire Council local plan is in progress and it is clear that more space needs to be allocated for housing. A call had gone out for brownfield sites across the county. A questionnaire is also currently live and runs until February to gauge opinions of those who live or work in Buckinghamshire.

7. CLERKS REPORT

PC21/228 The Clerks report was NOTED

Helicopter Park at Princess Mary Gate

While the helicopter park is owned and managed by MOD it transpires that the land on which it sits is owned by Annington Homes. This makes the likelihood of the Parish Council being transferred the park very slim, still awaiting official confirmation either way. The MOD have also reported further vandalism at the park since the signage has gone up indicating it will be removed.

Christmas Opening Times

The Christmas opening times were noted.

8. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

PC21/229 None

9. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

PC21/230 Cllr Ballantine reported that the William Hill charity was due to be wound up and funds would be allocated to other similar charities in the area, PACE was suggested.

Cllr Durden-Moore & Cllr Goodall had attended engagement training and knowledge gained would be used in the community engagement plan.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) **To consider the list of payments and sign cheques**

PC21/232 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the list of payments; the list and cheques were duly signed. BACS payments to be made on next working day.

b) **To note the October 2020 I&E, EMR and balance sheet.**

PC21/233 The October I&E, EMR and balance sheet were NOTED

c) **To note the draft minutes of the meeting of 16th November 2021**

PC21/234 The draft minutes were NOTED

d) **To consider recommendations from the Finance Committee including the 2022/2023 Budget**

PC21/235 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application from Wendover Celebrates for £5000 to be paid from Major Grants in 2021/22

PC21/236 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application from Wendover Library for £1408 to be paid from Minor Grants in 2021/22, the Council would like to see the inclusion of the new Wendover logo.

PC21/237 The finance committee recommended that budget for 2022/23 should be set at £326,328 with the general reserve being set at £103,000 covering 4 months of revenue expenditure.

EMR's for 2022/2023 total £108,000 for:

HS2 £5,000

Hampden Pond £5,000

Climate Action Projects £10,000

Replace WPC Bins £5,000

Cessation £25,000

Ashbrook Skatepark £15,000

Library Extension £8,000

20mph Consultation £10,000

Clock Tower Heating £5,000

MVAS £5,000

Ashbrook Cesspit £10,000

Christmas Lights £5,000

The precept was advised at £326,328 which equated to a 2.37% rise or £2.21 rise to a Band D property over the whole year. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the 2022/2023 budget and EMR recommendations.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meetings of 2nd & 16th November 2021.

PC21/238 The draft minutes were NOTED.

13. STAFFING COMMITTEE

To note draft minutes of the meeting of 16th November

PC21/239 The draft minutes were NOTED

14. OTHER MATTERS

(a) HS2 Working Group

1) To receive updates from the working group

PC21/240 Councillor Bulpett updated on the HS2 Working Group, a meeting was planned for Monday 13th December with Laura Leech and Richard Lumley from Buckinghamshire Council regarding the South Downs report. Sheet piling and bridge demolition was due to take place from 24th December to 29th December and again from 1st to 3rd January, noise will be monitored during these works.

2) To consider the proposal from the working group for lobbying into Qtr 1

PC21/241 After discussion and explanation from Cllr Bulpett on the proposed mitigation measures including the extension of the green tunnel and a 300m height barrier it was **RESOLVED** to fund the lobbying of mitigation measures for Quarter one 2022 at a cost of £7500. The HS2 EMR would need to be topped up by £6775. £4143 to be transferred from the Warden Event EMR and £2632 to be transferred from White Gates EMR.

(b) Speed & Noise Working Group

PC21/242 It was reported that Buckinghamshire Council had recently changed their policy on 20mph zones and one of the changes was that Parish Councils would be required to fund these. A meeting was to be set up in the New Year with the Local Area Technician to establish what could be realistically achieved within the Council budget.

(c) 5Yr Plan Working Group

PC21/243 Cllr Durden-Moore gave an update on the progress and remaining outstanding items from the group, a community survey regarding the use of the manor waste will be going out over the Christmas period.

(d) Skatepark Update

PC21/244 Cllr Bulpett and Cllr Standen had attended a meeting with Michelle Parker from the Wendover & Villages Community Board, funding of £87,000 had been agreed towards the project with the possibility of the remaining amount being topped up if funds were still available at the end of the year. Cllr Standen is to now start sourcing other grant funding.

(e) Policy Updates & Reviews

1) To review and approve the Winter Policy

PC21/245 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Winter Policy

2) To review and approve the Emergency Plan

PC21/246 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Emergency Plan

(f) Climate Emergency

PC21/247 The new hedging trees had been planted at Hampden, Ashbrook and the old skatepark site, another planting session was booked for 11th December for Walnut Tree Meadow. Some trees had also been given to Ashbrook allotments and Dunsmore.

(g) Website

PC21/248 Following on from the community action plan the draft Welcome to Wendover website design was presented. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the domain name and set up the site which would act as a portal for Wendover.

(h) Land Surrounding the Clock Tower

PC21/249 The sale of the land surrounding the clock tower was discussed, it was **RESOLVED** to defer any decision and monitor the situation.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

PC21/250 The date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be 4th January 2022

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC21/251 The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed by *S. Bulpett*

Chairman to the Parish Council

Date: 04.01.2022