

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting

19th July 2022 at 8:00pm

St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Stephen Worth (Chair), Jennifer Ballantine, Sheila Bulpett, Diane Washington, Julie Williams, Mark Standen and Sam Walker.

Clerk: Amanda Massingham

Members of Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A22.020 Councillor Julie Lloyd-Evans was considered ABSENT as apologies had not been received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A22.021 None.

3. MINUTES

A22.022 The minutes of the meeting of 21st June 2022 were AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A22.023 None.

5. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A22.024 The Deputy Clerks report was NOTED. The High Street hanging baskets and entry point trough have been re-planted. The Community Orchard has been cut to conserve and enhance the wildflowers; a further cut will take place in September. The area around the Liffre Stone has been weed killed. Testing dates for the Clock Tower including fire, and PAT testing were NOTED. Contractors have been invited to quote for a leaking tap at the Clock Tower and replacement lights at the site safe. A memorial bench along Ellesborough Road has been removed and being stored by HS2, whilst some works are conducted it will be re-located once the work are completed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A22.025 None.

7. OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

a) Hampden Pond

To consider a request from a resident about fishing and maintenance of the pond.

A22.026 The correspondence was NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the response to the Clerk. In summary fishing is permitted but the pond will not be restocked due to the unknown effects of HS2, the lilies will be cut back in September and the pond was checked for Great Crested Newts and none were found.

8. OTHER MATTERS

a) Oliver's Bridge, Wendover Arm Canal

To consider replacing the Oliver's Bridge plaque.

A22.027 It was noted that the Council does not own the bridge but following correspondence with the Wendover Arm Trust it was **RESOLVED** to purchase and install a new sign.

b) Dog Waste Bin

To consider a request for a dog waste bin in Nash Lee Lane.

A22.028 The correspondence from a resident in Nash Lee Lane was NOTED. The Clerk confirmed that costs of a dog bin and standard litter bin. It was **RESOLVED** to fund the installation of a litter bin, subject to the permission from Buckinghamshire Council as they need to confirm they can absorb the new bin within their rounds and agree a suitable location.

c) Bee Squared Project

To receive an update on the Bee Square Project.

A22.029 The project update along with the Community Board project evaluation form was NOTED.

d) Policy Review

To review the Clock Tower and footpath protocols.

A22.030 The policies were NOTED and reviewed. It was AGREED that the Clock Tower protocol did not require any updates. It was **RESOLVED** to update the footpath protocol with a summary of the right of way paths that have been devolved to the Council and to include the Buckinghamshire Council link to report footpath issues for other rights of ways.

e) Markets

(i) To consider a request from a potential new stall holder for the Local Produce Market.

A22.031 The market protocols were NOTED. It was AGREED that the seller is within the catchment area and there would be no conflict with other sellers selling the same product. The Clerk reported that attendance at the Local Produce Market of current stall holders was poor of late. It was **RESOLVED** to allow the request for a new stall holder to sell olive oil.

(ii) To note recent correspondence from No2 Cheese shop and consider any actions.

A22.032 The correspondence was NOTED. It was AGREED that the comments would be sent to the Parish Plan working group who are currently conducting a review on how Manor Waste is used, but for the immediate future the request would not be actioned. It was AGREED that several other businesses within Wendover have competition with Thursday market traders, and this gives consumers a choice.

f) Highways Meeting Update

To receive an update following a meeting with the Buckinghamshire Council Area Technician.

A22.033 The Clerk reported that she had meet with the Buckinghamshire Council Area Technician the previous week. The epicormic growth at the bottom of the trees along Dobbins Lane will be removed within the next couple of weeks. Further trees works along Dobbins Lane, including crowning and pollarding will take place in September, including the removal of a tree at the High Street end. Councillor Bulpett requested more information on why the tree was being removed. The hedging along London Road, between the white gates and the roundabout will be flailed in September. Land ownerships conflicts continue to be an issue of two areas, The Paddocks and the BT site at Little Hampden Close in terms of hedge overgrowth blocking pavements. A resident has requested that path is installed at Honey Banks, as some of the steps and use of the road is not ideal for residents. This was discussed with the Area Technician who confirmed that apx cost would be £35k. An application would need to be made via the Community board. It was AGREED that the

Parish Council could not support a Community Board application due to the match funding required. A commitment was made to ensure the area is cut back throughout the seasons.

g) Open Spaces Working Group

To receive an update and any recommendations from the working group.

A22.034 Councillor Standen reported that the working group met the previous night, however attendance was poor. The working group have decided to take a step back and draw up a tender document to support the funding applications. A draft tender document would be presented at the full Council meeting in August. Councillor Washington was keen to move the project forward, highlight the need to improve facilities for the youth of Wendover and reported on the improvements neighbouring Western Turville. Councillor Bulpett explained that other villages had been more successful with improving facilities due to S106 income generated by new build housing.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A22.035 None.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A22.036 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 20th September 2022.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

A22.037 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8:40pm

Signed by *Stephen Worth*

Chair to the Amenities Committee

Date: 20th September 2022