



WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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AMENITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7:40pm

Wendover Community Library, High Street, Wendover HP22 6DU

Committee Membership: Councillors Stephen Worth, Mark Standen, Jennifer Ballantine, Diane Washington, Heather Thornton, George Atwell, Bob Mackinlay and Clive Gallagher.

To all Committee Members:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING, WHEN IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED SHALL BE AS SET OUT BELOW.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND MUST CONTACT THE CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider any apologies for absence received.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Sections 30(3) and 235(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and the Wendover Parish Council Code of Conduct.

3) MINUTES – page 3

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 17th March 2026.

4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A maximum of 3 minutes per speaker will be allowed.

5) FINANCE

To consider the list of payments.

6) UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK – page 5

To receive an update on correspondence and actions from the Clerk.

7) OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

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To consider the quotes for health and safety tree works based on the tree safety report.

b) Flower Displays 2026 – page 11

To consider the quotes for flower displays in 2026.

c) Manor Waste Cleaning – page 14

To consider the quotes for cleaning the Manor Waste.

8) OTHER MATTERS

a) Purchase of Grillo – page 16

To consider the purchase of an additional small ride on mower as part of the estate's equipment strategy.

b) **Replacement Litter Bin – page 20**

To consider approving the cost to replace a litter bin on the High Street.

c) **Mower Costs – page 23**

To consider approving the retrospective costs for servicing and repairs on the John Deere mower and decks.

9) ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 16th June 2026.

11) CLOSURE OF MEETING

Signed by *Andy Smith*

Clerk and Finance Officer

Date: 16th April 2026

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 17th March 2026 at 7:10pm

Wendover Community Library, High Street, Wendover HP22 6DU

Present: Councillors Worth (Chair), Washington, Ballantine, Mackinlay and Atwell.

Clerk & Minutes: Phoebe Sharps

Members of Public: 1

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A25.123 Apologies were received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllrs Standen, Gallagher and Thornton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A25.124 None.

MINUTES

A25.125 The minutes of the meeting of 20th January 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A25.126 A member of the public asked the committee about the Tommie statue, an update was given that the Tommie had been installed in the Community Orchard adjacent to the path and near a streetlight.

A25.127 A member of the public asked a question about the agenda item that came to the committee last year to consider jet washing the Manor Waste, an update was given that it would be revisited in the next financial year.

FINANCE

A25.128 The payments to consider totalling £3,946.08 were **RESOLVED** and signed.

UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A25.129 The report was noted. It was noted that a question was asked about the cost of the mower repairs, an update was given.

OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

Litter Bin Replacement

A25.130 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of two bins and authorise the office to place the order and install.

Borehole Additional Costs

A25.131 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the contractor to proceed with the electrical connection on the understanding that the maximum cost to the Council will be £1,810 to be funded by the Hampden Pond EMR.

A25.132 It was **RESOLVED** to waive the financial regulations requiring 3 quotes as the main work

required can only be undertaken by UKPN at a standard cost.

A25.133 It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the electrical contractor to initiate works with UKPN.

A25.134 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office to negotiate with HS2 to claim additional funds to cover the costs.

OTHER MATTERS

Devolved Services

A25.135 It **RESOLVED** to recommend to full Council that we continue to undertake devolved services for 2026/27 at the amount offered by Buckinghamshire Council.

A25.136 It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full Council that we reject any offer to undertake grass cutting at PMG and request a more considered proposal for the estate.

A25.137 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office to seek opportunities from working with other local parishes that will make devolved services work more efficient.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A25.138 **PL/26/01089/FA 13 Haglis Drive Wendover Buckinghamshire HP22 6LY**

Single storey rear extension and conversion of the existing garage to habitable accommodation, together with the construction of a new pitched roof and associated internal alterations.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A25.139 None presented, but it was noted to send items for the next agenda to the Estates and Events Manager by Monday 13th April 2026.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A25.121 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 21st April 2026.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

A25.122 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 7.32pm.

Signed by

Chair to the Amenities Committee

Date:



ITEM 6 – CLERKS REPORT

Estates Work Update

The Council have been sent updates via email from the Senior Estates and Grounds Person regarding works they have completed over the last month.

Wendover PROW

The office received the reports for WENDOVER PROW WEST and EAST, this was shared with the Council in an email.

John Deere Mower

The work required has now been completed on the John Deere Mower and is now operational.

Fallen Ash Tree – Hampden Pond

On the 13th March an Ash tree fell around Hampden Pond, the Council were informed via email, the Estates and Grounds Team roped off the area with hazard tape. However, the team do not have equipment powerful enough to clear the area, a tree surgeon came out after the weekend to clear the area, there has been damage to the fence a contractor is coming out to quote to fix this.



Recycled Coffee Grounds Scheme

The pouches for the scheme arrived at the end of March and have been given to the 4 businesses who signed up, we have gone live on social media and on the website. We have had 1 more business sign up since then, this business will be added to the website once they have collected their pouches. There are now 5 in total, the hope is more businesses hear about this scheme and join.

[RECYCLED COFFEE GROUNDS | Wendover Parish Council](#)

Make Wendover Smile 2026

After having 2 bags of sunflower seed left over from last year the Event Working Group agreed to use these to hold Make Wendover Smile again, as it's a free engagement event that is open to everyone in Wendover.

This year we are holding a competition for tallest and quirkiest sunflower, this is aimed at primary school age residents, 4-6 and 7-11, but is open to all residents. We have contacted the schools to offer them sunflower seeds for their pupils. The John Hampden School have picked up their seed packets and will be growing sunflowers at the school with the pupils.



Sunflower seeds have been dropped off to High Street businesses for them to give out to customers and for residents to collect. More information on the competition can be found here - [MAKE WENDOVER SMILE | Wendover Parish Council](#)

Community Event Equipment Proposal

The office has thought of a project that would mean the Council and local groups and charities or small businesses have the option to use event equipment. We are often asked by community groups for events related equipment – gazebos, tables & chairs, speakers, data projectors etc etc. The office had a thought that we could joint fund some community “kit” with the Lionel Able Smith Trust that would be free to hire (maybe a refundable deposit) for any community group based in Wendover. So, if the football club had a quiz night or one of the school kids is raising funds for one of their trips by selling knitted easter eggs on the market and needs a gazebo. We could make a small charge for local businesses. The initial purchases would be a bulky cost, but WPC could look at ongoing management of the hires and routine maintenance. Although we would need to think through a longer-term replacement scheme.

Items such as –

2 x 3m Gazebo with interchangeable covers (branded differently WPC and Welcome to Wendover) and weights for feet

4 x fold out trestle tables

50 x fold up chairs

A larger marquee/rain cover like Craftfest had

Generator

Additional Speaker and microphones/mixer unit

Portable lighting for gazebos and general

Electrical distro boards to link to generator so external companies can plug in

Crowd barrier/fencing

Cable run trunking/covers (the ones you can drive over)

Noticeboards and signage for event signposting

We have sent the above idea to LAST, Bob Duggan the Chair said it was an excellent idea, and has asked the office to put a simple partnership proposal together in time for discussion at their AGM at the end of April.

Once the office has received feedback and has more information on how the partnership could work they will update the Council.



ITEM 7a – Health and Safety Tree Works

BROUGHT BY

Amenities Committee

SUMMARY

To consider the quotes for health and safety tree works based on the tree safety report.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKGROUND

At the 20th January 2026 Amenities Committee meeting the below was resolved:

Health and Safety Tree Works

A25.104 It was **RESOLVED** to waive the financial regulations requiring three quotes due to the urgent need of this health and safety tree work.

A25.105 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quotes totalling £4,980 and instruct the contractor to complete the works as quoted.

The tree works that were approved and have been completed are as follows:

Witchell Meadow (Heron Path) –

Tree No.	Species	Report comments & recommendations	Price
7	Ash	Large three trunked tree ivy was cut, fork appears sound. Long lower branch has been shortened since the previous survey. Lower growth is dense and healthy vigorous as a reaction to the reduction, but the top is sparser Class 2 signs of ash dieback. Remove any dead wood and reduce the sparse upper growth by 4 - 5m.	£840.00
11	Sycamore	Lower branches were dying and it has a large low dead branch facing tree 12 and another on the north side. Remove major dead wood.	£240.00
13	Cherry	Leans but has a well-developed root system. Has declined rapidly since 2023 crown now very sparse, safe useful life is limited. Removing dead wood might improve its appearance briefly, but removal and replacement would be a better use of resources. Remove.	£960.00

Hampden Pond –

Tree No.	Species	Report comments & recommendations	Price
161	Ash	Leans slightly, ivy recently cut, Dieback Class 2/3 Fell	£360.00
161a	Ash	Heavily covered in ivy, almost completely dead. Fell	£420.00



165	Crack Willow (Poor condition)	Has a split through the trunk and has been crown reduced, possibly as a result of that. Like 164 it is hollow and decaying, but also provides ecological benefits and was reduced significantly after the previous survey. Since then it has been regrowing. Cut the regrowth back to the former points and shorten the main limbs by 3 - 4m, trim regrowth every 3 -4 years.	£960.00
168	Ash (Group)	Multiple trunked group, probably growing from a stump, some stems lean and one on the side facing the lake had been felled. They had been showing signs of improvement but are now severely affected, Class 3 / 4. Fell.	£1,200.00

DETAILS

21 trees were highlighted as needing work done on the safety inspection that the Council has been sent via email, the Council signed off 7 trees in the January meeting, but there are still 14 trees that need attention, mostly Ash trees due to Ash Dieback.

The office and Estates and Grounds Team are suggesting that the Amenities Committee recommend to Full Council that the remaining tree works are done in this financial year, as there has already been an Ash tree fall around the pond. The tree surgeon has said that works could be completed in May, due to the health and safety concerns highlighted it is important to get this work done as soon as possible.

Remaining tree works:

Hampden Pond -

Tree No.	Species	Report comments & recommendations	Price
124	Sycamore	Has lost its top in the past, ivy has been cut and it is reasonably sound and healthy looking. Has large dead wood over the path. Remove dead wood.	£180
138	Crack Willow	Leans heavily over the pond and a large branch has snapped and is hanging in the crown. There is access beneath it when the water level is low and it would be a hazard then. Take down fallen branch.	£180
143	Sycamore	Has extensive decay at the base where roots were damaged in the past. It leans heavily, so it would fall into the pond, but that would be unpredictable and there is access to the shore beneath it when the water level is low. Fell	£1,200
152a	Ash	Slightly drawn up otherwise good. Was healthy but now almost dead, Dieback Class 4. Fell	£480
157	Ash	Rooted on the bank but no signs of instability. Ivy has been cut. Dieback Class 2/3. Fell	£1,200



158	Ash	Ivy cut, has some minor broken branches. Dieback Class 3. Fell	£480
159	Ash	Leans heavily over the pond, Dieback Class 3. Fell.	£720
160	Ash	Also leans over the pond. Had very heavy ivy, which has been cut, Dieback Class 3/4. Fell	£1,200
164	Crack Willow	Large upright limbs on the park side were removed after the original survey. The remaining section leans over the pond, but this created large wounds and the tree is sprouting vigorously. The trunk sounds hollow when tapped and a ½m long probe can be pushed in with no difficulty. Reduce crown height and spread by 6 - 8m, i.e. similar initial reduction to 166, recut every 2 - 3 years. OR Reduce to a 3 - 5m stump and maintain as a pollard.	£2,400

Witchell Meadow –

Tree No.	Species	Report comments & recommendations	Price
27	Horse Chesnut	Was later into leaf than the other horse chestnuts. Not reduced, but a large limb on the west side was removed some years ago, leaving a large cut. A bracket of Cerioporos squamosus (dryad's saddle) was growing near the cut; it is common on horse chestnut and some other trees, but does not associated with major structural decay. Climb and inspect old pruning cuts.	£180
30a	Elm	Self-seeded young trees growing on the corner, mainly horse chestnut, with some dead and dying young elms on the corner and next to the car park. Generally healthy but the dying elms are a potential hazard and need removing. Remove dead / dying elms.	£480
35	Horse Chesnut	Has a large decay cavity in the trunk on the E side, and the large lime cut back over the car park is hollow, but is reasonably healthy otherwise. Slightly later into leaf than the others. Reduced after the 2010 survey, and growing back. Ivy starting to grow back up the trunk. Trim new growth, recut every 3 - 4 years. Cut ivy.	£960

Ashbrook Recreation –

Tree No.	Species	Report comments & recommendations	Price
175	Ash	Twin trunked hedgerow tree with heavy ivy on the larger trunk which leans over the basketball practice area. Now severely affected, Class 3 with heavy seed growth and the upper crown is dying back. Fell	£1,440



Total ex VAT - £9250.00

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The Council are being asked to consider waiving the financial regulations requiring three quotes due to the urgent need of this health and safety work.
- There is £8,000 in 4417 Tree Works, it being suggested that the remaining £1,250 comes from 4416 Pond that has £2,000 budgeted as the majority of the trees that need work are around the pond.

LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- Wendover Parish Council has the responsibility to ensure the safety of the residents visiting Council Open Spaces.

PROPOSAL

To resolve to:

- Recommend to Full Council that we waive the financial regulations requiring three quotes due to the urgent need of this health and safety tree work.
- Recommend to Full Council to approve the quotes totalling £9,250.00 and instruct the contractor to complete the works as quoted.



ITEM 7b – Flower Displays 2026

BROUGHT BY

Amenities Committee

SUMMARY

To consider the quotes for flower displays in 2026.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKGROUND

The Council have been using the same contractor for the flower displays for a number of years, this company does the contract for other Councils in the area, in 2024 the office went out to get quotes for the same contract. There was a lack of companies that did larger commercial contracts to the same specification that we currently get.

There were concerns regarding the level or service from our contractor last year, specifically the summer months, and around judging for the Bucks Best Kept Village competition, the office passed on the concerns and feedback to the company.

They were very apologetic with regards to the judging and marking for BBKV, however due to their schedule of works for the local area they cannot change out installation dates, for summer 3rd week of June and for winter 3rd week of October.

The judging for BBKV is a wide timescale and we wouldn't ever be able to know when they are coming out, we were judged a lot earlier than previous years, which is a shame regarding the planters, it is something that might happen in the future. Weather conditions will also have an impact towards the end of the winter schedule and the change to the summer schedule.

DETAILS

The quote/ proposal for displays for Wendover for Summer and Winter 2026 is below:

Built in Planters with Integrated Seating - Outside Lloyds Pharmacy, High Street

Planting and fully maintaining for the Summer 2026 period only

£105.00 nett each or £420.00 nett for the four

Planting and fully maintaining for the Winter 2026 period only

£105.00 nett each or £420.00 nett for the four

Columns in High Street

Rental inclusive of maintenance of **fifteen 450mm** Hanging Baskets for the Summer 2026 period only



£103.00 nett each or £1,545.00 nett for the fifteen

Rental inclusive of maintenance of **fifteen 450mm** Hanging Baskets for the Winter 2026 period only
£103.00 nett each or £1,545.00 nett for the fifteen

Note one of these baskets goes above the main window in the clock tower on the High Street.

Windowboxes Securely Strapped to Welcome Signs (Elleborough Road Planter Removed due to HS2 Works for Summer and Winter 2023)

Plant and maintain for Summer 2026 period only **three existing** 1200mm long x 250mm wide x 250mm high black fibreglass windowboxes securely fixed below the signs

£176.00 nett each or £528.00 nett for the three

Plant and maintain for Winter 2026 period only **three existing** 1200mm long x 250mm wide x 250mm high black fibreglass windowboxes securely fixed below the signs

£176.00 nett each or £528.00 nett for the three

Metre Square Planters

Maintain only **three** 1040mm wide x 750mm wide black rotomoulded planters planted with Betula utilis Doorenbos multistem tree 2.5m high

Maintenance

Fully maintaining at regular intervals for the Summer 2026 period only

3 @ £82.00 nett each or £246.00 nett for the three

Fully maintaining at regular intervals for the Winter 2026 period only

3 @ £82.00 nett each or £246.00 nett for the three

Total Charge Summer 2026 - £2,889.00 nett

Total Charge Winter 2026 - £2,889.00 nett

Total charge for Summer and Winter is - **£5,778.00 ex VAT**

There is an increase to the total contract of **£462.00** from 2025.

The Estates and Grounds Team have mentioned that they don't believe they can do the floral displays in house due to the scale of the job, and the lack of equipment, to keep the same watering schedule that the current contractor does (watering every day in the summer) would mean 4 + hours of work a day for maintenance and watering alone. Taking their time from other jobs, specifically in the spring/summer months for grass cutting and maintenance of our open spaces.



FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- This will come out of 4112 Floral Displays which has £8,000 budgeted.

LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- N/A

PROPOSAL

To resolve to:

- Recommend to Council to accept the quote for flower displays for Summer and Winter 2026.



ITEM 7c – Manor Waste Cleaning

BROUGHT BY

Amenities Committee

SUMMARY

To consider the quotes for cleaning the Manor Waste.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKGROUND

Amenities Committee September 2026 –

b) Manor Waste Cleaning

A25.054 It was **RESOLVED** to not accept a quote, and to not award the work to any company at this point.

A25.055 It was noted that the Council will look at options to complete this work in house.

A25.056 It was **RESOLVED** to bring this back to the Amenities Committee in 2026.

The Council does not have the equipment to do this work in house, and to hire the correct equipment and pay for the water supply it would be similar to the costs the companies are quoting. It would likely take the team longer to do the works in house than a professional company. The Estates and Grounds Team would suggest that a professional company do the works as they will then have more time to do works in other Council open spaces.

DETAILS

The quotes are to jet wash the entire Manor Waste (Sweeneys side and Manor Waste side).

Company 1 –

Pressure Washing Works, Manor Waste, High Street

Pressure washing to be carried out on the pavement area at Manor Waste, located on the High Street outside Sweeney's and the Pharmacy, as marked on the drawing attached to this email.

Water supply to be provided by the client.

Sanding to be completed upon finishing the cleaning works by client.

Total Net Amount - £2,760.00

Company 2 –

Pedestrian walk way cleaning - £3,532.00

Surface Cleaning Works – Method Statement & Notes

As part of the works, we will carry out a full surface clean using our commercial-grade pressure washer system. This will effectively remove surface dirt, grime, and any weeds present.

To ensure a controlled and efficient clean, we will use whirlaway attachments to keep water spray to a minimum. No chemical treatments will be used during the cleaning process, as the area is a public space and we prioritise environmental safety.

Health and safety is of utmost importance to us. All necessary precautions will be taken to protect both our operatives and members of the public throughout the duration of the works.

Post-Cleaning Note:



The existing sand between the paving slabs will be dislodged during the pressure washing. As such, the area will require re-sanding upon completion. We can provide this service at an extra cost, or you may wish to have your team complete it—whichever you prefer.

The price is calculated on a square meter basis.

Water cost + hydrant use - £525.00

Estimated water usage 20-30,000 litres, Based off of our machines water intake.

Total Net Amount - £4,057.00

Company 3 –

1	Commercial Paving Cleaning Pressure Washing Commercial Space With TFR And Water	476.00 Sqr/Mtr	3.00	1,428.00
2	Commercial Paving Cleaning Pressure Washing Commercial Space With TFR And Water	246.00 Sqr/Mtr	3.00	738.00
3	Thames Water Standpipe Usage Standpipe Rental and estimated water usage	1.00 Each	104.00	104.00

Total Net Amount - £2,270.00

The office would prefer to go with one of the companies that are quoting to organise the water supply themselves.

The Amenities team in discussions with the High Street businesses when talking about other projects and engagement noted that this is not something that came up as a top priority. Only the Cllr who raised this and 1 resident have highlighted that they believe it needs doing, but the office hasn't had any communication from other residents which would suggest it's a priority for residents. However, the Manor Waste hasn't been cleaned since the refurbishment in 2016.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- This project wasn't specifically budgeted for in 26/27, as other projects for H&S might take priority, such as broken fencing in playparks, continued playpark repairs, and repairing the bank from Witchell car park onto South Street which is impacting the condition and width of the path on a busy road. The Council have received a quote for this project from one company for £11k.
- If the Council wanted to go ahead with the Manor Waste Cleaning project it would come out of 4410 maintenance open spaces which has £15,000.

LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- Following proper health and safety guidelines around pedestrian safety whilst the work is being undertaken.
- Considerations around communication with shops who are on the Manor Waste, regarding access and dates for the work.

PROPOSAL

To resolve to:

- Agree whether the Manor Waste cleaning is a current priority.
If this is priority:
- Award the work to Company 3 and authorise the office to instruct the contractor to complete the works as quoted.



ITEM 8a – Grillo

BROUGHT BY

Office/Estates and Grounds Team

SUMMARY

To consider the purchase of an additional small ride on mower as part of the estate's equipment strategy.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKGROUND

The purchase of a Grillo came to the Amenities Committee to consider in July 2024, you can see the original paper on the link below (item 8c).

[Purchase of Grillo July 2024](#)

c) Purchase of Grillo

To consider the purchase of an additional small ride on mower as a part of the estates equipment strategy.

A24.052 – It was **RESOLVED** to delay purchase of the Grillo until the outcome of the devolved services discussions and the outcome of the works needed in the parks.

DETAILS

Introduction

The Estates and Grounds Team would like to bring this back to the committee to consider recommending to Council to purchase a small ride on mower.

- We have a John Deere tractor unit and 2 decks for this unit, so we have a back up cutting deck. However, if the John Deere tractor unit itself is faulty then this would be costly in terms of time away being repaired and any necessary hire we would need to do. The current unit is 8 years old. Whilst looked after and fully serviced we now anticipate it will be more prone to faults and will not last for ever.
 - In March 2026 following the service of the unit and decks the Council was without the mower for nearly a month due to works needed to make the mower and decks operational.
 - During this time the office could not hire a mower due to the request being last minute and multiple companies not having availability for either the mower unit or delivery.
 - The cost of the servicing and repairs needed to the John Deere was £4303.13.
 - If the Council had another mower unit this would take the pressure off of the John Deere and would help to prolong the life of the John Deere.
- One of the Estates and Grounds team is suffering with shoulder and back pain mainly related to the substantial amount of strimming required on areas not accessible by the John Deere mower. We have changed work patterns and rest periods as appropriate, but the new piece of equipment would dramatically reduce the strimming requirement.



- The office and Estates and Grounds Team have looked at different machine including a John Deere zero turn unit but feel the Grillo is the best option.

About the Grillo



- The Grillo is a low riding machine which can be operated on small verges and steeper slopes, which will minimise strimming. For example, it would be appropriate for areas such as:
 - Tring Road banks
 - Dobbins Lane verges
 - Small estates, such as Grenville Avenue and Thornton Crescent
 - Would be used for the end of year cut in the Community Orchard
 - Allotment sites
- The Grillo mower can also get under low lying trees and could also manage verges if the John Deere was ever to fail. At a push it would be able to do the parks but much slower than the John Deere but it is a reasonable back up that would prevent need to hire equipment.
- The Grillo can fit on the trailer currently owned by the Parish Council and we have the appropriate ramps to use.

The outcome of doing nothing

- If we didn't make this purchase again then we could be left with significant hire bills for the current equipment, should it break down and be out of action for a significant period.
- The member of staff who undertakes the strimming may require further reasonable adjustments.
- This item of equipment would reduce wear and tear on the John Deere – by not purchasing we would be maintaining high usage of the current equipment, making failure more likely.

Other considerations

- The devolved services agreement with Bucks Council has gone back to a 12 month contract, if the Council no longer wanted to take on the devolved services agreement there might not be justification for this piece of equipment.



- However the intention of the Council is to carry on with devolved services for the 26/27 year and in the future to maintain the high standards that Wendover is accustomed to.

Prices (all prices are for a brand-new machine)

Company 1 – 2-year warranty, they currently have stock ready to go.

Products & Services	RRP	Qty.	Total Price
Grillo Climber 10 AWD 27	£12,118.00	x.1.00	£9,995.00
Total Products & Services			£9,995.00
Balance to Pay ex. VAT			£9,995.00
VAT Summary			Total VAT
Total VAT			£1,999.00
Balance to Pay inc. VAT			£11,994.00

£9,995 ex VAT

Company 2 –
In stock, covered by the manufacturer warranty (2 years).

£10833.33 ex VAT

Company 3 –
1 in stock, 2-year warranty.

£9622.50 ex VAT

Office recommendation

Company 1 – this is a trusted company that the Council use regularly, we get our equipment serviced by this company, they are local, therefore costs for servicing and for them to come out on site, if necessary, would be lower. The other companies do not offer serving to the equipment, they are just sales companies.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A replacement tractor unit for the John Deere mower is £41,000
- The office would suggest this cost comes out of the 336 Estates equipment replacement EMR (4425) which has £12,000 budgeted for 26/27.
- The purchase of the Grillo is not a replacement of current equipment, however the Council having the Grillo would reduce the need to replace other equipment such as strimmer's and the John Deere.
- If the Council decides in the future not to take on devolved services, the cost of a second hand Grillo that has done 432 hours is £6,500 ex VAT.

LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- The Council should consider if this is in line with the Councils vision and mission statement.



- Develop Community
- Enhance Environment
- Promote Prosperity
- Functioning Council

PROPOSAL

To resolve to:

- Recommend to Council to purchase the small mower from Company 1 in 26/27.



ITEM 8b – Replacement Litter Bin

BROUGHT BY

Amenities Committee

SUMMARY

To consider approving the cost to replace a litter bin on the High Street.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKGROUND

Under the devolved services agreement with Buckinghamshire Council, it states that Wendover Parish Council have the responsibility to carry out maintenance of Buckinghamshire Council street furniture including minor repair or repainting.

DETAILS

The bins on the High Street/highway are Buckinghamshire Council property and get emptied by street scene.

However if any highways/Buckinghamshire Council bins need to be replaced Wendover Parish Council have the right to replace them, the cost of replacing them is fully covered by Wendover Parish Council.

The only bin option Buckinghamshire Council offer to install is a plastic green 50l post mounted bin, similar to the pictured bin below.

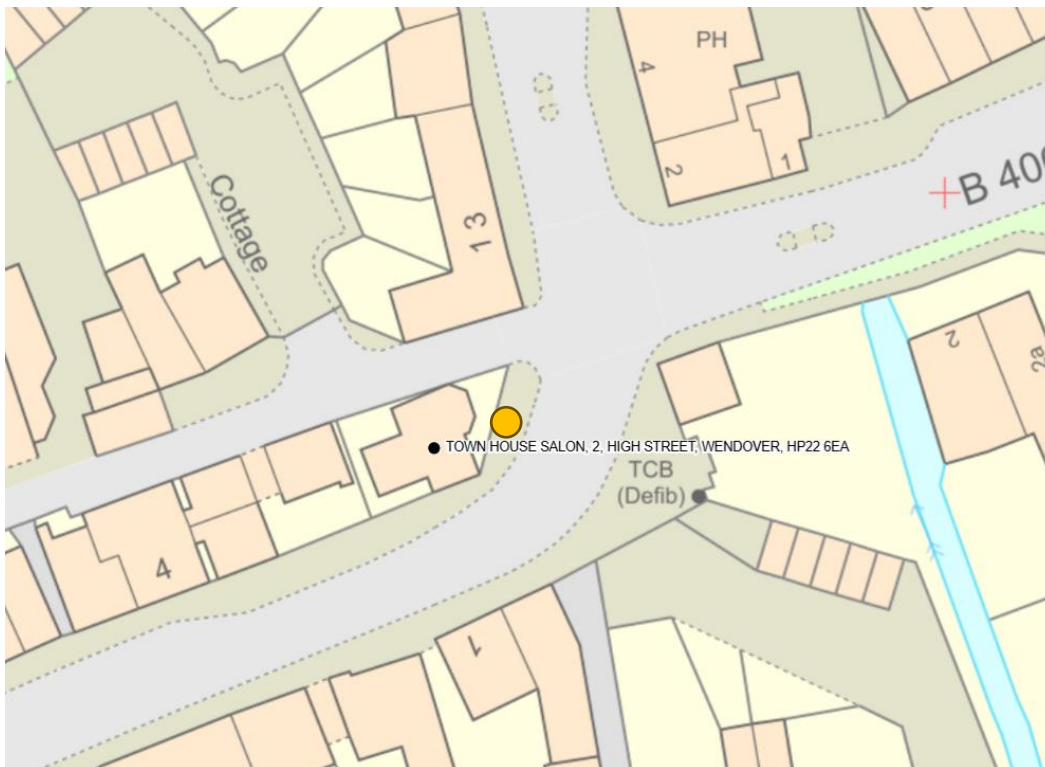


If Wendover Parish Council want a different bin style or larger bin to be installed the full cost of the bin is a cost to WPC and the install is completed by WPC staff, the bin will then be a WPC asset, street scene will continue to empty the bin as before.



Bin replacement location/information:

The Council received a fix my street report about the condition of the bin at the bottom of the High Street outside of Haringtons Wendover next to the bench.



There is another bin that has been highlighted by the entrance to Heron Path off of the High Street, however this one isn't in the same poor condition as the one above, but will need replacing soon.

After discussing with the Estates and Grounds Team, they have suggested the below bin option, this would be the same bin we replace all highways bins with in the future.



Features:

- 15% recycled plastic
- Anti-fly posting recess and textured finish
- Weather resistant and requires minimal maintenance

Cost - £214.76 ex VAT

Differences to WPC bins in open spaces:

- WPC bins are either 100% recycled plastic or metal
- Less capacity than WPC bins
- Doesn't have the option of Firexpire[®] Safety Device which we pay for in the WPC bins

The office would suggest that as this is not a bin in Parish Council owned land the Council should not pay to have the same quality bins that we do in our open spaces. If the Council accept to covering the cost to have a bigger and more appropriate bin for the High Street than the pole mounted bins the Council need to be happy with the cost to replace the bins with the same suggested bin above in the future.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- If WPC accept to pay to replace this bin it will be an ongoing cost to be considered every year, depending on the condition of the highways bins.
- There is £500 in the Highways Expenditure budget (4210 refuse bins).

LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- The Council have the right to replace the highways litter bins and not the responsibility.
- The Council should consider if this is in line with the Councils vision and mission statement.
 - Develop Community
 - Enhance Environment
 - Promote Prosperity
 - Functioning Council

PROPOSAL

To resolve to:

- To approve the cost of the bin and authorise the office to place the order and install.



ITEM 8c – Mower Costs

BROUGHT BY

Office/Amenities Committee

SUMMARY

To consider retrospectively approving the costs for servicing and repairs on the John Deere mower and decks.

PARISH COUNCIL BACKGROUND

The Council get the John Deere tractor unit and the two cutting decks serviced annually.

DETAILS

Information

The John Deere tractor unit and decks were serviced on Tuesday 3rd March, after this service the mower was deemed non-operational, the contractor collected the mower to take to their depot and complete the works needed to make it operational. They also be investigated a potential axle problem whilst it was at the depot.

The Council were without the mower for 3+ weeks due to the works needed.

The works have been completed, and the mower is back and operational.

Works and Costs

- Rear axle oil leak repairs
- Trimax deck service
- Trimax and Power unit repairs (Lower than estimate supplied)
- Power unit service

DATE	INVOICE NO	DETAILS	VAT	AMOUNT	O/S	AMOUNT	BALANCES
26Mar26	133733	Inv CJ Int 2 Service	117.00	702.00		702.00	
26Mar26	133734	Inv CJ Annual Service	39.01	234.01		234.01	
26Mar26	133759	Inv CJ Skid Repairs	321.64	1929.95		1929.95	
26Mar26	133760	Inv Commercial Retail	239.53	1437.17		1437.17	
		MAR	717.18	4303.13			4303.13
						TOTAL DUE	4303.13



FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- These costs will come out of the 25/26 budget.
- These costs were provisionally approved by the Clerk due to the importance of the mower to the Council's works and devolved services contract with Bucks Council.

LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- N/A

PROPOSAL

To resolve to:

- Retrospectively approve the costs of £4303.13 for servicing and repairing the John Deere mower.