

# WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 at 7:40pm

Wendover Community Library, High Street, Wendover HP22 6DU

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

**Clerk & Minutes:** Andy Smith

**Members of Public:** 1

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**A25.061** Apologies were received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllrs Standen and Thornton.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**A25.062** None.

### 3. MINUTES

**A25.063** The minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 as amended were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair.

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**A25.064** None.

### 5. FINANCE

#### a) Payments to consider

**A25.065** The payments to consider totalling £3,857.67 were **RESOLVED** and signed.

#### b) Amenities budget request 2026/27

**A25.066** It was noted that Amenities have not included some bigger requests with the ambition of achieving key strategic objectives and that it is the role of Amenities to request an ambitious budget to make Wendover better. It was then the role of Finance and Full Council to edit that budget

**A25.067** It was **RESOLVED** to amend the current proposal so that Amenities Committee members can provide additional requests for projects in line with our strategic priorities to the Finance Committee.

**A25.068** The budget request as amended was **RESOLVED**

### 6. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

**A25.069** The report was noted. The War Memorial repairs were discussed. It was NOTED that the Committee agreed in principle with approving the repairs to go ahead for the total of £2150 + VAT with JS Stonemasonry as the repairs were needed to be completed urgently and that formal approval will come to the next meeting for formal approval

## 7. OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

### a) Skatepark street furniture and trees

**A25.070** It was noted that the location of the trees will be sufficiently far away from the skate park, and that the tree types were selected based on being able to thrive in the Ashbrook soil and conditions. It was further noted that the cost of the bin seemed expensive.

**A25.071** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal on the basis that the office will circulate prices for litter bins to demonstrate that this particular bin is value for money.

### b) Climate Action Wendover Planting Proposal

**A25.072** It was noted that our open spaces should remain open. It was felt the location of the trees need much greater consideration. The proposal was amended so that the money would be made available on the condition that the Estates and Grounds Team suggested conditions in the paper are adhered to. The proposal as amended was **RESOLVED** to award **£357.55** funded from EMR 364 under the powers in the 1906 Open Spaces Act 1906 s 10

## 8. OTHER MATTERS

### a) Streetlight Maintenance

**A25.073** It **RESOLVED** to amend the policy to a clear simple statement that we do not install shields.

**A25.074** The policy as amended was **RESOLVED**.

### b) Streetlight Column Replacement

**A25.075** The committee found it difficult to justify the costs to replace one light post and requested further information. It was **RESOLVED** that further information was required.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### a) PL/25/3325/FA Boswells Farm Hogtrough Lane Wendover Buckinghamshire HP22 6PJ

Proposed new access drive (retention of temporary access approved under 19/03583/APP), gates and landscaping

**A25.076** It was **RESOLVED** to make a comment that if access was no longer via Hogtrough Lane Buckinghamshire Council should still maintain Hogtrough Lane up until the allotments, the condition of this road has significantly deteriorated since new access to Boswells Farm was created.

**A25.077** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the application.

### b) PL/25/4266/KA The Grange Aylesbury Road Wendover Buckinghamshire HP22 6JQ

T3: Reduce lateral spread of large Sycamore by 1-2m ( over footpath ) and reduce two major limbs in height by 1-2 meters. T2: Reduce lateral spread of Sycamore by 1-2 metres. T1: Removal to ground level of Cypress. T6: Reduce Cypress by approximately 2-3 meters in height and trim side foliage all around. T7/T8: Removal to ground level of 2x Cedar. T9: Removal to ground level of diseased Box Elder.

**A25.078** It was noted that there was not enough information provided to be certain the cedars that were being removed were diseased. It was **RESOLVED** to remain neutral on this application.

**10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**A25.079** None presented but it was noted that Committee were invited to submit budget requests to the Finance Committee.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**A25.080** The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 16 December 2025. All items for the agenda to the office by Mon 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**12. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**A25.081** As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8.48pm.

Signed by *Stephen Worth*

Chair to the Amenities Committee

Date: 16 December 2025