

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting 15th September 2020 at 7:30pm Online Meeting via Zoom

Present: Councillor Myers, Worth, Green, Gregory, Clayton, Washington, Ballantine and Durden-Moore.

Clerk: Keith Shelley

Members of Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A20.01 Apologies were made by Cllr Clare and they were accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A20.02 None

3. MINUTES

A20.03 The minutes of the meeting of 21st January 2020 were AGREED as a true record and the Chairman will drop a signed copy at the Clocktower.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A20.04 None.

5. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

A20.05 The Clerks report was NOTED with no further actions.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A20.06 The correspondence for Plantlife was NOTED. Following a short discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to donate £100.00 to the organisation.

7. FINANCE

To consider the list of payments and sign cheques.

A20.07 The Clerk highlighted the non-regular payments and provided justification. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the list of payments and they were duly signed by the Chairman. The online payments would be made the following day.

8. OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

a) Hampden Pond

To receive an update on the Hampden Pond proposal.

A20.08 The Clerk outlined the concerns raised by the pond Risk Assessment and confirmed a proposal to address the issues should be received within a month. He also confirmed the contractors will endeavour to maintain the characters of the pond and once the proposal is received the community will be consulted on

the proposals before any work commences. Concern was expressed over modernising the pond to the extent where the wildlife is disturbed. It was AGREED to review the proposal document once it is published and then decide whether community consultation is required before any work is progressed. All concerns relating to safety will be considered separately to the development project.

b) Hampden Meadow Tree Planting

To receive the final proposal from the Climate Action Wendover Group.

A20.09 The Clerk outlined their proposal to plant an arch of trees over the existing path. The proposal to create an arch of trees was rejected on the basis the open space environment should be maintained. Cllr Green proposed a line of trees along the line of the pond incorporating the pond review to open the pond and allow for a wider path. It was AGREED the Clerk should outline the counter proposal to the CAWG for their consideration.

9. OTHER MATTERS

a) BBOWT Webinars

To receive an update from Cllr Worth regarding the BBOWT webinars that he attended in August.

A20.10 Cllr Worth had previously circulated the links to the webinars to the councillors and provided an update on what may be achievable. He then encouraged the other councillors to view the links if they had not already done so.

b) Responsible Dog Ownership

i) To consider a request to install a dog waste bin along Hale Lane.

A20.11 Cllr Worth confirmed there are 5 dog waste bins within easy reach of Hale Lane. It was **RESOLVED** not to support the request for the bin and AGREED the Clerk would write to the resident explaining why the request was rejected. It was further AGREED the Clerk should examine the feasibility of having a map showing the location of all the bins within the village on the WPC website.

ii) To consider a complaint from a local resident about the dog waste and ownership around Witchell and Hampden Meadows.

A20.12 The Clerk confirmed a request to have a Dog Warden to police Wendover had been well received by the authority. It was AGREED the Clerk should write to the resident confirming the allocation of a Dog Warden is being Investigated.

c) Hanging Baskets

To consider arrangements for next year's baskets.

A20.13 Cllr Worth outlined the arrangements with Lindengate for this year's displays and the fact that to a large degree they had failed. The proposal for plastic arrangements was rejected and other options, including utilising the Ground Teams skills was discussed. It was AGREED the Clerk should examine the feasibility of the Ground Team and other suppliers providing the baskets and consider replacing the existing baskets due to their weight.

d) Thank You Rocks

To consider the permanent location of the Thank You Rocks

A20.14 The Clerk outlined the idea to have the rocks laid either side of the new path around Ashbrook Park.

It was also suggested that a rock should be included in the time capsule. It was **RESOLVED** to accept both proposals.

e) Wildflower Verge – Tring Road

To consider moving forward with the wildflower planting along the Tring Road

A20.15 Cllr Worth highlighted that the project had been around for some time and consequently the cost had escalated. He confirmed there is an EMR for the project and additional funds are available to cover the increase. Cllr Clayton raised concerns over the cost and whether the funds could be better utilised during these difficult times. It was **AGREED** the Clerk should investigate the practicalities and cost of having the banks scarified by a contractor before planting wildflower seeds.

f) Manor Waste Protocol

To review the Manor Waste Protocol policy.

A20.16 Cllr Gregory suggested a policy should be included identifying the area being utilised by Rumseys and No2. The Clerk outlined a document being produced to clearly identify the council's expectations relating to any hospitality business utilising the Manor Waste. It was also **AGREED** that the Local Produce Market protocol should be expanded to clearly define who may attend and what is considered local.

10. MATTERS TO REPORT

A20.17 Cllr Clayton highlighted a resident had raised concerns to her over lingering smells produced from the fish stall on market days. She had discussed this with the Market Manager who claimed it was due to the drains being blocked. The Clerk had also received a complaint from No 2 saying they had to clear away fish sales before setting out their gazebos. It was **AGREED** the Clerk would consider the concerns with the Market Manager.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A20.18 Items should be forward to the Deputy Clerk.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A20.19 The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 20th October 2020.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

A20.20 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 20:35pm

Signed by *Stephen Worth*

Chairman to the Amenities Committee

Date: 20th October 2020