

# WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7:30pm

Chilterns Neuro Centre, Oakwood Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, HP22 5LX

**Present:** Councillors Ballantine, Gallagher, Goodall, Porter, Thornton, Wales, Walker, Washington, Tipper and Worth

**Clerk:** Phoebe Sharps

**Members of Public:** 12

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**PC24/309** Apologies were received from Cllrs O'Donnell, Standen and Campbell and were **APPROVED**. Bucks Cllrs Newcombe, Bowles and Strachan also offered their apologies.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**PC24/310** None

### 3. MINUTES

**PC24/311** The minutes of the Parish Council of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

### 4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PC24/312** The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Cllr Tipper to her first Council meeting. The Chair gave an update on the LGPS pension fund deficit and that following discussions with Barnett Waddingham the actuary for the Bucks LGPS there could be options to exit the scheme. The Chair will produce a paper for the next meeting for the Council to consider.

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**PC24/313** The New Wendover Action Group secretary made an introduction to the Council and asked about a new Parish Council representative for Wendover Action Group.

**PC24/314** A member of public noted that there were no representatives from Buckinghamshire Council present at this meeting. They expressed concern that in view of the serious issues that needed to be discussed at this meeting, particularly in relation to HS2, that their absence should be noted.

**PC24/315** A member of the public received an email from the MPs office which stated that they have had 42 complaints from residents about the use of Dobbins Lane for HGV traffic. 35 out of 42 complaints highlighted the risk to pedestrians. Those who wrote in received a written response from HS2 together with a list of FAQs, the topic of safety has only 6 lines. The FAQs mentioned the environmental impact surrounding other access routes and spoke on access rights, with no information on gaining access or what the blocks are.

**PC24/316** A representative of Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group spoke on their report and stated that they object to the use of HGVs in Dobbins but are looking at how to mitigate the impact for residents as well. In their next report they will discuss the FAQs received by residents and speak on the technical items, they ask that the report be passed onto Buckinghamshire Councillors in particular Peter Strachan.

**PC24/317** A member of public highlighted a wider issue of HGVs in the conservation area, and that in particular the Pound Street & High Street junction and roundabout will be affected.

**PC24/318** The Chair noted that he has a meeting with one of the Councillors who has responsibility for Transport at Bucks Council, to discuss what can be done in regard to the use of Dobbins Lane for HGV traffic. He also noted that at this time the best thing for residents to do is complain directly to HS2 with specific references to their concerns.

**PC24/319** Cllr Tipper asked a question to the representative from Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group with a query that they thought there was to be no HGVs in Wendover, the representative said that EKFB said they would use best efforts not to have HGVs in Wendover, but they don't think there was a formal agreement. Reports of HGVs in Wendover can be sent to EKFB with pictures and timestamps.

**PC24/320** A member of the public suggested that there was another possible route, through old sewage works off Aylesbury Road, where none of the other problems exist, and there would be wide access and a potential layby.

## **6. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS**

**PC24/321** No reports given.

## **7. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE**

**PC24/322** The report was noted.

## **8. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS**

### **a) Payments to consider.**

**PC24/323** No payments to consider.

### **b) Latest financial reports**

**PC24/324** The financial reports were noted. It was noted that the cost of £2,500 +VAT from Transport Working Group EMR will be reimbursed £1,250 from Bucks Council.

### **c) Flagstone Statement**

**PC24/325** The statements from the Flagstone accounts were noted.

### **d) End of year forecast**

**PC24/326** The end of year forecast was noted.

## **9. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **a) HS2 Mitigation Action Group**

**PC24/327** The report was noted. It was noted that the Rocky Lane closure will affect Hale Lane, there has already been an increase in lorries and crashes on Hale Lane and people will continue to use Hale Lane as a diversion. It was further noted that the Council will speak to Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group regarding future cycle lanes to take this forward.

### **b) Other groups**

**PC24/328** Business Network - their next meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. There was a question regarding the status of the Business Group, the Chair will contact them for an update.

## 10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### a) AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**PC24/329** The draft minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were noted.

#### ii) Dobbins Lane

**PC24/330** It was **RESOLVED** to amend the statement (and position expressed) to say “there are major safety concerns”.

**PC24/331** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the statement (and position expressed) as amended.

**PC24/332** It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office to publish the statement as amended and signpost the issues as appropriate.

**PC24/333** It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the office to engage with the Buckinghamshire Councillors to ask for the planning decision to be “called in”

**PC24/334** It was **RESOLVED** to publicise when the issue comes to planning and provide links of where residents can make comments on the planning applications.

**PC24/335** It was **RESOLVED** to continue to represent this position to EKFB and Buckinghamshire Council when planning applications are submitted.

## 11. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

### a) Transport Working Group

**PC24/336** It was noted that there is a three-quote process for the Wharf Road project, Cllr Goodall will share the quotes to the Council via email.

### b) Open Spaces Working Group

**PC24/337** No report.

### c) Sustainability and Biodiversity Group

**PC24/338** No report.

### d) Strategic Planning Steering Group

**PC24/339** No report.

## 12. OTHER ITEMS

### a) Review of policies

**PC24/340** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Document Retention Policy

**PC24/341** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Clock Tower Protocol

**PC24/342** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Footpaths Protocol

**PC24/343** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Grants Policy

**PC24/344** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Witchell Car Park Policy. It was noted that during the parking review the Council will look at the Witchell Car Park, due to the parking issues with no specified spaces and vehicles blocking multiple spaces.

**PC24/345** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Investment Policy

### b) Approval of Chair as Bank Signatory

**PC24/346** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the addition of the Chair as a full account signatory, subject to a review of the standing orders and policies.

### c) Wendover Cricket Club Equipment Store

**PC24/347** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the larger equipment store on the Witchell Grounds.

### 13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

[24/03640/ALB 3 Coldharbour Tring Road Wendover Buckinghamshire HP22 6NR](#)

Listed building application for the re-roofing the rear extension and insertion of 4no conservation roof lights, provision of mains gas, installation of gas boiler and gas flue

**PC24/348** It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

### 14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

**PC24/349** The next Parish Council meeting 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at St Annes Hall. Items for the agenda are due into the office by 9am on Mon 27th January.

### 15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

**PC24/350** As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8.14pm

Signed by  
Chair to the Parish Council

Date:

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