

# WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:30pm

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

**Present:** Councillors Stephen Worth (Chair), Sheila Bulpett, Diane Washington, Julie Williams, and Mark Standen.

**Absent:** Councillor Julie Lloyd-Evans

**Clerk:** Phoebe Sharps

**Members of Public:** 1

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**A22.076** Apologies were received from Councillor Sam Walker and Councillor Jennifer Ballantine and were ACCEPTED.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**A22.077** None.

### 3. MINUTES

**A22.078** The minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**A22.079** A member of public gave an update on Wendover Shed and their project this was NOTED. It was NOTED by Council that the intention is to rebuild the water shed at Hogtrough Allotments and use that as a main base for Wendover Shed or perhaps as a community space. It was NOTED that this would have to be a separate proposal.

### 5. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

**A22.080** The report presented by the Clerk was NOTED with an additional update on the hedge at Little Hampden Close, Highways are cutting that back this week. Payments for tools update was that tools & equipment that are not council owned will be removed, the council will need to buy tools as and when needed, a bulk purchase of electrical connectors for the Christmas Event will be needed. It was NOTED that the Council has now received the signed lease for Haddington Playpark.

### 6. FINANCE

**To consider the list of payments and sign cheques**

**A22.081** – The payments due to be paid were **RESOLVED** and signed.

### 7. OPEN SPACES AND HAMPDEN POND

#### a) Park Maintenance

**To consider the purchase of new signs for all playparks with age restrictions and the estates email address as a contact point.**

**A22.082** – It was NOTED that a representative from the John Colet School had contacted the Council to recommend an age limit which would assist them when out patrolling the park. It was NOTED that

there was concern about excluding children from the parks. It was NOTED at Ashbrook Park there is equipment that will not have an age range. It was **RESOLVED** to order and install the new signs.

**b) Tree Maintenance**

**To consider the quotes for tree maintenance and approve the required tree works.**

**A22.083** – It was NOTED that a question was asked by the Council about why quote 3 had been recommended. Current health and safety tree works are taking too long, the contractor for quote 3 has a bigger team, therefore work should be completed in a timely manner. It was **RESOLVED** to undertake work itemised in quote 3.

**8. OTHER MATTERS**

**a) Christmas Event**

**To report on the Christmas 2022 celebration, decorations and consider a Christmas Event Working Group.**

**A22.084** – It was NOTED that Council had received feedback about overcrowding at the Christmas event. It was NOTED that we cannot close the High Street, it was AGREED to investigate using Budgens car park or Back Street. It was NOTED that a question was asked by the Council about why the event is held on a weekday not a weekend, this will be discussed by the working group. It was **RESOLVED** to create a Christmas event working group that will investigate decoration options and a full proposal and recommendations for the Christmas event. Cllr Washington will work with the Estates and Events Manager in the working group.

**b) Freedom Parade**

**To consider the new date for the Freedom Parade in Wendover 2023**

**A22.085** – It was NOTED that the Council has received a list of responsibilities from the RAF for the Freedom Parade this will be in the January Amenities agenda. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the new date.

**c) Wendover Shed**

**To discuss due diligence needed to accept the final proposal from Wendover Shed about the use of the water shed in Hogtrough Allotments.**

**A22.086** – It was NOTED in the update from a member of public that the container would not be going on the base of the water shed at Hogtrough Allotments, as they will be proposing a project to refurbish the water shed. It was **RESOLVED** that Wendover Shed have the permission to site the shipping container at Hogtrough Allotments on the area of grass next to the rifle range once a peppercorn rental agreement has been signed, paying £1 annually. It was **RESOLVED** that Wendover Shed needs to obtain employers & public liability insurance and building insurance for the container. It was NOTED that at the start of the year a member from Wendover Shed will stake out the area where the container will be located with the Clerk or Estates and Events Manager present. It was NOTED that suitable supports for the container will be installed.

**d) Water Sheds London Road Allotments**

**To consider the cost of water sheds for London Road Allotments and approve.**

**A22.087** – It was NOTED that the water sheds would be in London Road allotments and at the old skatepark for the use of CLAW. It was **RESOLVED** to make a bid for the Community Board Fund, in the case of no funding CLAW's water shed would be funded from their EMR.

**e) Disposal of assets – Old hanging baskets**

**To consider the disposal of 14 old hanging baskets that are stored in Sidley's.**

**A22.088** – It was NOTED to offer the hanging baskets to the public if a local charity did not take them. It was **RESOLVED** to dispose of the assets.

**f) Acquiring HS2 land after completion - Old cricket ground**

**To discuss the potential use of the old cricket ground as a car park or other community asset**

**A22.089** – The survey results from The Wendover Society were NOTED. It was **RESOLVED** to contact HS2 and ask what will happen to the land once the work is complete, and what the time scale for the work is.

**9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**A22.090** None

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**A22.091** The next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee is 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**A22.092** As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at 8:30pm

Signed by  
Chair to the Amenities Committee

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022