

Minutes of the Meeting of Weston Turville Parish Council held on 20th July 2023 at Weston Turville Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: M Baylis, R Blackmore, M Collins, L Cook, G Fincham (Chair), E Martinez, C Terry and M Watson
Clerk: Mrs Sarah Copley
seven members of public

<p>23.111 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</p> <p>The 14th Vale of Aylesbury Scouts attended to collected their grant cheque and updated the Council on their fundraising for a new scout hut.</p> <p>Representative of the Mid Bucks Beekeepers Association asked that the Parish Council continue to press Hampden Fields to allocate them a suitable site. Cllr Collins (in his capacity as a Bucks Councillor) had met with them and suggested an informal meeting between all parties be convened.</p> <p>A resident asked to meet to discuss the hall and piano.</p> <p>A resident commented that minutes did not record actions taken, only decisions made.</p>	
<p>23.112 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Dawkins and Jarvis.</p>	
<p>23.113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>a) There were no declarations of interest. b) There were no dispensation requests.</p>	
<p>23.114 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 as a true record and the minutes were duly signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p>23.115 PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p><i>Cllr Collins abstained from voting on these applications as he sits on the Bucks Council Planning committee.</i></p> <p>a) 23/01941/APP 252 Wendover Road This application was considered and it was AGREED by a majority vote to raise no objections.</p> <p>b) 23/01967/AOP Land off Wendover Road, Stoke Mandeville This application was considered and it was agreed to raise concerns regarding the impact on services such as doctors surgeries and schools by the introduction of a further 500 houses in this area. It was further agreed to request that should the Planning Authority be minded to approve that works are scheduled with Hampden Fields to minimise disruption in the area as the two sites were opposite each other.</p> <p>c) 23/00353/APP Coombe Lodge Nash Lee End Wendover This application was considered and it agreed that whilst the Parish Council recognised the need for this type of hostel accommodation to help tackle homelessness in the area, it had concerns about this particular location which was</p>	Clerk

<p>23.120 STREET FURNITURE</p> <p>The two benches on the green outside the shop were in very poor condition and needed replacing. The quotes for the replacement benches were considered and it was AGREED to purchase two Phoenix benches from Glasdon at a cost of £585 each.</p> <p>It was further AGREED to accept the quote of £230 to install the two benches and removed the old ones.</p>	
<p>23.121 RECREATION GROUND AND SCHOOL APPROACH</p> <p>a) Repairs to play equipment</p> <p>The quote from the playground supplier for remedial works and installation of grass matting was reviewed and it was AGREED to accept the quote from Kompan for the repairs and installation of grass mats.</p> <p>b) Path around the recreation ground</p> <p>The current path had proved very popular but during the very wet cold weather over winter, it tended to becoming very tacky and muddy.</p> <p>Options to improve the surface were considered and it was agreed to get the paths inspected in the first instance and ask for recommendations on the type of surface that would work in the area and what drainage would be required.</p>	
<p>23.122 HAMPDEN FIELDS</p> <p>a) Beekeepers – the offer from Hampden Fields to provide a site for the Mid Bucks Beekeepers Assoc within the community orchard was noted. Cllr Collins (in his capacity as Bucks Councillor) had suggested that an informal meeting be arranged between himself, representatives from the beekeepers and Hampden Fields. The Chair and Clerk would also attend.</p> <p>b) Traffic Mitigation – at the last liaison meeting, the Parish Council had been asked to consider any traffic mitigation requirements for the parish. It was noted there was traffic calming for the village within the planning application but councillors were asked to consider any other needs that could be put forward for consultation.</p> <p>c) Tamarisk Way gardens – it was noted that Taylor Wimpey had wanted to offer some properties in Tamarisk Way an extension to their garden as there was an area of land that would prove difficult to maintain as open spaces once the development was complete. Bucks Planning Department had turned down this suggestion but the homeowners were continuing to lobby for this.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Councillors that the reserved matters applications were due to be submitted soon.</p>	
<p>23.123 WENDOVER COMMUNITY BOARD</p> <p>a) Cllr Fincham gave a verbal update on the recent meeting which included a workshop on priorities. The minutes would be available in due course.</p> <p>b) Air quality monitoring equipment – the Community Board currently had loan of equipment from Bucks Council which had been put up near the Wendover schools. It was agreed to ask the Community Board to fund similar equipment which could be used by the parishes in the Community Board area and also look into the costs of getting a consultants report.</p>	
<p>23.124 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) The Clerk's report was noted and is attached at Appendix 2. It was agreed to invite a presentation on Wendover Library at the September meeting.</p> <p>b) The Clerk also reported that she had received calls and anonymous correspondence from residents concerned about rumours circulating regarding the Barley Close Field and changes to the right of way. Cllr Blackmore said that CAWT would issue</p>	

<p>a statement confirming they did not own the field nor made any application to change the right of way.</p> <p>c) The correspondence received was noted and responses agreed. The Christmas tree would remain at the village hall. Other locations had been considered previously but ruled out due to logistical issues and costs.</p>	
<p>23.125 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>Cllr Watson reported that he and the Chair had attended the RAF Halton reception and that he had noticed that Chairs of other parish and town councils wore a badge of office. He would like a future agenda item to consider purchasing one for Weston Turville.</p> <p>Cllr Collins reported that Buckinghamshire Council had receive 2741 planning applications during April – June and had 1332 active enforcement cases.</p> <p>Cllr Martinez reported that a community litter pick had been carried out in Aston Reach and that he had been talking to residents to find out what they would like to see in the Weston Turville Times.</p> <p>Cllr Baylis reported ongoing antisocial behaviour at Hampden Hall that which would be reported to the Wendover Neighbourhood Team.</p> <p>Cllr Blackmore reported that she had attended a recent Wendover Parish Council meeting in her CAWT capacity and drew the Council’s attention to HS2 mitigation issues that would have an impact on the water levels to the Wendover Canal and Weston Turville Reservoir.</p> <p>Cllr Fincham reported that she and the Clerk had attended BALC training on Dealing with challenging situations.</p> <p>Cllr Fincham and the Clerk would be meeting the new headteacher the following week.</p>	
<p>23.126 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday 21st September.</p>	

Signed: _____ Date: 21st September 2023

Actions List

Ref	Action	Who	Update / Complete
22.45	Registration of village hall and playing field	Clerk	Application submitted
23.5	Investigate options for village map	Clerk	
23.6	Request third phase electric to be made live	Clerk	Awaiting response from Scottish Power
23.31c	Obtain quotes for surfacing under table tennis table	Clerk	
23.48	Raise fly tipping queries with Bucks Council	MC	
23.100	Submit application for LCAS Foundation Award	Clerk	
23.101	Progress café provision	GF, CT, Clerk	✓
23.102b	Quotes for table tennis table and surfacing	Clerk	✓
23.115	Submit responses to planning applications	Clerk	✓
23.116	Arrange for honour board to be updated	Clerk	✓
23.116	Place order for landline and broadband	Clerk	✓
23.116	Place order for extension to fire alarm system	Clerk	✓
23.116	Place order for emergency lighting	Clerk	✓
23.118	Progress implementation of management plan and registration of land as a Local Nature Reserve	LC	✓
23.118	Quotes for replacement tree	CT/Clerk	✓
23.119	Contact Wendover Community Board re grant for white gates	Clerk	
23.120	Place order for benches	Clerk	✓
23.121	Place order for repairs to play equipment and new grass matting	Clerk	✓
23.122	Meeting re beekeeper site	Clerk/GF/MC	✓

Appendix 1 – Payments

Date	Payee	Description		Net	VAT	Total
02/07/2023	Cloudy IT	Software licences and support	DD	£63.60	£12.72	£76.32
05/07/2023	DRAX	street light electricity - April and May	electronic	£705.84	£141.17	£847.01
10/07/2023	BAS Associates	Payroll Q2	electronic	£57.00	£11.40	£68.40
19/07/2023	DRAX	street light electricity - June	electronic	£383.97	£71.27	£455.24
20/07/2023	BALC	Training course - Clerk	electronic	£45.00		£98.10
		Training course - GF		£45.00		
		EAP membership		£8.10		
20/07/2023	Lengthsman	Tidying village areas June	electronic	£482.50		£482.50
20/07/2023	Open Spaces Society	2023 membership	electronic	£45.00		£45.00
20/07/2023	Windowflowers	Plant display 50% annual charge	electronic	£572.00	£114.40	£686.40
20/07/2023	Staff	Salary and cost claim (IT equip and fire safety)	electronic	£2,081.33	£105.95	£2,187.28
20/07/2023	HMRC	PAYE & NI	electronic	£403.93		£403.93
20/07/2023	Bucks Council Pensions	pension contribution	electronic	£561.08		£561.08
TOTAL				£5,454.35	£456.91	£5,911.26

Appendix 2 – Clerk’s Report

Below are updates on issues that are ongoing where no decision or minimal expenditure is required. The purpose of this document is to keep councillors and the public up to date on various matters.

- **Christmas tree decorations** – the new headteacher has been contacted and is keen to be involved with decorations for the tree. She has also asked to meet up to discuss past and future working together, the Clerk and Chairman will meet with her later this month.
- **Field in centre of village** – a few people have contacted the Parish Council concerned about a rumour circulating that the field that used to form part of Manor Farm. The rumour is that Climate Action Weston Turville are taking ownership of the field and changing the right of way so that it no longer goes across the centre of the field but around the outer edge.