

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
12 October 2015, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford G Clark A Dante E Habib S Haynes D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

4331-15 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Brewster and Reason (personal reasons).

4332-15 Public Speaking

none

4333-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Haynes declared a personal interest in Minute 4335-15 being an allotment tenant

4334-15 Minutes of meeting of 2 September 2015

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2015 be approved.

Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 2 September 2015

4335-15 Allotments

It was reported that the Clerk and Chairman of the Allotments Committee had met with UK Power contractors to discuss replacement Power masts on Baxendale allotments site. The footpath would be temporarily closed by Order. Work was scheduled for the week commencing 23 November.

In respect of the recommendations of the Allotments Committee of September, the chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the overhanging copse trees at Baxendale allotment site be pruned back - (Minute 4287-15)

Regarding the large tree on Glebe plot 27/29 (Minute 4288-155) further information regarding complaints was to be sought. A number of matters

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4336-15 Public Access Defibrillator

Councillors received a demonstration presentation of a public access defibrillator (PAD) on 16 September. A supplementary report

3 To thank NCS Countryside Services for the compost donation.

4340-15 Light's Up

Councillor Haynes reported that this event planning was progressing well - Five local theatres had offered pantomime tickets as prizes for the schools art competition, WEB had offered to buy a sixth pair. A number of vendors were lined up for the event , plus the fair. Top Hat were including a singing group.

Resolved

To note the report

4341-15 Queen's 90th birthday celebration

Consideration was given to ways to mark the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Halford, and it was agreed, that this matter be deferred to the next meeting

Resolved

To defer to the next meeting.

4342-15 Youth report

The Chairman reported , further to Minute 4281-15 , a positive meeting had taken place with Youth Connexions, police and SADC. The concerns about the availability of cannabis locally was focused upon. Following this meeting the police Priority Setting Forum had prioritised drugs as an issue Councillors Halford and Johnston, and the Clerk , had attended the scouts AGM where details of the walk to mark 50 years scouting locally were discussed. The need for more beaver cub leaders to accommodate the demand for youth places was emphasised. Jan Spragge, announced she was stepping down as Chief Scout, her replacement unknown.

Resolved

To note the report.

4343-15 Archery Club Equipment Store

The Archery Club's request for approval to replace their existing dilapidated store on Folly Fields with a more fit for purpose shed had been circulated.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Dante, and it was agreed, to approve in principal the installation of the new shed at the Archery Club's expense subject to the Club seeking any necessary planning permission.

Resolved

To approve in principal the installation of the new shed at the Archery Club's expense, subject to the Club seeking any necessary planning permission.

4344-15 Commemorative bench(es)

Further to Minute 4283-15 it was reported that any application for s106 public art money needed to be specific. Mr Robley favoured the production of two benches commemorating the First World War. The Chairman agreed to work with him to produce a report to apply to SADC for s106 public art funding to be brought back to the next CI meeting.

Resolved **That a draft report be brought to the next CI meeting to apply to St Albans District Council for £2,500 public art s106 money (reference 5/2005/2284) from the demolition and redevelopment of the Wheathampstead Education Centre to residential use towards this project.**

4345-15 Budget Review

The budget for Community Involvement Committee, compared to income and expenditure to date had been circulated and was reviewed.

Resolved **To note the report**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.45h.

Dated this day of 2015

Chairman