

Wheathampstead Parish Council

Community Involvement Committee

26 February 2018 19:30

Present:	Councillors	L Halford G Clark D Davies S Haynes D Johnston O McKenzie T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		J Warren	Clerk to the Council
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5503-18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors E Habib, and T Ryan (personal reasons).

5504-18 Public Speaking

None.

5505-18 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

5506-18 Minutes of Community Involvement Committee of 15 January

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 15 January 2018 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5507-18 Grant reports on 2017-18 expenditure

Mr Law thanked councillors for the grants received on behalf of the Thursday Club and the Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group.

He stated that the Thursday Club had been in existence locally for almost 43 years, currently supporting 18 members with 31 volunteers. There were no paid staff. They relied upon fundraising and grants to supplement member contributions. Their most significant cost was for minibus hire, and this was set to rise as a replacement converted vehicle was needed. Councillors were invited to drop in on Thursday morning tea break to meet the members.

Unlike the Thursday Club the WPPG was not a registered charity, it had been set up as a government initiative some 20 years previously. WPPG was established in 2008 to support the health and wellbeing of Wheathampstead residents. It worked with the local surgery to deliver medical talks three times annually and three pilates sessions weekly.

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The Chairman thanked him for his reports and support for these worthwhile local groups.

Councillor Johnston asked that a spreadsheet showing notional costs where groups were given free room hire be prepared, and that Top Hat be asked to highlight the benefits of stage craft.

Resolved:

To note the reports.

5508-18 Village Weekend

It was reported that there were no urgent actions but that a shortfall of activities for the arena remained. An appeal for additional volunteers had been made and Community Central (formerly Council for Voluntary Services) has suggested the use of assisted volunteers for Village Weekend activities.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5509-18 Katherine Warrington School

It was reported that the new school received planning permission at the HCC Planning and Development Control meeting on 19 Feb. Wheathampstead children would receive free transport because the Lower Luton Road was deemed as not being a safe route to school. Councillors were keen to be involved within the decision making process for the school and hoped to join the governing body. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Trustees requesting that Wheathampstead Parish Council be permitted to appoint a representative on the governing board.

Resolved:

- **To note the report.**
- **That the Clerk write to the Trustees requesting that Wheathampstead Parish Council be permitted to appoint a representative on the governing board.**

5510-18 Bus report

Further to Minute 5443-17 Councillors Clark and Halford reported that a meeting with Councillors Haynes and Ryan, district councillor Wood and representatives from Redbourn and Sandridge parishes to discuss the Sunday bus service had taken place and meetings with the Head of Spatial Planning, District Council portfolio holder and Member of Parliament were scheduled. It was agreed that the bus group might assist with the transport section of the Neighbourhood Plan, with specialist support for public rights of way.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5511-18 Crinkle Crankle Garden and Tithe Barn Yard

Further to Minute 5444-18 costings to clear the vegetation off and make the garage watertight and useable had been obtained. Items

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temporarily stored within to be removed. A revised outline plan for the garden had been produced, it was recommended that this design be transposed so benches and the eye looked south towards St Helens. Councillor Johnson proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams and it was agreed, that the garage be made good and watertight, and that services (water and electricity) be connected. Items stored within to be tidied. The Clerk to be given authority to authorise appropriate works.

Resolved:

- **To note the report.**
- **That the garage be made good and watertight, and that services be connected. Items stored within to be tidied.**
- **The Clerk to be given authority to authorise appropriate works.**

5512-18 Youth/ Sports Update

It was reported that a Councillors Halford and Ryan had met with the Fitness Squad to discuss this popular activity, largely supported by Wheathampstead women. The Chairman further reported that the numbers attending the Youth Project had risen, as continually did the popularity of the scouting movement. The younger scouts were keen to participate in a community activity – keeping tidy local amenities such as the Marford Play Facilities or the Station Platform site were suggested

Resolved:

To note the report.

5513-18 Budget report

The report as circulated was noted.

Resolved:

To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:45

Dated this day of 2018

Chairman