

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
27 April 2015, 19.30h**

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| Present | Councillors | L Halford S Haynes T Reason P Woodhams G Clark | Chairman |
| | | Louise Harrison | Deputy Clerk |
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4078-15 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J Shardlow, D Johnston, N Clements (personal reasons).

4079-15 Public Speaking

1. Youth Project.

The speaker reported that new supervision structures had been put in place for the last term (January to March 2015) to manage the two groups of children (younger children age 13 to 15 and older children 16 to 19) and that these were working well especially with the additional use of the ATP. He confirmed that approximately 30 to 35 attended every week, with one third being in the younger group. Following consultation with the children different activities had been agreed and run with the younger children successfully (ie. small groups cooking in the kitchen, set activities in the Hall). He confirmed that supervisors had identified a small minority in the older group that were disruptive and had addressed this behaviour with them. As a result there had been less disruption and more positive support from the majority of the children for the project. The speaker confirmed that an article was going in the next issue of the Pump and that Youth Connexions would be present at Village Day this year. Cllr Reason reminded the speaker of the work of the James Marshall Foundation and thanked the speaker and his colleagues for all their work with the children to improve behaviour.

2. Football pitches

The Speaker confirmed that a survey had been completed on the football pitches and as a result a programme of work was required to address the following issues: grass seeding; fertilizing; and verti-draining. The speaker also confirmed that this work was required annually and that Wheathampstead Wanderers (WWFC) would be willing to make a significant contribution to the cost of the work this year (£2,000). The Chairman updated the committee that a further request from a group outside the village had been made to play on the pitches for the next football season. Cllr Reason proposed that WPC would be delighted for WWFC to contribute to the cost of getting the

pitches up to order and delegate this to the Clerk for liaison with WWFC. This was seconded by Cllr Haynes and all agreed. The Chairman made a further proposal with regards to additional request for use: WPC were to consult with WWFC regarding this request via the Clerk, all agreed.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the reports from the public speakers.**
 - 2 WPC Clerk and WW to liaise with regards to maintenance work on football pitches and new use enquiry.**

4080-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr S Haynes – tenant on two allotments on Hitchens.
Cllr G Clark – Governor at St Helen’s School.
Cllr L Halford – member of WDPS.

4081 - 15 Minutes of meeting of 16 March 2015

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015 be approved.

- Resolved** **To approve the minutes of the Community Involvement Meeting on 16 March 2015**

4082 - 15 Allotment Matters

The Chairman reported that a number of requests had been received from existing and potential tenants for new plots on one of the allotments sites. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that there were a number of plots available. It was proposed by Cllr Woodhams that the office allocate plots as per allotment policy rules and that the WPC office write to those concerned reinforcing the plot allocation rules, this was seconded by Cllr Reason and all agreed.

- Resolved** **1 WPC Deputy Clerk to write to individuals requesting plots with allocations and allotment rules.**

4083 –15 Bury Green Garden Update

The Chairman confirmed the work completed by members of the Working Group, WDPS and volunteers thus far in clearing the site and that the first skip was paid for and organised by Marfleet Construction. It was proposed by the Chairman that a letter be sent by the office to Marfleet Construction thanking them for this, and all agreed. The Chairman confirmed that £510 had been spent from the budget this far and that to date other costs had not been confirmed. Further to other work by the WDPS on the east side of the Crinkle Crankle wall it was proposed by Cllr Woodhams that a sum of £40 from the floral works budget for annual bedding plants be made available for the discretion of the

WDPS to spend on plants and plant accordingly, seconded by Cllr Reason and all agreed.

- Resolved**
- 1 A letter of thanks be sent from the WPC office to Marfleet Construction.**
 - 2 A sum of £40 from the floral works budget for annual bedding plants to be made available for the discretion of the WDPS to spend on plants and plant accordingly.**

4084-15 ATP

Following a discussion regarding the current opening and closing of the pitch in term and holiday periods it was proposed by the Chairman that the ATP remain unlocked for a period of one month as a trial, that the trial would be reported back to the next Community Involvement Meeting, and that signage created by the office be placed around the pitch informing users of this and reminding them to clear their litter, all agreed.

A discussion took place about charges for holiday camps on the ATP and it was proposed by Cllr Reason that two bands of charges be introduced for holiday camps, one for local village groups and a second for commercial groups, of £20 per hour and £35 per hour respectively, seconded by Cllr Haynes and all agreed.

A discussion took place around the ongoing issue of litter on the pitch. It was recommended by Cllr Woodhams that a prominent feature regarding litter be created by the Deputy Clerk after Village Weekend on the WPC website as well as the additional signage mentioned above, seconded by Cllr Haynes and all agreed.

- Resolved**
- 1 ATP remain unlocked for a period of one month as a trial, that the trial would be reported back to the next Community Involvement Meeting, and that signage be placed around the pitch informing users of this and reminding them to clear their litter.**
 - 2 Two bands of charging to be introduced for the hire of the ATP for holiday camps, one for local village groups and a second for commercial groups, of £20 per hour and £35 per hour respectively.**
 - 3 Deputy Clerk to insert a litter feature on the WPC website after Village Day.**

4085 - 15 Other Youth News

The Chairman confirmed that 72 Scouts from the Village had taken part in the 50 year anniversary of the Scouting Group at a camp in Phasells Wood.

4086-15 Wheathampstead Dementia Friendly Update

The Chairman confirmed that a new date was to be arranged for the next Dementia Friendly training for Councillors.

4087- 15 Nomansland Nature Quest Update

The Chairman confirmed that Sandridge Parish Council had informed WPC that Beech Hyde School, had expressed an interest in running the above event in the summer term. It was confirmed that £2000 was available in reserves for this project. It was proposed by Cllr Reason that WPC office was to make contact with Sandridge PC and confirm that WPC has some funding available for this project and request whether Sandridge PC had received any interest from other school in WPC, seconded by Cllr Haynes and all agreed.

Resolved 1 WPC office confirm with Sandridge PC that WPC has some funding available for this project and request if Sandridge PC had received any interest from other school in WPC.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.25h.

Dated this day of 2015

Chairman