

Wheathampstead Parish Council

Community Involvement Committee 3 December 2018 19:30

Present:	Councillors	L Halford G Clark E Habib S Haynes D Johnston O McKenzie T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		S Wood	District Councillor
		J Warren	Clerk to the Council
		Press	0
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5906-18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor D Davies (personal reasons).

5907-18 Public Speaking

None.

5908-18 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature and commercial sensitivity of the business to be transacted.

Resolved:

To exclude press and public.

5909-18 Memorial Hall plans

Councillors received a presentation from Weal Architects about potential future plans for redeveloping the Memorial Hall. The Chairman thanked Francesca Weal for her ideas and insights.

Resolved:

To note the confidential report.

5910-18 Readmission of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, to readmit press and public.

Resolved:

To readmit press and public.

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5911-18 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

5912-18 Minutes of Community Involvement Committee of 22 October

The Chairman proposed, seconded and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2018 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 22 October 2018 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5913-18 Remembrance and Armistice Centenary events

Further to Minute 5832-18 it was reported that the commemorative bench at Rectory Meadows had been described by a number of people as impressive. The service at St Helen's Church on 11 November had standing room only, events at the Memorial Hall were also well attended. There were plans to retain the History Society's posters as training aides for the local primary schools, and to include digital copies on the Heritage website. The History Society hoped to extend its brief and possibly work with the University of Hertfordshire for an exhibition in February 2019. An exhibition at Village weekend 2019 was further suggested.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5914-18 Bus report

Further to Minute 5835-18 Councillor Wood reported that the inter-parish bus group had had a meeting with St Albans District Council portfolio holder Councillor Salih Gaygusuk, County Councillor Annie Brewster and local Member of Parliament Bim Afolami to share their concerns about bus services to the villages.

Wheathampstead Parish Council recognised the need for a Sunday bus service, crucial particularly to the young, elderly and workers on low incomes who did not readily have access to their own vehicles. Wheathampstead, they felt, had compelling reasons to be supported by a functional bus service – Wheathampstead did not have a railway station and footways and cycleways linking the Village to the adjacent urban centres (Harpending, St Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City) were inadequate.

Timing to approve projects and funding was tight. It was noted that any plans for 2020-21 would need to be available for scrutiny by St Albans District Council by October 2019

Resolved:

To note the report.

5915-18 Death friendly village

Further to Minute 5833-18 it was agreed that the pilot course to discuss 'death' be held in the Hewitt Room on the morning of 4

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February 2019. This would be available to councillors and the community on a first come first served basis.

Resolved:

That the workshop be held in the Hewitt Room on the morning of 4 February 2019.

5916-18 Budget ideas for 2019-20

A number of project ideas were put forward for potential inclusion in the 2019-20 budget. These included: Heritage Centre, Christmas lights including tree lights, Diamond Jubilee Garden tree lights, Crinkle Crankle Garden, Maltings Drive play area enhancement, education around dog control and messing, new/ refurbished bus shelter(s).

Resolved:

To note the ideas and include in the draft budget for consideration.

5917-18 Youth and sports update

It was reported that no grant had been received towards the portaloos at Butterfield playing fields. Wheathampstead Parish Council was by default paying for this unbudgeted but necessary service. Hertfordshire County Council and Carter Jonas were progressing slowly with negotiations with Persimmon.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5918-18 Crinkle Crankle Garden

Further to Minute 5904-18 a start date for construction of 10 December had been agreed with Jackie Gough Garden Design Ltd. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed that a letter be written informing local residents of the work.

Resolved;

That a letter be written to local residents informing them of the proposed start date for construction work to the Crinkle Crankle Community Garden.

5919-18 Project and task review

The report as circulated was considered.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5920-18 Budget report

Resolved:

To note the report.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:00

Dated this day of 2019

Chairman