

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
2 September 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

4274-15 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors D Davies and J Shardlow (personal reasons).

4275-15 Public Speaking

none

4276-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

4277-15 Minutes of meeting of 6 August 2015

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2015 be approved.

Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 6 August 2015

4278-15 Village Weekend

The recommendations of the Village Weekend Working Group of 1 September were considered. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed:

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2. All to consider ways to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday and for this to be brought back to Community Involvement Committee for further consideration, ideas to be sought from within the community (see also Minute 4283-15).

3. Village Weekend to be Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July 2016.
4. Councillors to be aware of the expectation of their full participation over the weekend.
5. Councillor Halford to encourage community participation in the weekend's events.
6. Theme to be 'All the World is a Stage' to include and enable the celebration of 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare: 1616-2016.
7. That there would be no bar at Picnic on the Meads on the 9 July.
8. Catering outlets attending in 2015 to be invited to 2016 event.
9. Entertainment and catering provision to be considered at next working group meeting and booked following the subsequent CI meeting – October 2015.
10. Costs for sound, stage, lighting and Communication equipment to be obtained and agreed.
11. Deputy Clerk to progress road closure company issues.
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4279-15 Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP)

Further to Minute 4251-15 usage of the ATP was discussed and a timetable for autumn hirers had been circulated. It was noted that as autumn approached dusk was quickly settling in. CCTV provision had been discussed with the police, an infrared system would be necessary for this location

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed that subject to review and for the winter months the ATP remain unlocked. Evening floodlighting would be provided for bookings.

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4280-15 Tennis Club

An attempted break-in to the Tennis Club was reported. Police had attended. There was no apparent damage to the club house but the fencing, particularly near the gate had been damaged uprights bowed and wire cut back. The Maintenance Contractor had effected a temporary repair, a more permanent less obtrusive repair would be undertaken in the near future.
The police were looking to temporarily install CCTV.

Resolved **To note the report.**

4281-15 Youth report

The Chairman reported that she had visited the Youth Project and

was very positive regarding its operation. The youth leader had suggested a meeting with interested parties to discuss youth activities in the locality, including parish council, police and the district council community protection officer. He praised the ATP facility available, of the best in county, and also spoke of the National Citizens Service Scheme many young people had recently participated in. A suggestion that young people's views be represented when considering the Memorial Hall's upgrade and refurbishment was made.

Reference was also made to the celebration of 50years of scouting in Wheathampstead. Councillors were encouraged to join (part) of the 13 mile walk on 26 September and/or BBQ following it.

Resolved To note the report.

4282-15 Football

It was reported that the goal posts from Folly Fields had been brought down to replace the failing posts for the bottom Marford pitch. Andy Ellis of Wheathampstead Wanderers FC was looking into grant funding for new goal posts.

Resolved To note the report.

4283-15 Commemorative bench(es)

Further information was circulated regarding carving commemorative benches from the felled oak tree in Rectory Meadows. Consideration to be given to the soundness of the wood and feasibility and cost of moving it either to the wood carver's in Knebworth, or closer to appropriate siting position to the north east of Rectory Meadow. Design also to be explored, to date this had been limited to commemoration of the 1914-18 war. The possibility of extending this to perhaps one bench commemorating the Great War and one the Queen's 90th birthday was to be considered. (See also Minute 4278-15). Costs for carving were in the region up to £3,500, some donations had been promised.

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