Wheathampstead Parish Council **Community Involvement Committee** 7 July 2014, 19.30h

Present	Councillors	L Halford G Clark N Clements S Haynes D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		A Dunton-Payne A Robley	
		Julia Warren	Clerk
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3663-14 **Apologies & Substitutions**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Brewster (mayoral duties) D Davies and P Wilby (personal reasons).

3664-14 Public Speaking

Mr Robley asked that Council consider permitting carving of the remaining trunk of the felled oak in Rectory Meadow. The tree dated about 100 years and would seek to commemorate those who died in the Great War. He stated that he has sourced funding and hope to encourage local people to participate. The diseased base had been removed. Mr Robley was asked to bring a business case back to the next CI meeting where it would be discussed as an agenda item

3665-14 **Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor Halford declared a personal interest as committee member of the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society.

3666-14 Minutes of meeting of 2 June 2014

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 be approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

3667-14 Youth

Amy Dunton-Payne spoke enthusiastically about the National Citizens Service. She had enjoyed participating in this inclusive government funded life skills initiative and spoke in depth about the activities undertaken and positive effect it had had upon her confidence. These included for example, budgeting, problem solving, bush craft, quad bikes and wall climbing as well as community work and fundraising for the local hospice. As a 17 year old young person she now acted as mentor for her peers.

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Youth Club meeting and asked that they consider whether to paint a patterned youth shelter design (which may be unofficially enhanced) or keep it plain.

She had also attended a girl guides meeting and made contact with some of the families who were without allocated secondary school places.

The Clerk reported that Robert Brown and Phil Francis had attended the necessary training for the Badminton England Smash Up programme (Minute 3622-14).

Resolved: To note the reports.

3668-14 Artificial Turf Pitch & Play Area Upgrade Progress

Concerns had been raised about supervision of young children using the play area. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that signage be installed stating that the play equipment was designed to be challenging and that children should be supervised appropriately whilst using it. Additional equipment for younger children was at Rectory Meadow.

Work on the Artificial Turf Pitch had begun on 3 July, scheduled for 8 weeks. Consideration was given to the bookings process, particularly regular hirers. Local schools had initially expressed interest in its usage. It was agreed that Councillor Clark follow this up with St Helen's School and the Deputy Clerk with Beech Hyde School. Detailed consideration to be referred to the Facilities Management Working Group. Deliberation regarding a launch event was deferred until the next meeting.

Resolved

- **1** To note the report.
- 2 To refer pitch bookings process to the Facilities Management Working Group.
- **3** To consider a launch event for the new Artificial Turf / all weather Pitch

at the next meeting.

3669-14 Terms of Reference – Community Involvement Committee

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the draft Terms of Reference as circulated and amended be approved and adopted.

Resolved To approve and adopt the committee terms of reference.

3670-14 Terms of Reference – Crinkle Crankle Garden Working Group

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the draft Terms of Reference as circulated and amended be approved and adopted.

Resolved To approve and adopt the working group terms of reference.

3671-14 Heritage Trail Phase II

The Council chairman reported on the success of the launch of Phase II of the Heritage Trail on 22 June 2014 with a Victorian tea party in Rectory Meadow adjacent to the Crinkle Crankle Garden. Turnout was a little disappointing compared to Phase I launch, but attributed to the absence of a celebrity. Gratitude was expressed to all volunteers who assisted. There had been much positive feedback on both the information boards and the hard copy maps.

Resolved To note the report

3672-14 Commemoration of World War I

Attention was drawn to the Horizons magazine article about John Wackett whose family of seven brothers all returned safely from military service. Seventy two local people however had died, these were to be remembered at the Music on the Meads Event – floating tea lights with biodegradable RBL poppies and poppy seeds down the river.

As a heritage village it was considered appropriate to commemorate World War I and that the Parish Council support this. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed, that Wheathampstead Parish Council host a commemorative event in the Memorial Hall involving various village groups.

Resolved

That Wheathampstead Parish Council host a commemorative event in the Memorial Hall involving various village groups.

3673-14 Bury Green Triangle

Further to Minute 3639-14 Julie Bell and /or Nigel Oxley would produce a business plan for consideration by the next CI Committee.

Resolved To note the report.

3674-14 Budget Report

The financial report showing committee income and expenditure to date had been circulated and was noted

Resolved To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.30h.

Dated this day of 2014

Chairman