

**Wheathampstead Parish Council  
Community Involvement Committee  
22 February 2016, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford A Brewster G Clark A Dante D Davies D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		S Wood	District councillor
		Julia Warren	Clerk
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**4510-16 Apologies & Substitutions**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors E Habib and Haynes (personal reasons).

**4511-16 Public Speaking**

Mr Graham Phillips, local pharmacist, spoke of the funding cuts announced in December 2015 to pharmacies nationwide and the impact this was expected to have. He urged all to follow and support the #loveyour pharmacy campaign and to seek Parliamentary support. BBC Breakfast would feature this including interviews at Manor Pharmacy, Wheathampstead scheduled for 23 February. This item was then debated at Minute 4513-16.

Sue Camastra spoke of the St Albans' Got Talent Team 2016 planned events - an appeal across the district for community venues to hold a series of competitive events to raise money for community projects and charities. In 2016 funds were being raised for St Albans Town Hall Art Gallery and Museum. She requested free use of the Memorial Hall to promote the event. This item was debated at Minute 4514-16.

Julie Bell spoke of WDPS's plans to undertake sign cleaning on 5 March as part of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign. The Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society also hoped to host a community tea party on 12 June and sought support from the Parish Council in terms of funding and venue use. This item was taken at Minute 4515-16.

**4512-16 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor Halford declared a personal interest in Minute 4515-16 being a committee member of the WDPS. Councillor Brewster in

Minute 4514-16 as District Councillor portfolio holder for tourism and leisure

#### **4513-16 Possible Closure of Village Pharmacy**

Further to Minute 4511-16 councillors discussed the potential impact of funding cuts on the Village's pharmacy, and pharmacies more widely.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Brewster and it was agreed that Wheathampstead Parish Council valued and supported its local pharmacy and would oppose actions which threatened it. It supported the efforts of small pharmacies, and the national campaign, to get the Government to rethink its funding cuts.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed that details of the campaign with links to background information be publicised through the Council's website

- Resolved**
- 1 That Wheathampstead Parish Council valued and supported its local pharmacy and would oppose actions which threatened it.**
  - 2 To support the efforts of small pharmacies, and the national campaign, to get the Government to rethink its funding cuts.**
  - 3 That details of the campaign with links to background information be publicised through the Council's website.**

#### **4514-16 St Albans has got talent**

Further to Minute 4511-16 councillors considered the potential impact of this talent show upon the local talent show at Village Weekend and their desire to support the District Council and its Museum project. An earlier date to avoid conflict with Village Weekend was preferred.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Davies, and it was agreed that the Parish Council provide the Memorial Hall free of charge for one day, as its contribution to the St Albans Museum and Town Hall project.

- Resolved**
- That the Parish Council provide the Memorial Hall free of charge for one day, as its contribution to the St Albans Museum and Town hall project.**

#### **4515-16 Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations**

It was noted that the Parish Council planned to install a footbridge to commemorate the Queen's birthday, consideration to an as yet undefined 'opening' event and planting a tree, perhaps a cedar in Rectory Meadow, and support for Village organisations' events had

also been discussed. The Council had a grant application process to consider financial support.

Councillor Brewster proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed, that the Parish Council was delighted to support the WDPS's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration plans and would give due consideration to financial support at its next meeting to which a business case was to be brought.

**Resolved That the Parish Council was delighted to support the WDPS's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration plans and would give due consideration to financial support at its next meeting.**

#### **4516-16 Minutes of meeting of 7 December 2015**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2015 be approved.

She further proposed, and it was agreed, that a working group be set up to consider Christmas Lights and the Lights Up event

**Resolved**

- 1 To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 7 December 2015**
- 2 To set up a working group to consider the provision of Christmas Lights and the Lights up event**

#### **4517-16 Bury Green Garden**

The chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the notes and recommendations of the Bury Green Garden Working Group of 21 January be approved

**Resolved**

- 1 To note the actions regarding bench stabilisation and horse trough.**
- 2 Councillor Clark, as deputy mayor of St Albans be invited, with Rae Boras, to open the garden.**
- 3 Pump article to be produced.**

#### **4518-16 Crinkle Crankle Garden**

The recommendations of the working group of 5 January were noted. Hammersmatch were responsible to repair the wall and clear the site , both events they advised would take place when frost free weather permitted mortar to be laid.

**Resolved To note the report.**

#### **4519-16 Village Weekend Working Group**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed, that events as recommended be investigated and booked

**Resolved** **To approve the investigations and bookings.**

**4520-16 Allotment Rules and Regulations**

Updated allotment rules and regulations had been circulated and were debated. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that the rules and regulations as amended be approved and adopted.

**Resolved** **That the rules and regulations as amended be approved and adopted.**

**4521-16 Allotment Treework**

Consideration was given to treework at Baxendale to trees overshadowing but adjacent to plots, and in the copse and 'orchard'. It was hoped that tenants would work communally in the copse and orchard, some limited felling and treework to overhanging oaks was agreed subject to a site meeting.

Councillor Dante proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that the Glebe tenant, who had undertaken some treework acknowledged his responsibility for the large goat willow. A compromise may be negotiable once costs determined.

**Resolved**

- 1 To undertake limited treework to oaks at Baxendale**
- 2 Baxendale tenants to work on copse and orchard.**
- 3 To acknowledge work undertaken by Glebe tenant on huge goat willow**
- 4 To obtain an estimate for additional work and potentially negotiate a compromise.**

**4522-16 Allotment Flooding**

It was reported that flooding had been particularly bad this winter at Baxendale and some allotments water logged. Other allotments suffered from shading, variable soil conditions etc.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that allotment plots were taken as seen. In the event of later problems coming to light then the tenant might have first refusal on a vacant plot.

**Resolved**

- 1 That allotment plots were taken as seen.**
- 2 In the event of later problems coming to light then the tenant might have first refusal on a vacant plot.**

**4523-16 Commemorative Footbridge across the River Lea**

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Brewster, and it was agreed, that a second footbridge be built across the River Lea to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Further information including draft planning and Environment Agency approval documentation to be brought to CI on 14 March.

- Resolved**
- 1 That a second footbridge be built across the River Lea to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
  - 2 Further information including draft planning and Environment Agency approval documentation to be brought to CI on 14 March.**

**4524-16 Commemorative bench**

Further to Minutes 4283-15, 4344-15 and, 4433-15 this would be brought back to the next CI meeting.

- Resolved**
- That a draft report be brought to the next CI meeting to apply to St Albans District Council for £2,500 public art s106 money (reference 5/2005/2284 ) from the demolition and redevelopment of the Wheathampstead Education Centre to residential use towards this project.**

**4525-16 Maltings Play Area**

S106 monies were awaited from the Butterfield Road site. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Brewster, and it was agreed, that once details were finalised a soft consultation would occur using previous consultation materials.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the report.**
  - 2 That once details were finalised a soft consultation would occur using previous consultation materials.**

**4526-16 Butterfield Pavilion**

It was agreed this be deferred until plans for the Memorial Hall were progressed.

- Resolved**
- To defer pending decisions regarding the Memorial Hall refurbishment**

**4527-16 Youth report**

The Chairman reported that a meeting with youth Connexions, police

and ST Albans District Council had been scheduled for March 22. Karen Oxley had been appointed Chief Scout following the retirement of Jan Spragge. New Beaver leaders had now been appointed.

Councillor Clark had attended and enjoyed the local Gang Show.

**Resolved To note the report.**

**4528-16 Budget Review**

The budget for Community Involvement Committee, compared to income and expenditure to date had been circulated and was reviewed.

**Resolved To note the report**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.25h.**

**Dated this day of 2016**

**Chairman**