

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
13 March 2017, 20.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford D Davies S Haynes D Johnston T Reason	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
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5041-17 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were Received from Councillors Clark, Dante, Habib and Woodhams (personal reasons).

5042-17 Public Speaking

Mrs White voiced her concerns that a number of residents of the Hilldyke Estate did not seem to feel a sense of community belonging. She suggested that a volunteer group within Hilldyke be encouraged to undertake a localised litterblitz and hoped that the area be beautified, perhaps with the assistance of the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society for bulb/flower planting and the council with painting properties. She would lead a litterblitz on 1 April and asked for WPC support.

5043-17 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Halford declared an interest in Minute 5045-17 and 5049-17 being a committee member of the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society (WDPS).

5044-17 Minutes of meeting of 20 February 2017

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2017 be approved.

Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 20 February 2017.

5045-17 Grants

Alistair Sykes reported on the grant received by the Wheathampstead Cricket Club used to fix the roof, soffits and guttering of the clubhouse with the remainder helping to refresh the interior decoration. He spoke too of the expanding colt section of the club, now with 150members, the club providing equipment aiming for inclusivity. County games were often played at Wheathampstead,

after the outfield checked for rabbit burrows – a never ending task it seemed with the ever increasing rabbit population.

The Chairman, on behalf of WDPS, reported on the successful tea party the WDPS hosted for the Queen's 90th birthday. An estimated 300 people attended.

Paul Millac's report for the Dementia Friends had been circulated. Twice monthly sessions averaged 18+ with over 30 at the Christmas party. Various local outings, as suggested by carers had been organised to garden centres, pub and fish and chip lunches and the outreach programme to local primary schools was well received. They were working with the Alzheimer's Society, had a carer support worker and listed on the Alzheimer's Society website. The Group had been nominated for a community award from the WDPS.

Resolved **To thank Wheathampstead Cricket Club, WDPS and the Dementia Friends for their reports.**

5046-17 Citizens Advice St Albans District Grant application

Further to Minute 5001-17 the CASTAD grant application for 2017-8 was considered. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes and it was agreed that a grant payment of £4,000 be made in the new financial year for this extremely worthwhile and valued service.

Resolved **That a grant payment of £4,000 be made in the new financial year for this extremely worthwhile and valued service.**

5047-17 Christmas Lights

Further to Minute 5003-17 Councillor Haynes proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed not to rent an additional one metre height of cone tree for the remaining two contractual years.

Resolved **Not to rent additional height for the cone tree.**

5048-17 Hall use request

A request had been received from WEIP (within Everyone is Potential), a specialist learning disability and challenging behaviour consultancy based in Redbourn, to use the hall at locally discounted rates to establish a social group to encourage social interaction in a safe environment. Councillors were happy in principal but required more information to determine hire fees to be charged.

Resolved **1 To agree in principal**
2 To request further information to inform a decision on any discount on hire fees.

