

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
6 July 2015, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford A Dante D Davies S Haynes T Reason J Shardlow P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
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4204-15 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G Clark, E Habib and D Johnston (personal reasons).

4205-15 Public Speaking – Rectory Meadow Benches

Andrew Robley circulated and talked to his proposal to convert the felled red oak in Rectory Meadow into two commemorative benches marking both the tree's life and the First World War. Costs were estimated in the region of £2,000 but he had secured some donations. He agreed to provide further information for an agenda discussion at a later meeting.

4206-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr S Haynes – tenant on two allotments on Hitchens.
Cllr L Halford – member of WDPS.

4207-15 Minutes of meeting of 1 June 2015

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2015 be approved.

Resolved To approve the minutes of the Community Involvement Meeting on 1 June 2015

4148-15 Allotment Matters

The recommendations of the Allotments Committee held on 8 June were considered.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Shardlow, and it was agreed, that further to Minute 4102-15 and 4147-15 the issues surrounding inappropriate use of the part of the Glebe Field be referred to the next meeting.

Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Dante, and it was agreed, that the tenant of Glebe Plot 27 be given one month to remove the huge tree from the allotment.

Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that allotment tenants be annually invited to put themselves forward as allotment field representatives. The decision upon choice of representative would be undertaken by the Community Involvement Committee.

Publicity about allotment activities was to be coordinated through the Parish Council office.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the reports.**
 - 2 The issues surrounding inappropriate use of the part of the Glebe Field be referred to the next Community Involvement Committee meeting.**
 - 3 The tenant of Glebe Plot 27 be given one month to remove the huge tree from the allotment.**
 - 4 Allotment tenants be annually invited to put themselves forward as allotment field representatives. The decision upon choice of representative would be undertaken by the Community Involvement Committee.**
 - 5 Publicity about allotment activities was to be coordinated through the Parish Council office.**

4208-15 Bury Green Garden Update

It was reported that the patio was to be installed imminently.

Resolved To note the report

4209-15 Village Weekend Working Group Terms of Reference

Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed, that the terms of reference as circulated be approved and adopted

Resolved To approve and adopt the Village Weekend Working Group Terms of Reference

4210-15 Village Weekend update

Consideration was given to the events and attractions planned for Village Weekend. The chance to host a children's farm had occurred but was beyond budget, but a sponsorship opportunity was available. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Shardlow, and it was agreed that the Children's Farm be invited to attend, sponsored by Croft Farm Kennels and Dante Electrical.

It was noted that Council had previously agreed to reschedule the Wheathampstead Open Spaces Volunteer Day on 11 July as it

clashed with the biggest calendar event of the Council's year – Village Weekend. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed and confirmed that the 11 July volunteer day be cancelled and rescheduled, the Clerk to remind the Maintenance Contractor.

It was noted that few entries had been received for Wheathampstead's Got Talent. This was likely to be in part due to a clash with Top Hat and ballet school shows. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed, that the event continue as scheduled.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Shardlow, and it was agreed that the Crinkle Crinkle Garden design consultation to take place on Village Day comprise a number of coloured A3 designs and ideas.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the reports.**
 - 2 The Children's Farm be invited to attend, sponsored by Croft Farm Kennels and Dante Electrical.**
 - 3 The 11 July Wheathampstead Open Spaces Volunteer day be cancelled and rescheduled as it clashed with the biggest event of the Council's year.**
 - 4 Wheathampstead's got Talent to go ahead as planned.**
 - 5 Crinkle Crinkle Garden design consultation to take place on Village Day comprise a number of coloured A3 designs and ideas.**

4211-50 Crinkle Crinkle Garden update

The consultation brief was discussed at Minute 4210-15.

Resolved To note the report.

4212-50 Artificial Turf Pitch

The regular ongoing specialist maintenance of the ATP included in the build price would conclude in September. Quotations for one or up to five year's maintenance had been received, and were in budget. Smith Construction offered a loyalty discount of 5% for 3+ years contract. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that a 5 year contract be approved.

Consideration was given to fitting automatic door closers to the gates. Further quotations were to be sought.

- Resolved**
- 1 To award a 5 year, discounted, regular maintenance contract to Smith Construction.**
 - 2 To seek additional quotations for automatic door closers.**

4213-15 Youth Report

It was reported that excessive amounts of rubbish (paper, drinks containers) were being left on the ATP including after youth club. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that Youth Connexions be made aware.

Resolved To note contact Youth Connexions regarding litter on the ATP

4214-15 George Bernard Shaw sculpture

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed that Council should discuss how to spend s106 arts money in the village, perhaps to include a statue on the Railway Station Platform site.

Resolved To refer discussion of s106 arts funding to Full Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.30h.

Dated this day of 2015

Chairman