

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
10 November 2014, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford G Clark D Davies S Haynes D Johnston T Reason J Shardlow	Chairman
		Andy Ellis Robert Rikin	WWFC WWFC
		Julia Warren	Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

3847-14 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Brewster, P Wilby and P Woodhams (personal reasons).

3848-14 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

3849-14 Presentation – Butterfield Pavilion

Andy Ellis and Robert Rikin spoke about plans for a brickbuilt sports pavilion at Butterfield Road which Wheathampstead Wanderers FC had instructed an architect to design. The current changing facilities were inadequate. Earlier plans submitted by Wheathampstead Parish Council had been withdrawn following discussion with St Albans District Council. Previous discussions with WPC identified a need to identify additional 'social' space for use by community groups and other sports hirers, such as dancing. This needed to be considered in tandem with the improvements to the Memorial Hall. Agreement in principal had been received for funding of half the 'football' area from the Football Foundation. Additional funding sources needed to be identified. Mr Ellis was asked to update the business plan for submission to the next Community Involvement Committee. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed, that a planning application be submitted by WPC without prejudice to SADC, funded by WWFC.

Resolved **That a planning application for a brickbuilt pavilion be submitted by WPC without prejudice to SADC, funded by WWFC.**

3850-14 Minutes of meeting of 22 September 2014

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 be approved.

Resolved **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

3851-14 Artificial Turf Pitch

Further to Minutes 3787-14 the official opening of the ATP was scheduled for 27 November prior to the Lights Up event. It would include sponsor and celebrity attendance and penalty goal shootout 4.30-5pm with blind Paralympian David Clark. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that details of the opening be delegated to Councillors Brewster, Halford and Reason with the Clerk and Mr Ellis.

Resolved **That details of the official opening of the ATP be delegated to Councillors Brewster, Halford and Reason with the Clerk and Mr Ellis.**

3852-14 Allotment Matters

Councillors considered the recommendations of the Allotments Committee of 18 September. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston and it was agreed that: Further information of requested signage was to be brought to the next Community Involvement meeting for consideration. That up to £200 be spent upon weed suppressant membrane and pegs. This would be applied to relinquished plots by the allotment representatives and Maintenance Contractor.

Resolved

- 1 Further information of requested signage was to be brought to the next Community Involvement meeting for consideration.**
- 2 That up to £200 be spent upon weed suppressant membrane and pegs. This would be applied to relinquished plots by the allotment representatives and Maintenance Contractor.**

3853-14 Youth

The Chairman reported that she had had little contact with the Youth Club since the previous meeting. She had attended the Scouts AGM where she was thanked for Council's grant, and advised on their need for more Beaver group leaders.

Resolved: **To note the reports.**

3854-14 Commemoration for World War I

Further to Minute 3751-14 it was reported that the evening of dramatic reading with community choir had been oversubscribed and an overwhelming success. Thanks were specifically given to Terry and Margaret Pankhurst, and to the WI, WDS, WDPS, History Society and Councillors Haynes and Johnston on sound and light, and av. County Councillor Crawley had donated towards the war memorial cleaning from her Locality budget. The Remembrance Day Service and the poppy windmills were also commended. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Shardlow, and it was agreed, that cleaning of the war memorial be underwritten by WPC..

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the report of the successful events.**
 - 2 Wheathampstead Parish Council to underwrite the cost of cleaning the war memorial.**

3855-14 Citizen's Advice Bureau – Wheathampstead outreach

Councillor Johnston reported on the meeting he and the Clerk had with the CAB regarding Wheathampstead outreach services. Two recent recruitment exercises had failed to engage an outreach advisor for Wheathampstead and London Colney. Council was asked to consider installation of a kiosk or touchscreen computer and printer. Details of local CAB outreach facilities and telephone and internet access to services was provided. Realistically councillors accepted that an outreach worker was unlikely to be employed in 2014/15. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed, that a touch screen computer and printer be installed as soon as practicable in the Memorial Hall. The situation to be reviewed once operational.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the reports.**
 - 2 That a touch screen computer and printer be installed as soon as practicable in the Memorial Hall. The situation to be reviewed once operational.**

3856-14 Budget Report

The financial report showing committee income and expenditure to date had been circulated and was noted. Consideration was given to budget items for 2015-16, particularly those identified in the Council's Business Plan. Councillor Reason reported on progress and next steps for Memorial Hall refurbishment, a commercial lighting source had been identified through SADC. Budget items for highest priority were agreed as the Memorial Hall refurbishment, Crinkle Crankle Garden with boules court, East Lane Car Park extension, signage and

redevelopment of the Bury Green Triangle.

Resolved **To note the report and budget
priorities for 2015-16.**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.20h.

Dated this day of 2014

Chairman