

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

Present	Councillors	L Halford A Dante D Davies D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

**4246-15 Apologies & Substitutions**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Brewster (SADC meeting), T Reason and J Shardlow (personal reasons).

**4247-15 Public Speaking – Rectory Meadow Benches**

none

**4248-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

**4249-15 Minutes of meeting of 6 July 2015**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2015 be approved.

**Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 6 July 2015**

**4250-15 Bury Green Garden Working Group recommendations**

The recommendations of the Bury Green Garden Working Group of 4 August were considered.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed to approve a spend of up to £2,000 for the purchase, painting and installation of estate fencing subject to following the process defined by WPC's Financial Regulations.

The chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that

- The stepping stones and trough base be laid by Mr Oxley
- Cllr Reason apply herbicide to remove bindweed from the site
- The Chairman to write an article for the Pump regarding bench sponsorship

- Five trees be planted
- Advice be sought from S Fillingham regarding planting beneath the canopy of the yew tree

- Resolved**
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#### **4251-15 Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) – use and abuse**

Further to Minute 4240-15 it was noted that The ATP was built for community use as well as paid hire. Unfortunately some individuals abused this privilege and damage and misuse had occurred.

A number of incidents of misuse of the Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) had been reported included burnt patches of turf, large amounts of litter and poor behaviour. Advice and observations had been sought from St Albans District Council, police and youth connexions. Quotations for electronic locks and door closures had been obtained. Consideration was given to methods of changing users' behaviour and of the availability of the facility. Young people using the facility had been approached for their input.

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that a Hampshire picnic bench be purchased and installed near the southern goal mouth and hazel tree, budget £200.

Councillor Dante proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that the current policy of keeping the facility open be maintained and usage and abuse monitored.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that:

- When CCTV was considered for the Memorial Hall an extension of the provision to the ATP be included.
- That WPC continue to work with young people and Youth Connexions.
- That WPC work with PCSO Che Ponton
- That the facility was designed for sporting use and that respect for the surface was paramount. A sign to be erected stating that 'We are leaving this open because we trust you to protect the special surface'.

- That the burnt patches be replaced at an estimated cost of £300

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#### **4252-15 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 21.30h.**

**Dated this                      day of    2015**

**Chairman**