

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
16 July 2016, 19.00h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford G Clark A Dante D Davies E Habib D Johnston T Reason P Wilby P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
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4729-16 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors S Haynes (personal reasons), G Clark and T Reason (late arrival, other meetings).

4730-16 Public Speaking

None .

4731-16 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Halford declared a personal interest in Minute 4732-16 as treasurer of the WDPS.

4732-16 Consideration and approval of 2016-17 grant applications

Mr Paul Millac presented the grant application for the Wheathampstead Dementia Wellbeing Group which aimed to provide information about their illness including recent research and signposting regarding benefits, local facilities and relevant organisations in a warm, friendly, social venue where concerns could be shared without fear of stigma. In addition a help line was also provided by volunteers.

Presentations on the group's aims had been shared with many local groups including the Parish Council and one of the primary schools. The Group aimed to support both carers and cared for. Volunteers provided refreshments. A grant was sought towards hall hire for a venue with wheel chair access.

Mr Keith Martin sought funding towards maintaining the Club House of Wheathampstead Cricket Club. During 2016 their intentions were to replace/paint soffits and fascia, panelling and hand rail, total project cost estimated at £2,680.

The successful club had over 100 colts aged U8-U15 plus adult teams. Various fundraising events had/were taking place. Kit sponsorship for the Colts was being negotiated.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Dante, and it was agreed that £500 grant be awarded to each the Wheathampstead Dementia Wellbeing Group and Wheathampstead Cricket Club.

- Resolved**
- 1 To award £500 grant to Wheathampstead Dementia Wellbeing Group.**
 - 2 To award £500 grant to Wheathampstead Cricket Club.**

Councillors Reason and Wilby arrived.

4733-16 Minutes of meeting of 18 April 2016

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016 be approved.

- Resolved**
- To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 18 April 2016.**

4734-16 Crinkle Crankle Wall

It was reported that further to Minute 4615-16 planning permission had been granted for the noticeboard/interpretation panel for the Crinkle Crankle Garden. Jackie Gough had been appointed to design the Garden.

Councillors Johnston and Woodhams and the Clerk had met St Albans District Council's Conservation Officer to discuss the Crinkle Crankle wall.

Hammersmatch (developer) was required to hand the crinkle crankle wall over to the Parish Council in a good state of repair. Residents of the Moat House flats, on the former Helmets site, would then be responsible to maintain the wall and garden.

Following a previous visit in 2014 Point Builders, a company used by SADC for conservation work, had identified necessary works. This was passed to Hammersmatch, agreed and Hammersmatch appointed T&B to undertake works. Bricks and the specific mix of lime mortar had been agreed by SADC and T&B had almost finished brickwork onsite (replacement coping stones were awaited to complete parts of the wall). A site visit was undertaken on 25 July 2016. The Conservation Officer confirmed that the majority of work had been undertaken and wall in most parts acceptable (though the pointing in parts was not great and was a bit clumsy where it attempted to fill in damaged bricks, i.e round the eastern gate, coloured mortar and plain to replicate the historic form of brick and

mortar would have been more sensitive).

Still to be undertaken:

Coping stones on western corner and associated brickwork (as identified as outstanding by T&B)

Missing bricks in a few patches, particularly east gateway and on west face (copse/path side) of west wall and area on latter where a few spalled bricks are located together. These needed replacing (like for like).

It was acknowledged that a number of single bricks were disintegrating, but that this was to be expected given the age of the wall. The Conservation Officer had no major concerns except where bricks were missing or several clumped together were corroded because of structural implications of this, though equally these could be addressed now – ideally by turning bricks where spalled versus replacing them.

There were patches of missing mortar which should be replaced (like for like – including pointing style - using lime), particularly eastern end of south (churchyard) face of straight south wall and lower parts of eastern outer face.

It was noted that maintenance should be ongoing, bricks that have spalled or begun to may need turning/replacement in time and mortar need replacing as years passed by.

It was noted that some rescued bricks were in the Forge.

Clearance of the 'yellow' area of rubble, tree stumps and metal gate and fencing was outstanding. Hammersmatch had indicated that this would be cleared once the wall work was complete.

Resolved

To note the report

4735-16 Village Weekend

It was reported that the wash-up meeting of the Village Weekend Working Group had taken place, overall it was regarded as a resounding success. Mr and Mrs Park were regarded as key contributors, Mr Park was presented a bottle of whisky to thank him. The ladies had been presented with flowers on the day. WEB donations had once again facilitated a superb firework display at Picnic on the Meads, and the bucket collection donations were higher than in 2015. Councillor Johnston recommended, and it was agreed, that the working group specify requirements to purchase more exit signs, traffic cones and netting to screen off the river for future use.

Resolved

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 That the working group specify requirements to purchase more exit signs, traffic cones and netting to screen off the river for future use.**

4736-16 Station Platform event

Further to Minute 4617-16 it was agreed that this be deferred to a future meeting.

Resolved To defer to a later meeting

Councillor Clark arrived.

4737-16 CCTV

Consideration was given to installation of CCTV cameras in and around the Memorial Hall and covering the ATP and Tennis Courts. A budget quote had been obtained. Costs and anticipated benefits and dis-benefits were considered.

Councillor Dante proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed that this project be put on hold, any decision deferred.

Resolved The CCTV project be put on hold, any decision deferred.

4738-16 Defibrillator

Further to Minute 4336-15 costs and benefits of a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) to be located at the Memorial Hall were discussed. Grant funding was available from the British Heart Foundation for freely accessible defibrillators.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that an application be made for grant funding for a freely accessible Public Access Defibrillator. In the event of an unsuccessful grant application a PAD would be purchased and fully funded by Wheathampstead Parish Council.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed, that the PAD be installed on the north wall of the Memorial Hall.

Resolved

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 That an application be made for grant funding for a freely accessible Public Access Defibrillator.**
- 3 In the event of an unsuccessful grant application a PAD would be purchased and fully funded by Wheathampstead Parish Council.**
- 4 That the PAD be installed on the north wall of the Memorial Hall.**

4739-16 Memorial Hall refurbishment

Further to Minute 4727-16 it was reported that the AV (audio visual system) controls would all be accessibly located to the front of stage

with the stage lights switches. Painting of the far (east wall) was scheduled for the week commencing 15 August.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed that the colour of the wall be delegated to Councillor Halford with Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the report.**
 - 2 That the colour of the west wall of the main hall be delegated to Councillor Halford with Clerk and Deputy Clerk.**

4730-16 Village Noticeboards

It was reported that the Parish Council owned and maintained 12 noticeboards around the parish. The majority were not covered and notices frequently disappeared. Some required fairly urgent refurbishment or removal as condition and quality of structures varied. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that Council would consider the locations of all noticeboards, potential removal of unwanted boards, and brand image for replacement boards. To initiate this process an article would be written for the Pump.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the report.**
 - 2 That Council would consider the locations of all noticeboards, potential removal of unwanted boards, and brand image for replacement boards.**
 - 3 To initiate this process an article would be written for the Pump.**

4731-16 Bus shelters

It was agreed to defer to a later meeting consideration of replacement of dilapidated bus shelters on the High Street and Lower Luton Road by station sidings with wooden shelters as elsewhere in the Parish.

- Resolved**
- To defer consideration of replacement bus shelters to a later meeting.**

4732-16 WDPS Crocus corm planting

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Dante, and it was agreed in principal to approve a WDPS request to plant 5,000 purple crocus corms on Parish Council land as part of a national RHS-Rotary initiative to eradicate polio. The WDPS should advise the Parish Council in due course of preferred planting sites.

- Resolved**
- To agree in principal to approve a WDPS request to plant 5,000 purple crocus corms on Parish Council land as part of a national RHS-Rotary initiative to eradicate polio.**

4733-16 Youth and sports update

It was reported that there had been good youth participation in the Village Day parade. Positively there had been more vehicles and floats in the parade including St Helen's School, and Top Hat had performed in the arena.

School leavers' achievement awards had been presented at St Helen's School by Councillors Johnston and Brewster, and at Beech Hyde by Councillor Woodhams.

Resolved To note the reports.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.35h.

Dated this day of 2016

Chairman