

**Wheathampstead Parish Council  
Community Involvement Committee  
20 February 2017, 20.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford G Clark A Dante D Davies E Habib S Haynes D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
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**4997-17 Apologies & Substitutions**

None.

**4998-17 Public Speaking**

None.

**4999-17 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor Halford declared an interest in Minute 5012-17 being a committee member of the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society.

**5000-17 Minutes of meeting of 7 December 2016**

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016 be approved.

**Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 7 December 2016.**

**5001-17 Grants**

David Law reported on the grants received by the Wheathampstead Community Group, £660 towards insurance. The WCG provided help and support to those in need in the village and a transport service to hospitals and doctors' surgeries, a successful Internet café and luncheon club as well as many 'unlogged' support activities by its volunteers. Ann Rudeforth had been recognised in the New Year's Honours list for services to the community of Wheathampstead.

He further thanked the Parish Council for the Thursday Club's £500 grant which helped run its ambulance transport. He spoke of the

Club's activities for its 20 Disabled Club Members and invited councillors to join them one Thursday morning by arrangement. Members took the opportunity to ask a number of questions and thanked Mr Law for his time and work.

June Chapman had met and discussed her report on the work of Citizen Advice St Albans District (CASTAD) with the Clerk and it was now presented to Council. £4,000 supported the work of a weekly outreach service at the Memorial Hall. Councillors thanked her for her detailed report and were pleased at the variety of issues covered and the savings generated.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that 2017-18 grant applications be considered at Community Involvement Committee meetings on 12 May and 16 October. It was agreed that the CASTAD grant application for 2017-8 be considered on 20 March for payment in the new financial year.

- Resolved**
- 1 To thank Wheathampstead Community Group, the Thursday Club and CASTAD for their reports.**
  - 2 That 2017-18 grant applications be considered at Community Involvement Committee meetings on 12 May and 16 October.**
  - 3 That the CASTAD grant application for 2017-8 be considered on 20 March for payment in the new financial year.**

#### **5002-17 Village Weekend**

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that the recommendations of the Working Group of 23 January be approved. The main arena act to be 'Eagle Heights', Widdershins Puppet Theatre to be booked and that the Parish Council would operate a bar at Picnic on the Meads. Mr Park was negotiating the cost for the stage at Picnic on the Meads.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the reports.**
  - 2 The main arena act to be 'Eagle Heights'**
  - 3 Widdershins Puppet Theatre to be booked.**
  - 4 That the Parish Council would operate a bar at Picnic on the Meads.**

#### **5003-17 Christmas Lights**

Consideration of the cone tree to be deferred to a later meeting.

- Resolved**                    **Consideration of the cone tree to be deferred to a later meeting.**

#### **5004-17 Community Public Access Defibrillator**

Further to Minute 4904-16 it was reported that an Ipad SP1 semi

automatic defibrillator and lockable cabinet had been purchased and was now located on the north wall of the Memorial Hall. Possible community training by the East of England Ambulance Service to be discussed at the Village Weekend Working Party.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the report.**
  - 2 Discuss community training at Village Weekend Working Party.**

#### **5005-17 Butterfield Noticeboard**

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark, and it was agreed, that the Wheathampstead Wanderers FC, as requested, be permitted to install a notice board, of similar design to those being sourced for the open spaces, to show pitch layout, advertise team rules, kit aid, fixtures etc. at Butterfield Road. It would include space for the map of the locality.

- Resolved**
- Wheathampstead Wanderers FC, as requested, be permitted to install a notice board, of similar design to those being sourced for the open spaces, to show pitch layout, advertise team rules, kit aid, fixtures etc. at Butterfield Road. It would include space for the map of the locality.**

#### **5006-17 Bus Shelters**

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed, that the Clerk investigate part funding with HCC replacement bus shelters as discussed on the High Street and Lower Luton Road by Heron's Way, this to include the digital bus timetables.

- Resolved**
- That the Clerk investigate part funding with HCC replacement bus shelters as discussed on the High Street and Lower Luton Road by Heron's Way.**

#### **5007-17 Athletics Event**

A request to hold a potentially annual athletics event at Butterfield Road had been received from the Wheathampstead Warriors. Councillor Dante proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that WPC had no objection in principal on a trial basis but that more information was required, including plans for coordination with WWFC. To be brought back to a future meeting.

- Resolved**
- 1 NO objection in principal to holding a trail athletics event but that more information was required, including plans for coordination with WWFC.**
  - 2 To defer to a later meeting.**

**5008-17 Allotment Recommendations**

The recommendations of the Allotments Committee of 12 December were considered.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed that the bonfire regulations be amended to permit bonfires on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays between the hours of 08:00 and 12.00, and that a section be added in relation to wind direction 'to minimised disruption and annoyance to residents.' Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed that skips be organised for Glebe, Hitchens and Baxendale.

In response to the request to keep hens on plot Glebe 31 Councillor Habib proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that there was no objection so long as they had enough space to be considered free range birds and conformed to the poultry and DEFRA guidance.

In response to the request to keep racing pigeons on plot Glebe 31 councillors did not wish to amend the allotment rules. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the applicant be given until 31 March 2017 to remove his birds and their housing.

- Resolved**
- 1 That the bonfire regulations be amended to permit bonfires on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays between the hours of 08:00 and 12.00, and that a section be added in relation to wind direction 'to minimised disruption and annoyance to residents.'**
  - 2 That skips be organised for Glebe, Hitchens and Baxendale.**
  - 3 In response to the request to keep hens on plot Glebe 31: that there was no objection so long as they had enough space to be considered free range birds and conformed to the poultry and DEFRA guidance.**
  - 4 In response to the request to keep racing pigeons on plot Glebe 31:that the applicant be given until 31 March 2017 to remove his birds and their housing.**

**5009-17 Tithe Barn Yard**

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed, that installation of a droppable bollard at the entrance to Tithe Barn Yard be investigated, budget up to £500.

- Resolved**
- To investigate installation of a droppable bollard at the entrance to Tithe barn Yard**

**5010-17 Wedding Use of Marford Field 9 September 2017**

A request to erect a marquee adjacent to the Scout Hut had been received as the Memorial Hall was unavailable for hire. Councillor Habib proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that there was no objection to the applicant erecting a marquee for 24 hours on the field adjacent to the Scout Hut. They would need to advise the neighbours, be responsible for the security of the marquee and any litter and of course return the area to an 'as found' state.

There would be a £100 charge plus £100 refundable damage deposit

**Resolved**                      **No objection to the applicant erecting a marquee for 24 hours on the field adjacent to the Scout Hut. They would need to advise the neighbours, be responsible for the security of the marquee and any litter and of course return the area to an 'as found' state. There would be a £100 charge plus £100 refundable damage deposit.**

**5011-17 Youth and sports update**

It was reported that Play in the Park activities would be held on Marford Field on 5 and 12 April; WWFC had been granted use of Folly Fields football pitch, as in previous years, to reduce wear on the Marford pitches as the weather had been so wet. The Wheathampstead Wanderers had also asked that the pitches be vertidrained and as previously they be recharged to improve pitch life. It was agreed that the area used by the Regiment Fitness also be vertidrained. The WWFC were delighted on the installation of the defibrillator at the Memorial Hall.

A request to consider play equipment specifically for disabled children, had been informally received and would be brought to a later meeting.

**Resolved**                      **To note the reports**

**5012-17 Red phone box**

Councillor Haynes proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that the red phone box be adopted.

**Resolved**                      **To adopt the red phone box.**

**5013-17 Budget Report**

The budget report had been circulated and was noted.

**Resolved**                      **To note the report.**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.10h.**

**Dated this            day of                            2017**

**Chairman**