

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Community Involvement Committee
7 September 2016, 19.30h**

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

4759-16 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Brewster, G Clark, A Dante, E Habib and S Haynes (personal reasons).

4760-16 Public Speaking

None.

4761-16 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Halford declared an interest in Minute 4768-16 as treasurer of the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society.

4762-16 Minutes of meeting of 16 July 2016

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2016 be approved.

Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 16 July 2016.

4763-16 Bench Policy

The bench approved on 26 February 2016 was discussed and amendments agreed:

- Financial donation rather than a physical bench
- Benches to be of a sustainable wood preferably iroko, oak or teak
- Benches to be of a robust design, example pictures to be included for reference
- Benches to be allowed to weather naturally
- Inscriptions could be carved within the wood
- A list of possible locations to be maintained by the office
- Once the policy was approved delegation of bench donation to be given to the Clerk

The revised policy was to be brought back to the Community

Involvement Committee for final signoff and approval. Proposed by Councillor Reason, seconded by Councillor Johnston and agreed.

- Resolved**
- 1 To amend the current bench policy as discussed.**
 - 2 Revised policy to be brought back to the Community Involvement Committee for final signoff and approval.**

4764-16 Crinkle Crankle Wall

It was reported that further to Minute 4634-16 a meeting had been arranged with Jackie Gough on 27 September.

Hammersmatch had advised that work would be completed and their outstanding obligations regarding the reinstatement of Crinkle Crankle Wall and clearance/ tidying of the 'yellow' area/ Tithe Barn Yard would be complete by end of September.

The Deputy Clerk was looking into installation of noticeboard and fencing.

- Resolved** **To note the report**

4765-16 Village Weekend

It was reported that Councillor Reason had been elected Chairman and Councillor Johnston Vice chairman of the working group for 2017. The recommendations of the working group meeting of 6 September were considered. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Davies, and it was agreed, that Village Weekend 2017 take place on 8-9 July and be themed 'When I grow up'.

Consideration was given to the recipient of the bucket collection at Picnic on The Meads. This would be deferred to Council.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the reports.**
 - 2 Village Weekend 2017 8-9 July**
 - 3 2017 theme 'When I grow up'.**
 - 4 Consideration of bucket collection to be taken to Council.**

4766-16 Christmas Lights

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the working group of 2 August. Agreed clarification to be sought and brought to Council for determination.

- Resolved** **To defer to Full Council.**

4767-16 St Albans Draft Strategic Local Plan

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that a response be brought to Planning Committee for approval.

Resolved To defer to Planning Committee**4768-16 Red Phone Box**

It was noted that when the red phone box was installed a 3 year contract for the telephone was required at £550 + vat pa. This period was now concluded and the phone disconnected by BT.

Consideration to the future use of the heritage phone box with or without a payphone was required.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that a sign be placed within the phone box advising users of the situation and that they should contact the Parish Council office if the absence of a working payphone was a major inconvenience.

In parallel the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society, who had assisted with the project to install the phone box, and the Business Group, be consulted on potential future use. Examples included a defibrillator box, heritage/ tourist box or book swop.

- Resolved**
- 1 To note the report.**
 - 2 To place a sign within the payphone box advising of disconnection and seeking views of users.**
 - 3 To consult with WDPS and WEB regarding future use of the heritage red phone box.**

4769-16 Youth and sports update

It was reported that the Clerk had met with a representative of Veolia who had taken the waste contract for St Albans District. Veolia, as Amey the previous year, had agreed to refund the costs of providing portaloos for community sport use at Butterfield. It was hoped that HCC would soon resolve issues with Persimmon including reconnecting water to the pavilion site.

Resolved To note the report.

4770-16 Budget Report

The budget report had been circulated and was noted.

Resolved To note the report.

4771-16 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the

confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Resolved To exclude press and public

4772-16 Tennis Club

Financial & contractual consideration was given to the Wheathampstead Lawn Tennis Club's request for courts refurbishment. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that this be brought to Full Council.

Resolved To consider the matter at Full Council.

4773-16 Readmission of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to readmit press and public.

Resolved To readmit press and public.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.50h.

Dated this day of 2016

Chairman