

**Wheathampstead Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting  
27 October 2016, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	D Johnston A Brewster G Clark D Davies S Haynes T Reason J Shardlow	Chairman
		J Warren	Clerk to the Council
		Press	0
		Public	0

**4836-16 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Dante, D Davies, L Halford, P Wilby and P Woodhams.

**4837-16 Public Speaking**

None.

**4838-16 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

None

**4839-16 County Councillor's Report**

None.

**4840-16 Minutes of Council**

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2016 be approved.

**Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2016 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

**4841-16 Minutes of Committee Meetings**

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the following draft Committee minutes and working group notes were received and adopted:

Wheathampstead Community Safety Forum	7 Sept 2016
Maintenance Committee	26 Sept 2016
Neighbourhood Plan SG	3 October 2016
Village Weekend WG	4 October 2016
Lights Up WG	12 October 2016

Planning Committee 18 October 2016

**Resolved**      **To receipt and adopt the draft minutes and notes of**

<b>Wheathampstead</b>	<b>7 Sept 2016</b>
<b>Community Safety Forum</b>	
<b>Maintenance Committee</b>	<b>26 Sept 2016</b>
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#### **4842-16 Neighbourhood Plan recommendations**

It was noted that a sample trial survey of the Housing Needs Survey had been undertaken using random attendees at a U3A event. They had yet to be reviewed and changes to the survey undertaken. .

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

#### **4843-16 Plans referred from Planning Committee**

None.

#### **4844-16 Review of draft facilities White Paper**

Further to Minute 4834-16 further consideration was given to the draft White Paper, an aide to discussion of the Council's estate and future requirements. A number of buildings were to be considered holistically and the future requirements and expectations of the community. These included the Memorial Hall and library relocation to the Fire Station, Folly football pavilion (obsolete in its current state), a new Butterfield football pavilion be it large or small, Tythe Barn and the end of the Mill. Further details were to be sought to aide discussions and decision making. It was agreed that this be discussed in detail by a working group to be arranged after Lights Up (24 November)

**Resolved**      **1 To note the report**  
**2 To convene a working group meeting to discuss ideas after the annual Lights Up event.**

#### **4845-16 Project and task review**

The list of projects and tasks was discussed in detail.

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

#### **4846-16 Highways Meeting Feedback**

The outcomes of the meeting held on 24 October with County Councillor Maxine Crawley, Ringway and HCC Highways officers was

discussed. Councillors Johnston, Clark and Reason, with the clerk attended. Expenditure for 2016-17 on the Highways Locality budget on carriageway resurfacing of Brocket View, and footway resurfacing of Butterfield Road, Hillydyke Road, Lattimore Road and the Lower Luton Road was noted, also the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices to be installed on a rolling basis along Marford Road and Lower Luton Road. It was further noted than an element of all HLBs had been used for a countywide maintenance programme of white lining and cleaning street signs.

Officers were tasked to feed back the results of the traffic survey regarding a potential pedestrian crossing on The Hill, the public /private status of Abbott John Mews (confirmed as unadopted road), clarification of planned traffic improvement schemes to the Lower Luton Road following permission for the new secondary school, and details regarding the entrance works to the St Albans Girls School.

Clarification was given regarding the responsibility to prune vegetation overhanging the highway, in filling of potholes specifically on Pipers Lane and the treework on The Hill which had been anticipated as part of the 2016-17 HLB plans. This latter now seemed unlikely to take place.

Concerns raised regarding the (non) speed humps and paint marks left post the High Street works approximately 18 months previously would be looked into. The damaged bollard High Street- King Edward Place and chicane at Lower Gustard Wood would be urgently attended to. The installation of a 'bell' bollard to the south end of the Tesco loading bay was to be considered, this to discourage the third car parking in the bay and so causing severe obstruction.

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

**4847-16**    **Budgeting**

Councillors were reminded to consider costed items and projects for inclusion in the first draft budget. Some suggestions were instantly forthcoming

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

**4848-16**    **Accounts for Payment and Finance Reports**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to note the reports

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

**4849-16**    **Consultation – Risk of precept capping**

A draft response to the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation: proposal to extend the council tax referendum principles to parish and town councils from 2017-18 had been circulated.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the response as drafted be submitted to James Livingstone DCLG, The Rt Hon Sajiv Javid MP Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Marcus Jones MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities (Minister for Local Government), Lord Bourne of Aberystwth, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and the Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP

**Resolved To submit the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation response as drafted.**

#### **4850-16 Consultations**

Notification of consultation events on 2 and 5 November for the London Luton Airport Mass Passenger Transit System had been received and were noted.

A response to the North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031 would be drawn up and considered at the November Council meeting.

Clarification was to be sought on bus time changes

**Resolved To note the reports**

#### **4851-16 Reports on training and meetings**

Councillors Johnston reported on the Standards Committee meeting he attended on 19 November.

Councillor Shardlow reported on various Symondshyde meetings.

**Resolved To note the reports**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.30h.**

**Dated this            day of            2016**

**Chairman**