

Wheathampstead Parish Council

Community Involvement Committee 2 July 2018 19:30

Present:	Councillors	L Halford D Davies S Haynes D Johnston T Reason T Ryan P Woodhams	Chairman
		J Warren	Clerk to the Council
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5714-18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors G Clark, E Habib, O McKenzie and R O'Brien (personal reasons).

5715-18 Public Speaking

None.

5716-18 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

Councillor Halford declared an interest in Minute 5723-18 being membership secretary for the WDPS. Councillor Haynes declared an interest in Minute 5717-18 being an allotment tenant

5717-18 Minutes of Community Involvement Committee of 21 May

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 May 2018 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5718-18 Committee Terms of Reference

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Terms of Reference for the Community Involvement Committee as amended be approved and adopted.

Resolved:

To approve and adopt the Terms of Reference for the Community Involvement Committee as amended.

5719-18 Allotment Working Group recommendations

Further to Minute 5646-18 Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and it was agreed to have vacant allotment plots strimmed up to three times per annum to avoid the spread of unwanted seeds.

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It was also noted that the tenant of Glebe 31, contacted as at Minute 5646-18 had removed his chickens but otherwise left the plot untouched. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the Clerk ask the contractor to clear the plot of debris and an invoice be sent to the former tenant.

Councillor Haynes proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed to replace the allotment plot numbers at £2.60 each on a rolling programme.

Resolved:

- **To have vacant plots strimmed up to three times pa.**
- **To note that the chickens had been removed from Glebe Plot 31.**
- **To clear and then invoice the former tenant of Glebe 31 for the work**
- **To replace the allotment plot numbers at £2.60 each on a rolling programme.**

5720-18 Nomansland Nature Quest

Further to Minute 5647-18 five Nomansland Nature Quest events had been successfully run for Beech Hyde pupils. The Clerk had attended the last visit and it was clear that the children derived much pleasure as well as learning from the outings. A report for the Pump newsletter was awaited.

Resolved:

To note that the five Nomansland Nature Quest events requested by Beech Hyde School has successfully taken place.

5721-18 Bus report

Further to Minute 5648-18 the inter-parish bus group were awaiting a meeting with the new St Albans District Council portfolio holder Councillor Salih Gaygusuk.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5722-18 Crinkle Crankle Garden and Tithe Barn Yard Update

The draft consultation design for the Crinkle Crankle Garden was to be viewable in the Parish Council gazebo over Village Weekend. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that a questionnaire would be designed to accompany the consultation package. A prize draw from completed responses for a garden plant would be organised.

Resolved:

- **To note the report.**
- **To design a questionnaire to accompany the Crinkle Crankle Garden consultation**

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- **To arrange a prize draw at Village Weekend from completed responses.**

5723-18 Commemorative Bench

Further to Minute 5650-18 it was reported that one chunk of oak tree trunk was fairly rotten and had been cut down to a very basic bench shape. The second portion was larger. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that the two rustic benches be moved and re-sited within Rectory Meadow, the larger bench should have carved arms. A simple carved design, such as armed forces insignia, to commemorate the Great War was to be investigated. A proposal to be sought from Dave Flemons for consideration at the next meeting.

Resolved:

To bring design proposals to the next meeting.

5724-18 Remembrance Day Silhouette grants

It was reported that 'Remembered', a charity commemorating the Fallen of the First World War, had a grant scheme with the Armed Forces Fund Trust to assist communities in installing commemorative silhouettes representing those individuals named on the local war memorial. Grants would be specifically linked to commemorative events.

It was agreed not to progress a grant application.

5725-18 River Project – East Lane Car Park Enhancement Scheme

Julie Bell on behalf of the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society presented ideas for a river enhancement project at East Lane Car Park. A number of queries were raised including potential inclusion of the Bull/ Miller and Carter in relation to extending the estate railing towards the Mill bridge along the pub's car park.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that the Parish Council work with the WDPS to form a working group to look further at the East Lane Car Park Enhancement Scheme.

Councillors Halford, Haynes, Johnston and Woodhams indicated that they wished to be involved with the working Group.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council work with the WDPS to form a working group to look further at the East Lane Car Park Enhancement Scheme.

5726-18 School Achievement Awards

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and it was agreed, that the presentation of the Parish Council's School Achievement Awards be presented at the leavers' assemblies at Beech Hyde by Councillor Woodhams and St Helen's by Councillor Clark.

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Resolved:

Presentation of the Parish Council's School Achievement awards be undertaken by Councillors Woodhams and Clark.

5727-18 Youth and sports update

Touch Rugby sessions had been running several months coinciding with Monday Council committee meetings. After an initial settling period there appeared to be few if any issues. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that the trial rugby sessions be reviewed at the end of December. This would also enable an assessment of pitch conditions in wetter weather.

Resolved:

Trial Touch Rugby sessions to be reviewed at the end of December.

5728-18 Budget report

Resolved:

To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:10

Dated this day of 2018

Chairman