

**Wheathampstead Parish Council  
Community Involvement Committee  
7 December 2015, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford G Clark A Dante D Davies E Habib D Johnston T Reason J Shardlow P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren Louise Harrison	Clerk Deputy Clerk
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**4420-15 Apologies & Substitutions**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Brewster and Haynes (personal reasons).

**4421-15 Public Speaking**

none

**4422-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor Halford declared a personal interest in Minute 4426-15 being a committee member of the WDPS

**4423-15 Minutes of meeting of 12 October 2015**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2015 be approved.

**Resolved To approve the Minutes of the Community Involvement Committee Meeting on 12 October 2015**

**4424-15 Forest Nursery**

Further to the request put to Council on 26 November a report giving more details of Outdoor Child's Forest Nursery at Gustard Wood had been circulated. Consideration was given to the benefits to the children, the locality and residents and other users of Gustard Wood Common as well as the numbers of individuals concerned.

Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed that the Parish Council was prepared to discuss ideas with the Nursery School, but that further information was required.

**Resolved                    The Parish Council was prepared to discuss ideas with the Nursery School, but that further information was required.**

**4425-15      Lights Up**

The Deputy Clerk reported on the issues regarding the Christmas lights particularly in relation to changes in the licence requirements and power access to the Diamond Jubilee Garden and the Wheatsheaf motifs. Catenary lights were no longer acceptable. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed that up to £600 be approved for armoured cabling to the Wheatsheaf on the Florist, subject to agreement by St Helen's Church (owners of the church wall along which it would run).

Lights up had been a fine mild evening with much community enjoyment, some comments upon the commercialisation (fair etc) versus community stalls had been received. It was suggested that the format of Lights Up be reviewed with regard to road closure times, Santa's arrival and organisation of the event, perhaps through an events committee/working group. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that representatives from WEB be invited to join a Lights Up committee/working group.

**Resolved      1    That up to £600 be approved for armoured cabling to the Wheatsheaf on the Florist, subject to agreement by St Helen's Church (owners of the church wall along which it would run).**  
**2    That representatives from WEB be invited to join a Lights Up committee/working group.**

*The Deputy Clerk left the meeting.*

**4426-15      Bury Green Garden**

It was reported that benches were being donated to the Bury Green Garden, the estate fencing was now installed and garden progressing well. More plants and an interpretation panel would follow

**Resolved                    To note the report.**

**4427-15      Crinkle Crankle Garden**

The recommendation of the working group of 19 November were noted. Details of the information board were being debated, the upkeep of the garden and the adjoining walls to be discussed with residents and St Helen's Church. Investigations were ongoing in relation to a boules court and refurbishment of the 'garage'.

**Resolved                    To note the report.**

**4428-15 Citizens Advice**

A report detailing the costs and services delivered by Citizens Advice Outreach at the Memorial Hall had been circulated. A broad range of services were offered and the outcomes often positive. Councillors hoped that the service could be better advertised and its profile raised via social media, community notice boards, the Pump.

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

**4429-15 Artificial Turf Pitch**

A usage update and the notes and recommendations of the ATP Facilities Management Working Group were considered. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark, and it was agreed, not to pursue a planning application to extend the hours for lighting of the facility.

**Resolved**

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 Not to pursue a planning application to extend the hours for lighting of the facility.**

**4430-15 Village Weekend**

The recommendations of the working group of 24 November 2015 were considered. Councillor Shardlow proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark, and it was agreed, that the Jester be booked for 2016 and that four 'road' signs be purchased at a cost of £516.

**Resolved**

- 1 To book the jester for 2016.**
- 2 To purchase four signs at a cost of £516.**

**4431-15 Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration**

Further to Minute 4341-15 Consideration was given to ways to mark the occasion of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in conjunction with other known local events.

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Dante, and it was agreed, that the weekend of 4-5 June be set free for Village celebrations, the matter be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Resolved** **That the weekend of 4-5 June be set free for Village celebrations, the matter be further discussed at the next meeting.**

**4432-15 Youth report**

The Chairman reported that children from St Helen's and Beech Hyde Schools had joined Top Hat to perform at Lights Up, helping

make the event successful. She had also spoken to Wheathampstead House School who planned to take part in Village Weekend 2016, and hoped to take part in the parade. The Scouts had a new leader following Jan Spragge's retirement.

**Resolved To note the report.**

**4433-15 Commemorative bench**

Further to Minutes 4283-15 and 4344-15, this would be brought back to the next CI meeting.

**Resolved That a draft report be bought to the next CI meeting to apply to St Albans District Council for £2,500 public art s106 money (reference 5/2005/2284 ) from the demolition and redevelopment of the Wheathampstead Education Centre to residential use towards this project.**

**4434-15 Public Access Defibrillators**

It was reported that the Deputy Clerk was looking into grant funding for these.

**Resolved To note the report.**

**4435-15 Use of Council Facilities**

Consideration was given to the request to store iroko wood in the Forge.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed that the iroko be accepted, and that the Forge be inspected and a decision made on retention and storage of items.

**Resolved**

- 1 To accept the iroko.**
- 2 That the Forge be inspected and a decision made on retention and storage of items.**

**4436-15 Budget Review**

The budget for Community Involvement Committee, compared to income and expenditure to date had been circulated and was reviewed.

**Resolved To note the report**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.20h.**

**Dated this day of 2016**

**Chairman**