

**Wheathampstead Parish Council  
Community Involvement Committee  
2 June 2014, 20.15h**

Present	Councillors	L Halford N Clements D Davies S Haynes D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams  Jason Seed  Louise Harrison Julia Warren  Press Public	Chairman       Deputy Clerk Clerk  0 0
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**3630-14 Apologies & Substitutions**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Brewster (mayoral duties) and G Clark (personal reasons).

**3631-14 Public Speaking**

None

**3632-14 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

**3633-14 Wheathampstead Golf Club - presentation**

Jason Seed gave a detailed presentation on the proposals to redevelop the pay and play Wheathampstead Golf Course and invited comments and feedback. He stated that the current facility was very dated. Improvement would require major landscaping works with imported soils and frequent lorry movements during buildings works (of an estimated order of 15-20,000 lorry journeys over 18-24 months). Works, including pond enlargement, was expected to be phased. It was hoped to encourage new players (it was not a membership facility) and juniors – both independently and through local schools. Various surveys, including needs and demands, ecological, highways were yet to be carried out.

**3634-14 Minutes of meeting of 17 March 2014**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2014 be approved.

**Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting**

**held on 17 March 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

### **3635-14 Youth**

The Chairman reported on the meeting with Robert Brown, Youth Connexions on 15 May. Since the meeting with Mohamed Fawzi and Nick Smith on 28 March youth club activities were more structured and greater in variety. The young people had been asked to come up with some designs to repaint the graffitied youth shelter. The possibility of a Wheathampstead youth forum was being investigated.

The Scouts St George's Day parade and service she had attended went well.

An application had been submitted to Badminton England for the 'Smash Up' programme aimed to increase the number of young people engaged in physical activity, kit and training would be provided by BE.

Troy, a ten year old boy had approached the Council requesting 'dirt ramps' for which he provided a design to build.

Councillors were keen to encourage youth participation. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that the idea of dirt ramps be investigated further.

**Resolved:**

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 To investigate the idea of dirt ramps**

### **3636-14 Artificial Turf Pitch & Play Area Upgrade Progress**

A £500 grant had been received from The 928 Sports Foundation. It was reported that the grass matting of the newly refurbished play area (currently signed, padlocked and taped off closed) had been ripped up by vandals.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that up to £200 be approved to secure it.

The revised planning application for path and container was discussed and approved (Proposed by Councillor Haynes, seconded by Councillor Woodhams and agreed).

APEX had requested to run 2 three day summer football courses in August, using the ATP if available. This would facilitate early instruction on the use of the facility. If approved they planned to advertise through the local schools, Wheathampstead Wanderers FC and at Village Day.

Concerns were raised over security of the new facilities. Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed, that radio CCTV be investigated.

**Resolved**

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 To approve up to £200 to secure the grass mat**

- 3 To approve the revised planning application for path and container.**
- 4 To approve 2 APEX run 3 day summer football courses**
- 5 To investigate radio CCTV.**

### **3637-14 Village weekend**

Further to Minute 3620-14 it was agreed that chargeable stalls be charged £25 in 2014 (Proposed by Cllr Reason, seconded by Councillor Woodhams and agreed).

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason and agreed, that the WEB representatives talk to WEB about future rates

Details of the weekend were discussed. It was agreed that a donations 'bucket' be employed at Music on the Meads.

Councillor Johnson proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and agreed, that two 2channel radio microphones be purchased, budget £150 from Memorial Hall budget, Councillor Haynes to research the product.

Rather than rent a PA system, Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that a PA system be the first priority for the village Weekend budget with up to £500 from reserves if required.

- Resolved**
- 1 Chargable stalls to be £25.**
  - 2 WEB representatives to discuss future fees.**
  - 3 Donations bucket to be employed at Music on the Meads.**
  - 4 Two 2 channel radio microphones to be purchased.**
  - 5 To PA system to be prioritised.**

### **3638-14 Heritage Trail Working Groups**

It was reported that the Launch of Phase II of the Heritage Trail was being planned for 22 June 2014 with a Victorian tea party in Rectory Meadows adjacent to the Crinkle Crankle Garden. The map information boards were to be installed prior to the launch at East Lane, Nomansland and Devil's Dyke.

**Resolved To note the report**

### **3639-14 Bury Green Triangle**

This project was to be managed by a working group, including members of the WDPS, which reported back to the CI Committee. Nigel Oxley had offered to produce a draft planning application (should this be required) .

**Resolved To note the report.**

**3640-14 Cricket Request**

A request from two brothers aged 6 and 8 years to formalise a cricket pitch with facilities on the former station sidings site had been received. This and the Clerk's response had been circulated. Councillors applauded the enthusiasm and initiative of the boys. They had been advised to contact the Wheathampstead Cricket Club which had a growing colts section. The restricted site adjacent to the Lower Luton Road was felt to be more suitable, if developed, for environmental /ecological use, a tree trail or perhaps boules court. These to be considered at a future date.

**Resolved To note the report.**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.05h.**

**Dated this day of 2014**

**Chairman**