



## Wheathampstead Parish Council

### Wheathampstead Thursday Club £500

#### 5247-17 Rectory Meadow play area - railings

Councillors considered whether to replace the railings around the children's play area at Rectory Meadow, one quotation had been received more could be sought. The previous fencing was failing and difficult to keep safely maintained so had been removed following contractor's recommendation (Minute 5092-17). Council had received requests for replacement from residents whose children were frightened by dogs (Minute 5222-17). There was currently no specific budgetary provision for this.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes and it was agreed to approve installation of fencing subject to obtaining funding. This might be from s106 or 2018-19 budget provision. As an interim measure to install signs asking dog walkers to keep their dogs under control and /or on a lead, and to respect that children using the play area may be frightened of them.

#### **Resolved**

- **To approve installation of fencing subject to obtaining funding.**
- **As an interim measure to install signs asking dog walkers to keep their dogs under control and /or on a lead, and to respect that children using the play area may be frightened of them.**

#### 5248-17 Boules Court

Further to Minute 5251-17 Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed to site a boules court on north the side of Rectory Meadow east of the play area and subject to the site being appropriate for levelling without unnecessary expense.

#### **Resolved:**

**To site a boules court on north the side of Rectory Meadow east of the play area and subject to the site being appropriate for levelling without unnecessary expense.**

#### 5249-17 Village Weekend

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the recommendations of the Village Weekend Working Group be approved, namely to look at increasing involvement of village groups and organisations in Village Weekend. Councillor Johnston would prepare an agenda invitation.

#### **Resolved:**

**To approve details the recommendations of the Village Weekend Working Group, namely look at increasing involvement of village groups and organisations in Village Weekend.**

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### **5250-17 Station Event 16 September**

Further to Minute 5156-17 volunteer assistance was requested primarily for marshalling between the two sites – station sidings and station platform.

**Resolved:**

**To note the request.**

### **5251-17 Light's Up 2017**

It was reported that a meeting to discuss Lights Up (30 November) was scheduled for 12 September.

**Resolved:**

**To note the report.**

### **5252-17 Heritage Trail leaflets**

It was reported that supplies of Heritage Trail leaflets were very low. A number of amendments were required to the initial print. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that Cityscape be asked to quote to edit, update and print 5,000 or 10,000 leaflets. Funding sources to be sought as there was no current specific budgetary provision..

**Resolved:**

**That quotations for 5,000 and 10,000 updated maps be obtained.**

### **5253-17 Red Phone Box**

Consideration was given to the ongoing use of the phoneless George V red phone box. The Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society favoured it as an information point.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark, and it was agreed that Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society be asked to specify leaflet holder design and installation

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that St Albans District Council be encouraged to temporarily install a Nutcracker figure (a Christmas promotion and part of St Albans Business Improvement District Scheme (BIDS)) in the centre of Wheathampstead, perhaps in the phone box.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that Council investigate the possibility of making the phone box a WiFi hotspot.

**Resolved:**

- **That Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society be asked to specify leaflet holder design and installation.**
- **That St Albans District Council be encouraged to install a Nutcracker figure (a Christmas promotion and part of St Albans Business Improvement District Scheme**

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- **That Council investigate the possibility of making the phone box a WiFi hotspot.**

### **5254-17 Memorial Hall refurbishment**

The Chairman reported briefly on the meeting with the architect to discuss the hall refurbishment. Council needed to consider in the first instance whether to rebuild or alter the current building, already extended and altered on a number of occasions.

**Resolved:**

**To note the report.**

### **5255-17 Outdoor Gym**

Further to Minute 5155-17 it was reported that Wheathampstead Parish Council had been shortlisted for its entry for an outdoor gym on the Marford Field adjacent to the Table Tennis Table. Councillors were delighted and awaited further news.

**Resolved:**

**To note the shortlisted result in the Caloo gym equipment competition for siting a gym / fitness trail on Marford Field.**

### **5256-17 Youth/ Sports Update**

The Chairman reported that she had attended the opening of the resurfaced Tennis Courts. Members of the Youth Project had taken part in the National Citizenship Scheme over the Summer.

**Resolved:**

**To note the report.**

### **5257-17 Budget Report**

**The** Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Village Weekend expenditure as discussed be approved and report as circulated be noted.

**Resolved:**

**To note the report.**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:35**

**Dated this                      day of                      2017**

**Chairman**