

Wheathampstead Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 27 September 2018 19:30

Present:	Councillors	D Johnston	Chairman
		D Davies	
		E Habib	
		S Haynes	
		T Ryan	
		P Woodhams	
		J Warren	Clerk to the Council
		Press	0
		Public	1

5806-18 Election of Chairman

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk asked that a Chairman for the meeting be elected.

Councillor Haynes proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed, that Councillor Johnston be elected Chairman for the meeting.

5807-18 Apologies

Apologies were received from councillors J Booth, G Clark, L Halford, O McKenzie, R O'Brien, T Reason (personal reasons).

5808-18 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

5809-18 Public Speaking

None.

5810-18 Minutes of Council

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2018 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2018 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5811-18 Minutes of Committee Meetings

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the following draft Committee minutes and Working Group notes were received:

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	3 Sept 2018
Community Involvement Committee	5 Sept 2018
Maintenance Committee	10 Sept 2018
Planning Committee	13 Sept 2018

Resolved:

To receipt and adopt the Committee minutes of:

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	3 Sept 2018
Community Involvement Committee	5 Sept 2018

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Maintenance Committee
Planning Committee

10 Sept 2018
13 Sept 2018

5812-18 Plans referred from Planning Committee

None.

5813-18 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group recommendations

It was reported that site visits to locations put forward as potential development sites were in the process of being visited for assessment using previously approved criteria. The next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would meet in November. It was anticipated that the draft plan would be ready for submission to St Albans District Council before Christmas.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5814-18 Project and Task Review

The list of projects and tasks was discussed, and updates noted. Clarification of the width of footpaths was to be ascertained, in relation to hedge pruning. A meeting regarding the Council's website was to be arranged. It was reported that planting, including a number of herbs, along the east Crinkle Crankle wall in Tithe Barn Yard looked lovely and was appreciated.

Resolved:

To note the report and amended priorities.

5815-18 Audited Accounts 2017-18

It was reported that under Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Account and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234) parish councils were required to publish and make available for public inspection their audited by 30th September. These had yet to be returned by the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn) so were unavailable for acceptance and approval by Council.

Resolved:

To note the report and non receipt of 2017-18 audited accounts from PKF Littlejohn.

5816-18 Accounts and Finance Reports

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, to note the reports.

Resolved:

To note the reports.

5817-18 Consultations

Consideration was given to consultations on St Albans Local Plan 2018, the review of licensing policy under the Licensing Act 2003, and Hertfordshire County Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It was agreed that the draft responses be circulated prior to submission.

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Resolved:

To submit the responses after circulation to councillors.

5818-18 Reports on meetings and training

Councillor Johnston reported on a meeting with members of the Countryside Management Society working along the Bridleway by King Edward Place. Their intention had been to replace the chain link fencing with hedging, however issues had been encountered with the fence being embedded in concrete.

Councillor Haynes reported that he, with the Clerk, had attended the Hertfordshire Forward Annual Conference which looked at planning for the future. They had also attended the informative Emergency Planning training course run by St Albans District Council.

5819-18 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature and commercial sensitivity of the business to be transacted.

Resolved:

To exclude press and public.

5820-18 Council assets

Refurbishment of the old Mill to include community space was discussed, potentially for use by the History Society. Public expenditure required a transparent business case. Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that Councillor Johnston and the Clerk meet with Mr Titmuss to discuss and reiterate Council's support for the community project.

Resolved:

That Councillor Johnston and the Clerk meet with Mr Titmuss to discuss Council's support for the community project.

5821-18 Readmission of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, to readmit press and public.

Resolved:

To readmit press and public.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:00

Dated this day of 2018

Chairman