

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 21 October 2019

AGENDA ITEM 6

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr R Colomb to the Cabinet Member for Community.

When I left the Council in May 2015 plans were progressing smoothly to utilise the S106 funds available from the Wellesbourne Development to create a Community Centre for the residents of Terriers and Amersham Hill Ward on the site of the Sports Pavilion at the Recreation Ground off Walton Drive.

Why does there appear to have been no progress in bringing this much needed project to fruition in the last four and a half years?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor G Peart (Cabinet Member for Community).

2. Question from Mr A Thompson to the Leader of the Council.

Closed for some four years, the King William IV public house is a Grade II listed building, within the Conservation Area of Speen.

Like many pubs, the King William was a valued community asset and a focal point of social activity and cohesion for the village. The pub is currently an unkempt eyesore in the centre of the village.

The community have made several funded offers to buy the pub, at above open market value, however these have all been rejected by the owner. The community of Speen have grave concerns that our pub could be lost forever.

Several local authorities have been proactive in protecting important community assets such as village pubs by making or threatening a Compulsory Purchase Order and through a back to back agreement, transfer ownership to a community group.

Would Wycombe District Council be prepared to use its CPO powers to facilitate the reopening of village pubs where all other means have failed?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).