

Wendover and Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wendover and Villages Community Board held on Thursday 9 February 2023 in MS Teams, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.45 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Collins (Chairman), R Newcombe (Vice-Chairman), S Bowles, B Chapple OBE, P Strachan and J Ward

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

A Barnicote, S Bulpett, S Cotton, G Fincham, P Fox-Rendle, P Frost, S Grosse, G Lait, H Meek, M Mason, C Paternoster, F Richardson, L Ronson, S Rudiger, K Shanahan, P Swinford, T Skeggs, S Worth and P Wyatt.

Others in attendance

R Dengler-Jones, N Graham, W Morgan-Brown, M Parker, C Saunders and R Zierler (all Buckinghamshire Council)

Apologies

Councillor M Baldwin and N O'Leary.

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions - Cllr Mike Collins

Councillor Collins, Chairman of the Community Board, welcomed everyone to the meeting, being held online via MS Teams.

2 Apologies / Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor M Baldwin, and Neil O'Leary.

There were no declaration of interest declared.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

4 EV Charging Update

Rupert Zierler (Principal Transport Strategy Officer) and Rebecca Dengler-Jones (Transport Strategy Manager), both from Buckinghamshire Council, attended for this item

Presentation on the proposed Wendover 'On Street' Electric Vehicle Charging Solutions pilot. Presentation covered:

- Aims of the pilot: included to trial innovative options for on street charging, for residents who do not have access to driveways to charge their vehicles, and that Wendover had been identified in the Buckinghamshire Council Electric Vehicle Action Plan 2022 as a priority area with no public EV charging provision.
- Elements of the plan: that was to install approximately 10 in pavement cable channels and for 10 lamppost/bollard-mounted charge points.
- That Buckinghamshire Council officers had met with 'Climate Action Wendover' (CLAW) and Parish Council representatives in January
- The planning and licensing issues lessons learned from Oxfordshire County Council.
- Timescales for the pilot.

The Board sought further information and were informed:

- That planning permission would only be required if charging cabling crossed a pavement or footpath to the road.
- That something would need to be included in tender documentation and in agreements with Parish Councils on EV charging points that were connected to lamp posts used that were the responsibility of the Parish Councils.
- That no safety issues were envisages with high voltage as it was intended for cabling to be housed in channels with a cover so that there were no trip hazards. EV charging points from lamp posts would use the same power supply as the lamp post and draw down on it.
- That the requirement for gullies for charging would be determined first, then for lamp posts, but the tender documentation would include for information on both.
- It was suggested that an option instead of pavement cable channels might be to consider mini ramps with a cable in them, like those used by the Fire service. This would obviate the need to dig up pavements.

5 Review of the Year

The Board received presentations on a number of projects that had been funded and completed during 2022/23.

Wendover Youth Centre Programme (Pete Swinford attended for this item)

Details provided on 'Project Engage' which had consisted of Wendover Youth Centre (WYC) delivering two youth festivals during the summer of 2022, alongside running workshops (in art, baking, gardening, and music, as well as football sessions), to provide opportunities for young people to continue their engagement in activities

that they want to do. It had been funded by £10K from the Wendover Community Board and had worked in partnership with local organisations to deliver the project.

The conclusion was that the project had achieved its main aims of engagement, providing new opportunities, partnering with others and benefitting the community.

Community Wildbelt Project (Amanda Barnicote attended for this item)

Details provided on:

- Initiatives undertaken within Aston Clinton Parish including a Community Orchard, hedge planting, wildflower margins, chalk stream improvements and tree planting.
- The work of Climate Action Wendover (CLAW) volunteer work parties supported by Chiltern Society volunteers.
- Wendover Canal Trust help with wildflower meadow management and hedge planting.
- Halton Parish Council roadside verge wildflower, plug planting and seed sowing.
- Barley Close Field that the current owner wished to protect from development.
- Contact had finally been made with Green Park, Aston Clinton, where there was the potential for lots of biodiversity improvements.
- Canal and River Trust Wendover Arm, identifying an important chalk bank.
- Recruiting new Wildbelt volunteers.

Action 4 Youth

(Holly Meek attended for this item)

Details provided on the mentoring project (funded by £8.3K from the Community Board) with the John Colet School with aims to:

- Improve educational attainment
- Provide strategies to young people experiencing low level mental health issues.
- Provide a safe space for the young people to talk.
- Help build self-esteem.
- Encourage the young people to take part in outside interests/hobbies within the community.
- Work as part of a multi-agency approach.

11 months into the project, it was anticipated that it would exceed the targets set for the Wendover and Mandeville area. The expected caseload total had been 10 young people, but it was on track to deal with a caseload of 18 (7 finished, 7 current, 4 on a wait list).

Information was also provided on when and where the sessions took place, the difficulties experienced, how progress was tracked, and on a case study.

Smoke Free Playground

(Michelle Parker report for this item)

Details were provided of the Eskdale Park pilot. The winner of the poster competition held with Stoke Mandeville School Key Stage 2 students had been posted in the park and had also now been used in the Coldharbour Park.

The Community Board thanked all projects for attending and presenting to the meeting. The Board was particularly encouraged by the positive progress being achieved in so many areas.

6 Funding So Far

The Community Board Manager provided an overview of funding that had been awarded so far in 2022/23. The report also detailed the budget position to date and Appendix 1 showed projects that were funded in previous years, detailing the ones that had been delivered and those that were still in progress. A copy of the report is appended to the Minutes.

It was clarified that the Board had provided some initial funding to the Vineyard Church, Aylesbury, to kickstart their work assisting Ukrainian people but there had been no additional applications for similar funding.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Board agreed that it was satisfied with the mix and types of funding applications that were being received.

7 Fire and Rescue

(Stuart Grosse, Beaconsfield Station Commander, attended for this item)

Presentation on the Buckinghamshire MK Fire Authority (BMKFA) including on:

- The makeup of the BMKFA, the organizational structure and resourcing.
- Community Safety initiatives, that aimed to ensure that Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes were the safest places in England in which to live, work and travel. The four main CS initiatives were safer homes, safer neighbourhoods, safer roads, and safer environments.
- The Aylesbury Service Delivery Area (of which Wendover was a part) where the community safety priorities were a reduction in the number of accidental dwelling fires, reducing secondary fires (e.g. unattended bonfires, fly tipping), road safety and community engagement.
- Summer pressures 2022, brought on by record high temperatures and dry weather, especially during July and August. Two major incidents had been declared on 19 July in Milton Keynes and High Wycombe, triggering the declaration of a Service wide major incident, supported by the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum, and requiring assistance from many of the neighbouring Services. The Service had attended an unprecedented number of fires with the number of incidents attended on some days being five times the number compared to the previous 5-year average.
- Future challenges which included HS2 (second longest tunnel in the UK beneath the Chiltern Hills, the continuing impacts of climate change with hotter Summers

and wetter Winters, housing growth/development within Buckinghamshire and MK, and responding to a forthcoming Fire Reform White Paper.

The Board asked several questions and were informed:

- That the risk of fires starting from compost heaps was extremely low.
- That while there was a rolling programme of checking on working fire hydrants, if anyone knew of one that was damaged or not working then this should be reported to the Fire Service.
- That Fire and Rescue Services could not insist that sprinklers were included in buildings where there was no current legal requirement under Building Regulations.

8 Weston Turville Traffic Calming Petition

A Buckinghamshire Council Officer was not in attendance to speak on the petition. It was agreed that it was appropriate for this matter to be dealt with by the Weston Turville Parish Council and as such it was referred to the PC for their action/attention.

9 Corporate Update

(Nick Graham, Service Director – Legal and Democratic Services, Buckinghamshire Council attended for this item)

The Service Director drew the Board's attention to the agenda report which included information on:

- Local Heritage Listing.
- Funding for EV charging locations.
- Local Plan update following the wider call for sites last year, a list of other sites submitted would be available in the coming weeks. Officers had started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability, and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.
- Visitor Economy survey.
- Current and upcoming consultations.

10 Community Matters

No questions had been received from the public prior to the meeting.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting had not yet been confirmed.





Wendover and Villages Thursday 9 February Agenda Item

This paper provides an overview of the funding that has been awarded so far in 22/23. It also details the budget position to date and Appendix 1 shows those projects that were funded in previous years, detailing the ones that have been delivered and those that are still in progress.

1. Community Board Budget Overview 22/23

- The table below details the current budget position for Wendover and Villages Community Board for 22/23.
- Please note that applications over £1k will require contributory funding however this does not have to be a 50/50 split.
- Contributory funding is not required for small grants applications as they are under £1k.

Year	Budget	Allocated	Remaining Budget	Total Number of Projects
2022/23	£148,957	£74,980	£73,977	18

	Approved Funding Applications 22/23				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status	
Climate Action Wendover	Green Futures: Offering 10 workshops in local schools and 5 with youth groups addressing biodiversity loss and carbon emissions and how this impacts directly in Wendover.	£2,000	£900 in kind	Approved	
Buckland Parish Council	Queen's Jubilee Event: Equipment for a community event for the Queen's Jubilee and allowing the use for future events.	£2,022	£500	Delivered	

Active in the Community Aston Clinton Parish Council	Youth Activities: This is a programme of sport and physical activity dedicated to children and young people. The programme will engage young people in sessions that support their physical, mental and social wellbeing, and encourage young people to live an active, healthier and therefore happier life. Queen's Jubilee Event: Supporting	£23,778	£2,642	Approved
	the event of various fun activities, bouncy castle, magic show, dog show.			
UK Astronomy	Inflatable Planetarium: A contribution towards an inflatable planetarium to teach residents and schools about the sky	£120	£26,500 and £12,500 requested across 8 CBs	Approved
Weston Turville Parish Council	Electricity for Christmas Tree: Installation of a ground anchor with power for a Christmas tree to be located at the village hall.	£1,254	£2,000	Delivered
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	Accessibility: Corner steps to be installed to allow disabled access to the green.	£966.28	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Halton Parish Council	Traffic Data Capture: The purchase of the laptop to help assist in recording and analysing the MVAS data to ensure safety of the residents within the area.	£525	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Bierton Events Group	Events : To help support the delivery of local events within the Bierton parish and help reduce social isolation.	£805	N/A Small grant	Approved
Halton Parish Council	Wild Verge: The planting of wildflower seeds, plaque from British Legion, Trees, Dog Wood Shrubs and Native Wildflower Plugs	£758.50	N/A Small grant	Approved
Kingsbrook PFTA	PFTA Gazebos: To help support the newly formed PTA with event	£980.55	N/A Small grant	Delivered

	equipment to support the school and the local children.			
Drayton Beauchamp Parish Council	Chat Bench: A community chat bench to allow the residents within the area to explore the outdoors but have a place to stop and rest.	£900	N/A Small grant	Approved
12th Aylesbury Scout Group	Parade Flags: To allow for the newly formed Scouts and Cubs to have parade flags to swear their oath to.	£937.00	N/A Small grants	Approved
Wendover Parish Council	Wendover Parking Review: To implement the recommendations of the parking review on 17 roads	£12,438	£12,444	Approved
Wendover Sheds	Wendover Shed: Off Grid Project: To supply solar panels and batteries for the container which will be the home of Wendover Sheds, therefore allowing the container to be placed anywhere without relying on electricity supply.	£7,996	£1,000	Approved
Bierton Tennis Club	Court Resurfacing: To resurface two tennis courts, which are over 15 years old and in need of repair.	£8,387	£15,988	Approved
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	Defibrillators: To install a defibrillator at The Bull public house and to re-house existing defibrillator located at Weston Way Industrial Estate to outside the building	£1,500	£345	Delivered
Aston Clinton Tennis Club	Floodlighting: To replace the 15- year-old floodlights and replace with more energy efficient lighting	£3,000	£22,000	Approved

2. Applications received and processing.

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Buckland Parish Council	Buckland Community Orchard, Nature Reserve: Irrigation System Installation and Land Management	£4,800	£1,200	Developing Report

Lindengate Bierton Parish Council	Tree Nursery: To allow Lindengate to grow and sell more stock, including endangered native tree and wildflower species. This would help make the charity more sustainable, Bierton Playground Upgrade:	£14,000	£1,000	Developing Report
	To update the existing playground to newer equipment and accesible iterms			Diligence process
Wendover Memorial Hall	Wendover Memorial Hall Flooring: Replacement of the flooring for the hall because of a risk to health and safety.	£15,000	£8,130	In Due Diligence process
Wendover Parish Council	Watersheds: Working with CLAW to provide watersheds for the community garden.	£1,725.90	£499	In Due Diligence process
Halton Parish Council	Coronation Open Gardens: Community Event for local residents, providing entertainment, bunting and promotion	£980	Small grant	In Due Diligence process
Halton Parish Council	Halton Village Sign and FlagPole: Improve village signage and to fix the flagpole for the coronation.	£5,500	£700	In Due Diligence process

Buckland Parish Council	Coronation Celebration Event: Village celebration, with refreshments, hall hire, entertainment and promotion	£930	Small Grant	In Due Diligence process
Halton Parish Council	Streetlighting: Replacement of streetlighting to LED lights	£999	Small Grant	In Due Diligence process
Halton Parish Council	Village Hall Refurbishment: Repair and treat the hall because of damp issue	£2,405.74	£500	In Due Diligence process
Halton Parish Council	Halton Environment Improvement: Provide insect houses, wildflower verge at Moor Park and two water butts	£959.68	Small Grant	In Due Diligence process
Buckland Parish Council	Streetlighting: Replacement of streetlighting with LED lights	£2,000	£161.29	In Due Diligence process
Climate Action Wendover	New Gate Access for Wendover Wildbelt: Provide vehicle and disabled access to north end of Wendover Wildbelt (adjacent to London Road)	£1,560	TBC	In Due Diligence process

Aylesbury Youth Action	Youth Volunteer Intern Youth Views Project: To employ a youth volunteer intern for 12 months to focus on encouraging 14-25 year olds to volunteer, assist in project delivery and capturing views of the youth.	£14,107	£1,567	In Due Diligence process
Wendover Parish Council	Wharf Road and School Campus Initiative: Traffic review for the area in regards school traffic and implement initiatives for active and greener travel.	£2,000	£500	In Due Diligence process
Pipeline Total:		£81,967		

Please note several applications have been received from Lindengate but these are being explored with other officers within the Council as to the best source of funding for these requests.

3. Projects on hold

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	White Village Gates – Installation of village gates into the parish	£5,803.90	£5,800	On hold until further information received in regards the Highways contract.

4. Projects Funded 20/21

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project
			Status
Cllr Crisis Fund Projects	Various	£6,325	Delivered
20mph Speed Limitation (Green End)	Aston Clinton PC	£21,602	In progress / s106
Waiting Restrictions (London Road)	Aston Clinton PC	£10,987	In progress / s106
Weston Turville Speed Calming - Rumble Strips	Weston Turville PC	£3,927	Delivered

Perch Bridge Halton Repairs	Halton PC	£3,757	Delivered
Speed Indicator Device for Kingsbrook	Bierton PC	£2,500	Delivered
Bierton Community Care Package	Bierton PC	£440	Delivered
Lindengate Nature Based 13-18yr old	Lindengate Charity	£26,540	Delivered
Programme			
Halton Village Hall Refurbishment	Halton PC	£5,000	Delivered

Projects Funded 21/22

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Status
Youth Activities: Sessions in Wendover for young people aged 10-17 years old during the half term in Wendover. Giving young people free and fun activities including street football, dodgeball, table tennis to enjoy with friends.	Wendover Youth Programme	£887.50	Delivered – Evaluation report received
Action4Youth Mentoring Scheme: A 12-month pilot 1:1 mentoring project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area.	Action4Youth	£8,389.50	Delivered – update to CB 9 Feb 23
Halton Community Equipment for Events: These events will be aimed at the whole community. We would like to actively engage with everyone in our community, to strengthen and build the community bond in this small village.	Halton Parish Council	£1,800	Delivered
War Memorial Restoration	Buckland Parish Council	£800	Delivered
Lunch Equipment – to provide a hot meal to the community at the Monday lunch club.	Rhubard Café	£250	Delivered
Wildbelt Project - aims to improve biodiversity in the Chilterns by facilitating a sustainable approach to nature recovery in a way that; engages the community at Parish Council level; is volunteer led and; drives strategic improvements at a local level, in line with Government Policy.	Chiltern Society	£30,000	In progress – updated CB 9 Feb 23
MVAS Halton: This is required for speeding traffic within the Conservation Area of Halton Village. To warn drivers of their excess speeds and provide accurate data on the number of cars using the route and speeds	Halton Parish Council	£4,075	Delivered
Buckland Community Orchard -	Buckland Parish Council	£1,750	Delivered

Buckland has no public open space to be enjoyed by residents and the Parish Council purchased just under 2 acres of agricultural land to create a Community Orchard. For this Community Orchard the Parish will receive most of the trees to be planted by donations, however the planting and delivery needs to be funded. The land is to be used as a Community Green Space to benefit residents and walkers alike. Leaky Homes: homeowners will receive photographs showing heat loss from their roofs, front, back and side walls, and an	Bucks Community Energy	£1,210	Delivered
analysis of the photos and advice on how to insulate their homes from the Bucks Community Energy team.			
TfB Scheme: Burcott Lane installation of double yellow lines	Bierton Parish Council	£6,152.74	Delivered
TfB Scheme: Bollards and Chevron sign	Buckland Parish Council	£12,930	In progress
TfB Scheme: Lower Ickneild Way Traffic Calming	Buckland Parish Council	£5,368	Scheme withdrawn
TfB Scheme: Stablebridge Road – 30mph Speed Zone	Aston Clinton Parish Council	£19,727	In progress
Bucks Mind Mental Health First Aider: A first aid course for mental health first aider – 1 space allocated to John Colet	Bucks MIND	£495	Delivered
Wendover Skatepark: Design a bespoke, accessible skate park in Wendover on Ashbrook Park which is owned by the Parish Council. It will be suitable for all ages, and suitable for all wheeled sports, scootering, rollerblading and BMXing.	Wendover Parish Council	£25,000	In progress
Canal Path Upgrade: 90 metres upgrade into Halton Parish	Wendover Canal Arm Trust	£25,000	In progress
Respite Care: To provide respite care for 2 families within the Community Board area.	CHAT Children's Respite Charity	£1,600	Delivered
Ecological Survey for Community Orchard: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Habitat Management Brief and Data searches	Weston Turville Parish Council	£1,876	Delivered
Electricity for Christmas Lighting: To provide electricity to allow lightning to a Christmas tree for parish.	Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	£1,950	Delivered
Grown @ Kingsbrook – Community Orchard: To develop a Community Garden	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£5,000	In progress

within the area to allow those who are			
unable to obtain an allotment and for the			
use of the school and community groups			
Litter Bins:	Kingsbrook Parish	£2,855	In progress
Over the last 18 months there has been an	Council		
increase of visitors into the green spaces			
and have identified a need for 10 additional			
bins			
Wendover EV On Street Parking Pilot:	Budget provided to	£22,931	In progress
	Bucks Council service to		CB update
	run pliot		provided 9
	·		Feb 23
Outdoor Activity Equipment: Installing	Kingsbrook Parish	£10,000	In progress
activity equipment with the green areas of	Council		
the parish to encourage healthy lifestyles			
and utilising outdoor space.			
Energy Efficiency Drive:	Climate Action Weston	£3,504	In progress
5 home energy efficiency reports (different	Turville		
house styles within the area) to then			
produce surveys to show how residents can			
improve their energy efficiency.			
BEE Squared: Wildflower seeds (a 1 sq mtr	Climate Action	£5,575	Delivered –
amount in small envelope with a window	Wendover		Evaluation
sticker) is delivered to each house in			report
Wendover (option1) and some of the			received
surrounding villages (option2) to be planted			
by residents.			
ENGAGE – Youth Festival and Workshops:	Wendover Youth Centre	£10,000	Delivered –
2 festivals for the young people in and			evaluation
surrounding Wendover. Identifying needs			report has
and support, encouraging socialising,			been
activities and hobbies and subsequently			requested
encouraging them to attend workshops to			
increase activity.			

