



Wendover and Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 29 June 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG

BC Councillors:

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

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Aston Clinton PC, Bierton PC, Buckland PC, Drayton Beauchamp PC, Halton PC, Hulcott PC, Stoke Mandeville PC, Wendover PC

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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 envisaged 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.

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An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 3 2023 – June 2023)

Play Streets launched

Play Streets gives children the opportunity to play safely outside on their doorstep through a new scheme where residents can apply for a Play Streets session to temporarily close their road.

Following successful pilots in Aylesbury and High Wycombe between October 2021 and May 2022, the council will be introducing Play Streets across Buckinghamshire, with a particular focus on the Opportunity Bucks wards.

[Play Streets](#) allows children to play, scoot and cycle on their streets, but also brings neighbours of all ages together to create new opportunities for socialising and friendships, reduce loneliness and prevent social isolation.

Residents can apply to see if their street is suitable for a Play Streets session on [Buckinghamshire Council's Play Streets webpage](#) and there is more information about the scheme on the national [Playing Out website](#). For more information, please contact Public Health Practitioner Layla Ravey at layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses

Working with Openreach and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, we have now completed Phase 3 of the Bucks Rural Business Broadband project. This project has successfully delivered ultrafast gigabit capable fibre connections to 723 rural business and residential premises in 38 towns and villages, including Prestwood, Iver and Quainton.

The initiative was funded by a £1.8m grant from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and managed by DEFRA. Without this scheme, premises in remote rural locations would likely be left facing connectivity issues and unable to access high-speed broadband.

Premises in the following towns and villages will have seen some impacts of the scheme, but we encourage residents to check their postcodes on Openreach's website to understand the speeds available to them www.openreach.com:



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Town/ Village	
ADDINGTON	MARLOW
AMERSHAM	MARSWORTH
ASTON CLINTON	NORTH MARSTON
BEACHAMPTON	OAKLEY
BIERTON	OVING
CHARTRIDGE	PENN
CHESHAM	PITCHCOTT
CRYERS HILL	PRESTWOOD
DORNEY	QUAINTON
DORTON	RADNAGE
FOUR ASHES	SOUTH HEATH
GAWCOTT	STEWKLEY
HALTON	STOKENCHURCH
HAZLEMERE	SWANBOURNE
IVER	WESTON TURVILLE
KINGSHILL	WHITCHURCH
LENBOROUGH	WING
LITTLE HORWOOD	WOOBURN GREEN
LITTLE MARLOW	WOODHAM

Bucks Rural Business Grant – Rural England Prosperity Fund

The Bucks Rural Business Grant scheme launches on 21 June to provide financial support and help to create opportunities for rural businesses in Buckinghamshire. Funding in the form of capital grants ranging from £2,500 up to £300,000 is available for small-scale investment in micro and small enterprises employing fewer than 50 people in rural areas.

The grants are designed to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of rural businesses. Funding is available for a variety of projects such as investment in net zero infrastructure projects, as well as financial support for farm businesses diversifying outside of agriculture. The scheme will run until March 2025.

Businesses are invited to submit an initial expression of interest with outline details of their project. Eligible businesses will then be invited to make an application for funding. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Buckinghamshire Business First are supporting us on this. For more information search for Bucks Rural Business Grant on our website

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk



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The scheme is funded through the Rural England Prosperity Fund which is a capital fund run by DEFRA.

Spreading the word about the Bucks filming locations database

Buckinghamshire Film Office promotes locations, minimises impact on residents and business and maximises the economic and social benefits of filming. Did you know that feature films and high-end TV dramas are estimated to spend between £8,000 and £108,000 per day in the local area?

Buckinghamshire Film Office hosts a free database open to all land/property owners to offer their property as a shoot location. The film office acts as a sign-posting service, directing productions to the relevant contact to negotiate fees and terms direct. The key advantage is that we can create bespoke brochures to meet national and international briefs listing multiple locations to encourage productions to the area. Please share this with residents and business.

We minimise the impact of filming in the area by requesting that all productions adhere to the new code of practice when filming in Buckinghamshire. This includes guidance on consultation for those who may be impacted. If a production approaches you, please ask them to register with us so we can ensure best practice is followed, as well as enabling us to track the local economic impact of filming in Buckinghamshire.

Local Plan and Local Transport Plan

We have just completed consultation on our draft vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – to shape and manage future development across Buckinghamshire to 2040 and the Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP 5) – to set out the future priorities for all types of transport across Buckinghamshire.

Local plan – next steps

We will publish the final vision and objectives later this year once we have reviewed the feedback. In the winter we will launch a consultation to invite views on a series of possible growth scenarios. These will look at a range of potential options for Buckinghamshire to meet its future housing needs and provide quality employment opportunities.

Local transport plan – next steps



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Using feedback and comments from the consultation, we will develop the policies and an implementation plan for the LTP5. We will hold a consultation on these in winter 2023 with the aim to adopt the Local Transport Plan in summer 2024.

Cost of Living funding and focus

Although we are now enjoying warmer weather, we continue to recognise that times may be hard for some residents. Our Cost of Living and Helping Hand programmes continue to strive to reduce the impact of increased financial hardship that residents may be experiencing.

Our Helping Hand team continue to provide emergency support and signposting to residents, and the council is preparing the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for the summer holidays.

We continue the promotion of local initiatives such as Food Champions and the Community Food Chain and the social media campaign continues to signpost residents to support.

Libraries continue to welcome residents by providing a range of activities as well as launching Cosy Corners in some libraries to provide a safe and friendly environment for all who need one, from people with dementia to mums and babies. Details are available on participating libraries' social media pages.

The Get Around for £2 scheme has been extended until 31 October 2023. More information is available at [Using public and community transport | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

We are evaluating the impact of the initiatives delivered to date and will use this feedback to inform the autumn / winter campaign.

Going forwards we will be using this quarterly corporate update to keep you informed of highlights and things you need to know. If you have any questions relating to Cost of Living, Tim Weetman will now be the person to contact.

The full range of support available is detailed here:
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

Ward boundaries consultation



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In the last update we mentioned that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries were due to be published.

These recommendations were made public on 30 May and see a reduction in the number of councillors from 147 to 97. Wards will remain at 49, with the new boundaries coming into effect at the local elections in May 2025.

The report can be viewed at [Buckinghamshire | LGBCE](#).

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

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