



Wendover and Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wendover and Villages Community Board held on Monday 28 February 2022 in MS Teams, commencing at 7pm and concluding at 8.40pm

BC Councillors present

M Collins (Chairman), M Baldwin, S Bowles, R Newcombe (Vice-Chairman) and P Strachan M Baldwin, S Bowles, M Collins, R Newcombe, P Strachan

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

D Bell, S Bulpett, S Copley, N Dicker, A Dunbar, J Gardiner, G Holder, D Jones, L Kemp, M Nodes, J Reed, F Richardson, K Shanaham, C Simmonds, T Skeggs, , C Paternoster, C Powell (Lindengate), N Walker (Scouts), E Whetham, J Hamer, S Cotton.

Others in attendance

M Parker (Buckinghamshire Council) and A-M KenwardS Garwood, A Kenward and M Parker

Agenda Item

1 Welcome and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting and reminded them of online meeting etiquette.

2 Apologies / Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr B Chapple.

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest under agenda item 5 - Ollie's Scout Hall as both the unitary ward councillor and a parish councillor for Aston Clinton. Ms Kenward, clerk, noted it was not necessary to declare pre-existing support for the project.

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed. Actions had been completed with two exceptions:

- Ms Parker, Community Board Co-Ordinator, continued to work with Thames Valley Police (TVP) to arrange quarterly face to face meetings with parishes.
- Work with the Buckinghamshire Council Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) regarding future NHS provision locally continued.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held 9 November 2021 were AGREED as an accurate record.

4 Wendover Library Refurbishment

Mr D Jones, Head of Libraries, Buckinghamshire Council, gave an overview of the planned refurbishment at Wendover Library.

Mr Jones highlighted the following:

- Funding had been received from the Arts Council's Library Improvements fund (£310k), Buckinghamshire Council's Capital Fund (£120k), Buckinghamshire Culture (£10k), Wendover Parish Council and fund raising from Wendover Community Library Trust. They had been unsuccessful accessing the HS2 Community Fund.
- The project aimed to expand and remodel the library
- The refurbishment would include:
 - A total building re-fit.
 - Enclosing the courtyard area to create more indoor meeting space. Flexible, affordable meeting spaces for activities with a particular emphasis on those that improved on digital inclusion, social isolation and health and wellbeing.
 - Card based access to allow use outside of normal opening hours. This could double the availability of meeting space and access to the library on a self-service basis.
 - The Buckinghamshire Culture funding would be used for an art installation.
 - Inclusion of solar panels and electric vehicle (EV) charging.
- There would now be opportunities for local consultation on design.
- The current frontage included an art installation by local artist Wendy Lewis in conjunction with Lindengate. If this could not be incorporated into the new design the aim was to return it to Lindengate.

RESOLVED

Member of the Committee Board thanked Mr Jones for his time.

5 Petition - Ollie's Scout Hall

Mr N Walker spoke on behalf of the Aston Clinton Scouts. A copy of their petition was available to [view online](#). The start time on the recording was 18m 50s.

Key points highlighted included:

- Aston Clinton Scouts had been looking for a permanent home for over a decade, somewhere to meet and store their equipment. Over this time the group had continued to grow as the local population increased. They were currently a group of 100 with 45 young people on the waiting list to join.
- A previous offer by Buckinghamshire Council (BC) of a building on the Green Park site had not been viable. The Scouts would have been responsible for funding significant capital works but with a maximum lease of only 15 years.

This offer had now been withdrawn.

- There had been significant housing development in the area and local feeling was that developers needed to give back to the community by providing a new scout hut.
- The Scouts had identified a developer willing to include a scout hut as part of an application to build 5 houses on a plot known as “land adjoining the Old Rectory, London Road, Aston Clinton”.
- Planning permission had been granted in August 2021 (21/00759/AOP) however there were issues with a restrictive covenant and with access over land owned by BC.
- The group had gathered 2511 signatures to show local support for the London Road application.
- BC had suggested an alternative site, Bulls Field, which was outside of the village losing the benefit of the central location. It was also felt that development on the Bulls Field site would not benefit from the same local support. It was stated that the Council was aware that this site was outside the current permitted development area and would be unlikely to be granted planning approval.

Mr J Reed, Director of Property & Assets – Buckinghamshire Council (BC), gave an overview of the report produced in response to the petition and circulated as a supplement to this agenda.

Key points highlighted included:

- The land adjoining the Old Rectory, London Road, Aston Clinton was privately owned but was subject to a restrictive covenant that required BC’s agreement to remove.
- There was also the issue of access across land owned by BC.
- The developer had made a financial offer to resolve these issues but the BC report outlined why the Property Team would not agree to these amendments meaning the whole development, not just the scout hut, could not progress. Effectively, BC had a property position on the development and could stop it progressing.
- An alternative site at Bulls Field had been suggested by BC.

The following points were discussed and made by Members of the Board:

- The Bulls Field would not be a sustainable site as it was on the periphery of the village. The proposed London Road site was an ideal location as it was central to the village; the Scouts would have access to the park for wider activities without having to travel from another site. It was a safe and sustainable location. There was no danger of development spreading further and ending up on Green Park as the land behind the site was owned by the parish council and Green Park was owned by Buckinghamshire Council. Covenants could be lifted.
- A Member of the Board stated that he did not believe the Council had a position on the matter. It was a position of the Property Department and had not been endorsed by the Planning Department who had granted planning

permission under delegated powers, nor by Members of the Council. Past considerations which may have properly prevented the development of this land decades ago were no longer relevant and the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan were now in place. This site was in the settlement area in the plan and thus it was permissible to build on it, hence the planning permission. Bulls Field was outside the settlement area. The covenants were created in a time before the Town and Country Planning Acts. The site could not be seen from Green Park as numerous trees and Rectory Farm were in the way. Planning application refusals in the past had referred to access to the A41, but that was no longer relevant following the opening of the by-pass. The increased size of Aston Clinton meant more children needed youth organizations like the Scouts. This was a well-being issue for the local community.

- A Member of the Board stated that in 1961 the County Council had agreed to the modification of the restricted covenant to allow the construction of a single dwelling house; the Planning Inspector when allowing the previous planning application (for four houses) had mentioned the covenant, stating that there was other residential development to the south east and west as well as screening along the London Road. As such, the grounds for turning down earlier planning applications were no longer applicable. The Scouts would be given the freehold of this land but would only have a lease of Bulls Field. The developer was funding the hall, but at Bulls Field the Scouts would have to fund it themselves. There were other places where the covenant had been removed. It was the best option for the local community.
- It was noted that all BC councillors present were unanimously in supportive of the London Road site and expressed concern that Bull's Field would not be an acceptable alternative. Buckinghamshire Council councillors present as per above were Cllr M Baldwin, Cllr S Bowles, Cllr M Collins, Cllr R Newcombe and Cllr P Strachan.

Members of the Community Board asked for Ms Parker, Community Board Co-Ordinator, to draft a report on the Community Board's behalf to the relevant Cabinet Member and Service Director expressing the Board's concerns. This would include a copy of the Scouts report. If no changes were agreed as a result of the report, Members of the Board stated that they expected the Cabinet Member and Corporate Director to attend the next Community Board meeting to explain their decision and the Council's position. **ACTION Ms Parker**

6 Project Spotlights

The following groups gave an update on the funding received from the Community Board.

Mr P Swinton, Wendover Youth Action.

- Funding had been received in October 2021.
- The group had worked in partnership with Active in the Community putting on 4 sessions, lasting 2 hour each, over the October half term. Activities included football, handball, tennis, frisbee, golf and inflatables.

- Sessions were attended by 47 young people aged 9-18 years old. 90% were from the Wendover area.
- Sessions had raised awareness of the youth club and allowed workers to reengage with groups who had stopped coming to the club.

C Powell, Lindengate.

- Funding was put towards programmes for young people, 4 groups of 16–18 year olds and 4 groups of 13-15 year olds. Programmes were 6 weeks long with referrals made by local schools.
- They had only been able to run 1 of the 4 planned programmes for the younger age group. This was felt to be due schools and Child and Adults Mental Health Services (CAMHS) being busy making it difficult to engage with them. There was also feedback from schools that it could be difficult to get the necessary consent forms completed by parents, issues with transport and delays due to young people and staff contracting covid.
- Feedback from the sessions that had gone ahead were 100% positive.

7 Smoke Free Parks

Ms E Davis, Public Care practitioner, Public Health (PH), and Ms R Kineen, Public Health Practitioner trainee spoke about the following local initiatives. A copy of their slides would be appended to these minutes.

Smoke Free Sidelines

- First launched in Norfolk 2017 Smoke Free Sidelines worked alongside the Football Association's (FA) Respect campaign. The message was that children copy adult behaviour.
- Buckinghamshire Council (BC) can provide interested clubs with promotional items such as t-shirts, car stickers and teardrop banners free of charge. The FA would provide training.
- Further details would be shared with Ms M Parker for circulation. **ACTION Ms Kineen.**

Smoke Free Parks

- PH wanted to run this initiative as a pilot over the next 2 years. A set design for signage would be decided with a design competition and surveys would be used at the 1-year mark to gauge the success.
- PH would be reaching out to parish councils asking for support shortly.

8 Budget Overview

Ms Parker referred to a report on the Board's finances for 2021/22, a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

The following points were discussed:

- The budget had been reduced from £800,000 down to £290,466. The final budget for 2022/23 was yet to be confirmed.
- The report included a list of applications approved, in progress and for consideration. There were a small number of applications that needed

approval before the end of the tax year and Ms Parker would make provision for this to happen either by meeting or email. **ACTION Ms Parker.**

- The opening date for 22/23 applications would be sometime in April 2022. Final date to be confirmed.
- There was a BC working group looking at a way to streamline the application process and pay grants faster. They were also considering whether applications and their status could be displayed on the BC website.

9 Community Matters

There were none

10 Any Other Business

There were none.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Date and location to be confirmed for May 2022.



Smokefree Parks and Playgrounds

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Minute Item 7



Why Smokefree parks and playgrounds?

Smoking often starts as a childhood addiction and evidence has shown that most adult smokers started smoking at a young age. Smokefree parks and playgrounds is a fantastic initiative designed to create cleaner and healthier environments and communities.

Smokefree Parks and Playgrounds Benefits

Prevents children and young people from inhaling secondhand smoke



Changes attitudes to smoking so it's not a normal thing to do



Reduces the number of children and young people who start smoking



Protects the environment and wildlife by reducing cigarette litter



How to get involved?

Public Health support:

- Offer Project **coordination**
- Develop a **communications plan** to inform and engage residents through various platforms and media channels
- Provide support in the design of the signage/artwork
- Manage the manufacture of the signage, the installation/maintenance of the signage
- All signage and installation is **FREE**

Your involvement:

- Help to **identify local parks** and playgrounds for the campaign
- Help to **promote** smokefree parks/playgrounds in your community

Community engagement and public support are key to the success of this initiative, and our goal would be to offer a poster design competition with a local school/youth club/community groups/etc

We are here to help - Let's work together

Get in touch: for more info and to sign up contact Emily Davies, Public Health Practitioner
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#SmokefreeParks&Playgrounds

Background



- Smoking affects the lives of children and young people
- Children and young people can inhale secondhand smoke which is harmful to their health
- Seeing adults (including parents) smoke normalises smoking behaviour and can make it more likely that they will start smoking too



Creating smokefree environments helps in reducing the number of children and young people who take up smoking. When smoking is less visible to children, that helps de-normalise smoking.

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What's involved?

- Support from Community Boards to launch the initiative
- Rollout as a pilot with the participation of several parks and playgrounds across Bucks to gauge compliance and support
- Clear and visible signage will be placed in and around each park/playground
- Promotion as a polite request for users to voluntarily refrain from smoking in designated parks and playgrounds to protect children and young people

We will work with you to:

- Identify local parks and playgrounds in your areas
- Involve local schools or nurseries and youth clubs to enter the "design a sign competition"
- Engage with the community and put a communications plan in place
- All signage and installation are FREE

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Community Board
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Agenda Item 8 Funding Summary Report
Wendover and Villages Community Board
Monday 28 February

This paper provides an overview of the funding that has been awarded this year for 21/22 and will also provide an update on the budget for Wendover and Villages Community Board.

The Community Board budget for Wendover and Villages Community Board for 21/22 was **£290,466**.

To be noted that the budget was reduced because of other Council budgetary pressures. In addition, projects that the Community Board agreed for funding in 20/21 but that we were not invoiced for were transferred into commitments from 21/22 budget allocation.

Community Board Budget Overview

The table and graph below details the current budget position for Wendover and Villages Community Board.

Year	Budget	Allocated	Remaining Budget
2021/2022	£290,466	£222,487	£67,979

Funding Applications from 20/21

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded
Cllr Crisis Fund Projects	Various	£6,325
20mph Speed Limitation (Green End)	Aston Clinton PC	£21,602
Waiting Restrictions (London Road)	Aston Clinton PC	£10,987
Weston Turville Speed Calming - Rumble Strips	Weston Turville PC	£3,927
Perch Bridge Halton Repairs	Halton PC	£3,757
Speed Indicator Device for Kingsbrook	Bierton PC	£2,500
Bierton Community Care Package	Bierton PC	£440
Lindengate Nature Based 13-18yr old Programme	Lindengate Charity	£26,540
Halton Village Hall Refurbishment	Halton PC	£5,000

Funding Applications Status Summary 21/22

In the table below it details the funding applications that have been received by the Wendover and Villages Community Board and their status.

Funding Applications Received				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Wendover Youth Programme	Youth Activities: Sessions in Wendover for young people aged 10-17 years old during the half term in Wendover from 2pm-4pm. Give young people free and fun activities including street football, dodgeball, table tennis to enjoy with friends.	£887.50	£25	Approved
Action4Youth	Action4Youth Mentoring Scheme: A 12-month pilot 1:1 mentoring project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area.	£8,389.50	£0	Approved
Halton Parish Council	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.	£1,800	£0	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	War Memorial Restoration	£800	£0	Approved
Rhubard Café	Lunch Equipment – to provide a hot meal to the community at the Monday lunch club.	£250	£0	Approved
Chiltern Society	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.	£30,000	£30,000	Approved
Halton Parish Council	MVAS Halton: This is required for speeding traffic within the Conservation Area of Halton	£4,075	£0	Approved

	Village. To warn drivers of their excess speeds and provide accurate data on the number of cars using the route and speeds			
Buckland Parish Council	Buckland Community Orchard - 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.	£1,750	£0	Approved
Bierton Parish Council	TfB Scheme: Burcott Lane installation of double yellow lines	£6,152.74	£0	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	TfB Scheme: Bollards and Chevron sign	£12,930	£0	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	TfB Scheme: Lower Ickneild Way Traffic Calming	£5,368	£2,000	Approved
Aston Clinton Parish Council	TfB Scheme: Stablebridge Road – 30mph Speed Zone	£19,727	£0	Approved
Bucks MIND	Bucks Mind Mental Health First Aider: A first aid course for mental health first aider – 1 space allocated to John Colet	£495	£0	Approved
Wendover Parish Council	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.	£100,000	£75,000	Approved £25k
Wendover Canal Arm Trust	Canal Path Upgrade: 90 metres upgrade into Halton Parish	£25,000	£0	Approved
CHAT Children's Respite Charity	Respite Care: To provide respite care for 2 families within the Community Board area.	£1,600	£0	Approved

Weston Turville Parish Council	Ecological Survey for Community Orchard: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Habitat Management Brief and Data searches	£1,876	£0	In progress
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	Electricity for Christmas Lighting: To provide electricity to allow lightning to a Christmas tree for parish.	£1,950	£5,450	In progress
Kingsbrook Parish Council	Grown @ Kingsbrook – Community Orchard: To develop a Community Garden within the area to allow those who are unable to obtain an allotment and for the use of the school and community groups	£5,000	£5,122.87 (from AGT)	In progress
Kingsbrook Parish Council	Litter Bins: Over the last 18 months there has been an increase of visitors into the green spaces and have identified a need for 10 additional bins	£2,855	£2,855	In progress
Climate Action Wendover	Wendover EV On Street Parking Pilot: The pilot will include 10 volunteer residents in Wendover who meet the criteria of no off-street parking and a compelling desire to purchase an electric vehicle. The solution we have selected to facilitate the On-street charging is the Gull-E.	£22,931	£0	In progress
Kingsbrook Parish Council	Outdoor Gym Equipment: Installing gym equipment with the green areas of the parish to encourage healthy lifestyles, and utilising outdoor space.	£10,000	£10,000 (potentially from Sports England)	In progress
Climate Action Weston Turville	Energy Efficiency Drive: 5 home energy efficiency reports (different house styles within the area) to then produce surveys to show how residents can improve their energy efficiency.	£3,504	£0	In progress
Climate Action Wendover	BEE Squared: Wildflower seeds (a 1 sq mtr amount in small envelope with a window sticker) is delivered to each house in Wendover	Option 1 = £1,320	In kind.	In progress

	(option1) and some of the surrounding villages (option2) to be planted by residents.	Option 2 = £5,575		
Climate Action Wendover	Green Futures: Offering 10 workshops in local schools and 5 with youth groups addressing bio-diversity loss and carbon emissions and how this impacts directly in Wendover.	£2,000	£900 in kind	In progress
Wendover Youth Centre	ENGAGE – Youth Festival and Workshops: 2 festivals for the young people in and surrounding Wendover. Identifying needs and support, encouraging socialising, activities and hobbies and subsequently encouraging them to attend workshops to increase activity.	£10,000	£0	In progress

Proposed applications to be considered next year:

Funding Applications Received				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Active in the Communities	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.	£54,360 (split in half with Aylesbury)	£0	This is an application with Aylesbury and needs to be considered next year as they need both funding pots
BUDs	Buddy Tours: Tours, each around 10 people, would be held over a period of six months as soon as infection levels drop to a safe level. There would be regular tours into each of the 20 town and larger village centres in Bucks, offering many convenient opportunities to attend. Tours would be arranged	£35,602 (split across all 16 Boards) £2,424	£0	This is a multi-board application and further work is required

	in partnership with local community transport projects who use accessible minibuses, ensuring inclusion and avoiding potentially high costs around transport hire.			
Aston Clinton Parish Council	Queen's Jubilee Playground: Refurbishment of the playground equipment.	£33,484	£33,484	To be reviewed in light of S106 monies to determine appropriate funding pot
Kingsbrook Parish Council	CCTV: Supply and Installation to deter anti-social behaviour	£5,000	£5,000	To be reviewed as CCTV policy is being reviewed

To be agreed:

Due to the number of applications and the end of year deadline, the funding reports will be circulated for comments this week and then a meeting with the Buckinghamshire Councillors will be held early next week to agree the projects that would be supported from this financial years' budget.