

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Road Community Centre
on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs B Ezra (Chair), D Field, C Jenkins, L Prestage, J Theobald, D Willmer, and P Woods.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

Assistant: Apologies

Residents: None

C24/39	APOLOGIES – Everyone was present so no apologies.	
	<p>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incident of anti-social behaviour had been reported in the play area. • Cllr Wood asked about the concrete planters outside the Hawkslade Community Centre and whose responsibility they were. • Whitethorn Close balancing pond was covered in algae. 	
C24/40	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no new requests for dispensation.	
C24/41	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING <p>a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 2nd April 2024 were unanimously AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chair.</p> <p>b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly.</p>	
C24/42	COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES A resident had requested that three benches be installed around the village to remember past residents John Reid, Margaret Spencer, and Dennis Lane. After consideration it was AGREED that the benches should be placed in the new burial ground in Marsh Lane. Some information was still required on dates, which would be provided by the resident. There was a discussion on how to handle further requests for memorial benches and it was AGREED that plaques would be placed on benches rather than having individual benches.	
C24/43	WINTERTON DRIVE BENCH The installation of the bench in Winterton Drive had caused several complaints from residents that there had been no consultation and that it would cause anti-social behaviour. A resident had disrupted the installation and was now putting tape on the bench to prevent its use. Cllr Field and residents were monitoring this. In future it was AGREED that if the Parish Council received a request to install benches, dog bins etc. then the residents in the vicinity of the installation would be consulted.	
C24/44	ARMED FORCES COVENANT Cllr Field introduced the item and explained what signing the covenant would entail. There were three levels, bronze up to gold. It was felt that the Parish Council could only achieve the bronze level. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had signed up to a short workshop that would explain the benefits of the covenant and so it was AGREED to defer the decision until the July meeting.	
C24/45	PRESENTATION TO JANICE WORGER A presentation was to take place on Friday 17 th May at the Combined School to mark the retirement of the Janice Worger, lollipop lady. Cllrs Erza and Willmer would be attending to represent the Parish Council. It was AGREED to purchase a £50 voucher for the Woolpack and present this on behalf of the Parish Council.	

C24/46	<p>BUS SHELTER ON WENDOVER ROAD</p> <p>The wooden bus shelter on the Wendover Road had been inspected and it was discovered that the roof felt had come off, the back panels had come off, the side panels & seating were beginning to rot and there were gaps in the roof. The combined affect was that the shelter was beyond repair. After consideration, it was AGREED that the shelter should be replaced with a similar structure with options and costings being brought to the next meeting.</p>	Assistant Clerk
C24/47	<p>SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENT – PARTY IN THE PARK - Sunday 26-May</p> <p>Cllr Field provided an update on progress with the event and made the following points in addition to what was reported at the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would now be two sessions of Indian dancing. • It was not certain whether there would be a BBQ. <p>Cllr Prestage gave an update on Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be two security marshals at the entrance to Eskdale Road. • Marshals would be required at the entrance to the playing field. • He was proposing slots of 1 ½ hours. • Help would be required putting out the parking signs in the morning. <p>The Clerk reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that Buckinghamshire Council would not pick up the rubbish bags for free this time as it was deemed commercial waste, so he had ordered 3 1100 litre wheelie bins at a cost of £250. • it was suggested that a water station be provided. This was AGREED. • It was suggested that the Committee purchase a branded gazebo. This was AGREED. 	
C24/48	<p>D DAY 80 CELEBRATION – Thursday 6-Jun</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins provided an update on progress with planning the event and made the following points in addition to what was reported at the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Signing Choir would be performing at 3.30pm outside the Bull. • Seventeen residents would be receiving commemorative coins as well as the Signing Choir. More coins were required. • The Aylesbury Mayor would be attending and presenting the coins. • The press and TV were to be contacted, hoping that they would cover the event. • Cllr Wood was preparing an information board explaining the history of D-Day. • The bell ringers would be performing at 6.30pm. • A vicar had been sourced to preside over the Lighting of the Lamp at 9.15pm. 	Assistant Clerk
C24/49	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be Tuesday 9 July 2024.</p>	

The meeting closed at 20:50

Signed _____ Dated: 9th July 2024

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
14/03/23	C23/17	Replace the footpath map on the Eskdale Road Community Centre but not until it is clear what the post HS2 situation is.	Asst Clerk	On hold
12/03/24	C24/20	Trim conifer hedge on remaining graves	Asst Clerk	In Progress
02/02/24	C24/28	Get quotes for removal of the barrier across the playing field.	Asst Clerk	
14/05/24	C24/46	Get options and quotes for replacement wooden bus shelter.	Asst Clerk	
14/05/24	C24/48	Order extra D-Day Commemorative coins.	Asst Clerk	
14/05/24	C24/48	Request the village green is cut before the D-Day event.	Clerk	Completed