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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29th NOVEMBER 2016 at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

172/16 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. A. Wilkinson
County and District Cllr. P.Irwin

Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. J. Pumphrey
A.T.A.Lambourne (Clerk)
8 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs.J. Sisk and Ms. H. Vitkus.

173/16 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public spoke about the problems caused by the routing of the School bus in the Raven Crescent/Linnet Drive area. As this was not a parish council matter, Cllr. Irwin spoke in reply explaining the problems caused by local inconsiderate parking and the fact that the two roads are private. After considerable discussion Cllr. Irwin agreed to look into various suggested options and keep those affected informed of progress.

A member of the public said that Bucks Recycling had been very noisy again of late and this had been reported to AVDC.

174/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

175/16 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2016 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

176/16 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Venture Park(157/16) – an email from Cllr. Irwin was read which said there were no general restrictions on the working hours of the Venture Park.
After questions, he said that any restrictions would be applied to individual planning consents. He also asked if he could be invited to the next meeting between the Council and the Venture Park so some of these issues could be raised.
- (ii) Planning(170/16i) – the Clerk reported that a local resident had enquired why the Council had not objected to 16/03478/APP. The Clerk had answered the enquiry and the matter is now resolved.
- (iii) Local Government Financial Settlement Consultation(171/16i) – the Clerk reported that SLCC and the BCC Leader had written in support of NALC's objection to the suggestion of a capping of local councils spending above a 2% limit without referendum.

177/16 SPEEDING

Following a discussion at the previous meeting (minute 157/16), further points were raised. Cllr. Irwin reported that the Local Area Forum had purchased a mobile speed camera which could be used by parishes within his ward. This could only be run by volunteers who had been appropriately trained. It was

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RESOLVED to take up the offer of the camera and to invite volunteers to be trained and to operate the device and assuming enough people come forward, to put together a programme for speed checks.

178/16 WEBSITE

Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that progress was being made although further work was required. She would be asking members for information and would report progress to the next meeting. The Clerk reported that the grant funding had not yet been received.

179/16 BCC CONFERENCE

An afternoon conference "Working Together for Buckinghamshire" is to be held on 12th December and Cllr. Ms. Hooper offered to attend on behalf of the Council.

180/16 BCC BUDGET CONSULTATION

This was noted only with no comments to be made.

181/16 2017/18 BUDGET

The Clerk would be bringing a draft budget to the January meeting. It was agreed not to include any new major projects but to re-instate £2,000 for special projects as in the previous year.

182/16 "THE GREEN" DITCH

The surveyor for the School's building project had asked if the ditch between The Green and the Burial Ground could be cleaned to improve the surface water outlet into the ditch. The Clerk had attended a site meeting when it was noted that the highway drains from Church Lane also emptied into this ditch. Some cleaning needs to be done and the School offered to find a contractor to give an estimate for the work. As this was not yet available, the matter will be left over to the next meeting.

183/16 PARISH FORUM

The Chairman reported she had attended the Forum and gave a brief resumé. The associated papers would be circulated for information.

184/16 VENTURE PARK MEETING

The Clerk reported from a recent meeting he and the Chairman had attended with the Venture Park Manager. Topics included the proposed engine testing facility, the open storage application, the A41 junction, future aspirational planning and Bucks Recycling. A further meeting will be held in the New Year.

185/16 BCC CONSULTATION

Members had already received information on the "Revised Highway Safety Inspection Policy" which was noted. There were no comments to send to BCC.

186/16 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground and (ii) Churchyard - no reports
- (iii) Village Green – all three seats have been repaired and are now as new. Special thanks were recorded to Cllr. Wilkinson for organising and carrying out the work and to a local resident, Harry Williams, for supplying the new timber.

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- (iv) Police – PC Tom Chalk had forwarded a report to say there had been no reported crime in Westcott during the past month and that the Ashendon Road closure had affected the volume of traffic in the village.
- (vi) SLCC – nothing to report
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – no report
- (viii) Local Area Forum – Cllr. Wilkinson reported from a recent meeting held at the EfW incinerator at Calvert. He was impressed by the building and reported on the activities there. The meeting also discussed salting, bins and closure of salt heaps in villages, the new TfB jet patcher, the police report including staffing levels, the new LAF Facebook page, Active Bucks plans in Quainton, an AVDC report, the final expenditure of the 2016/17 budget and the budget for 2017/18.
- (ix) Website – see minute 178/16 above
- (x) Other – none.

187/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received since the last meeting for circulation were:

- Clerks and Council's Direct magazine
- "The Clerk" magazine
- War Memorials Trust bulletin

188/16 FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Payments:

It was

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, November 2016 (DD)	38.44	1.92	40.36
SLCC – renewal of annual subscription			55.00
Clerk's expenses – October 2016			10.45
A. Wilkinson – parts for seat repairs			60.25

(b) Receipts :

K.Y. Green – interment of ashes fees 85.00

189/16 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Applications:

CM/61/16 – proposed variations to conditions 2, 4, 10 and 30 attached to consent 12/20001/AWD for in-vessel composting and anaerobic digestion facility and ancillary development to revise the site layout and elevations at Area 10, 11 and 12, Westcott Venture Park. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds:
- extension of working hours on Mondays to Fridays, proposed working on Sundays and Bank Holidays, extended lighting until 10pm, noise levels on Sundays and Bank Holidays and the effect of additional traffic on the A41 junction.

The Clerk added that the Parish Council had not been formally consulted on this application, his attention being drawn to it by a local resident. Cllr. Irwin agreed to look into why this had happened.

16/03882/APP – creation of open storage to be used for the storage and maintenance of containers and portable accommodation units with associated workshop facilities and car parking, Westcott Venture Park. It was

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RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds:

- no height restrictions or information on the storage of the units, no operating hours identified and the effect of additional traffic on the A41 junction

16/03593/ACL – application for a Landfill Development Certificate for a single storey front porch consisting of gabled tiled roof and insertion of a new external door, 19A Burnham Road. Noted.

(ii) Decisions – the following decision has been made by AVDC:

16/02871/APP – raising existing roof to provide floor space at first-floor level, first-floor side extension to south-west and insertion of roof lights to north-east,
3 Whitchurch Close – approved.

(iii) Other – latest information and progress on the emerging Aylesbury Vale Local Plan – noted.

190/16 URGENT MATTERS

(i) Cllr. Wilkinson said that the area around the School works site had been tidied up well but the School sign had not yet been re-sited.
(ii) A number of questions were raised about the Ashendon Road closure to which

Cllr. Irwin responded.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

