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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2017
at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

16/17 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)	Cllr. J. Pumphrey
Cllr. G. Pusey	Cllr. A. Wilkinson
A.T.A.Lambourne (Clerk)	3 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Ms. J. Hooper, J. Sisk and Ms. H. Vitkus and from PC. Tom Chalk

17/17 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public asked about the positioning of planning notices. It was explained that these are posted by the AVDC case officer at a point on the public highway nearest to the proposed development.

Cllr. Pumphrey reported that a large quantity of litter had blown across land adjacent to the Venture Park. This had been reported to Environmental Health and some had been collected up.

Cllr. Ms. Hooper had sent a note to say she had reported excess noise from Bucks Recycling to Environmental Health and as requested she was now keeping a diary of any recurring problems.

At this point, three representatives from Thames Water joined the meeting. They explained the work that was taking place in Ashendon Road and the reasons for it. They also apologised for not keeping the Parish Council informed of what was happening but confirmed the road would be open again within three weeks, well within the limit of the road closure order. After some questions, the Chairman thanked them for attending and they left the meeting.

18/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19/17 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

20/17 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Pothole, Lower Green(2/17) – this has been repaired by BCC.
- (ii) Bucks Recycling(5/17ii) – the Chairman advised that the next Liaison Committee meeting would be held on 8th March.
- (iii) Speeding(5/17iii) – the Clerk reported that there had been no response to the request for volunteers to use the mobile speed camera. However, Cllr. Pumphrey and the Chairman and one member of the public offered to accept training and it was said that Cllr. Ms. Hooper had previously indicated she was also willing. The Clerk would therefore arrange for the training to take place.
- (iv) Planning(5/17vi) – confirmation had been received that Shanks had been refused consent for their application to extend working hours but it was noted they may appeal the decision.

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- (v) School works(5/17vii) – the main works are finished but a large tree trunk and rubbish bag were still in the Churchyard. After consulting the School, the Head Teacher said that the trunk may be turned into a seat and the rubbish will be removed. It was noted that the School sign had not yet been removed from its temporary position back into School grounds.

- (vi) BCC Freight Strategy(10/17) – the Chairman had not been able to attend the meeting on 13th February but subsequently more information had been received and circulated.
- (vii) Burial Ground(11/17i) – members had looked at this tree and it was agreed no further action is required at present
- (viii) Church Lane(11/17iii) – the Clerk had inspected the kerb setts and none were damaged. A short stretch had been compressed, probably by a lorry turning, but it was agreed no further action is required.

21/17 WEBSITE

(See minute 6/17) – Cllr. Ms. Hooper had forwarded a report giving progress to date. Members were asked to consider this and respond within three days. Another server had been chosen. The website could now be running live within a week.

The Clerk reported that the Transparency Funding grant had been received.

22/17 GRASS AND HEDGE CUTTING

A quotation for grass and hedge cutting had been received from Mr. R. Porter. The detailed figures showed a very small increase on the 2016 figures. As Mr. Porter's work had always been to a high standard and the increase in prices was low, it was

RESOLVED to accept Mr. Porter's quotation for the 2017 season, all as detailed in his quotation dated 30th December 2016.

23/17 PENSIONS

The Clerk reported that following the Pensions Act 2008, the Council has complied with all the duties and responsibilities required by the Act following the Council's staging date of 1st January 2017 and that compliance had been confirmed by the Pensions Regulator. It was

RESOLVED to note this action.

24/17 BCC PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Details of this meeting to be held on 22nd March were noted. No-one wished to attend.

25/17 HS2 UPDATE MEETING

Details of this meeting to be held at Quainton on 30th March were noted. The Chairman agreed to attend on behalf of the Council

26/17 CLEAN-UP DAY

It was

AGREED to hold another village "clean-up" day on Sunday 2nd April, starting at 10.30am by the village notice boards.

The Chairman agreed to organize the advertising of this.

27/17 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground – see minute 20/17(vii) above
- (ii) Churchyard – see minute 20/17(v) above
- (iii) Village Green – see minute 20/17 (viii) above

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- (iv) Police/NAG – PC Tom Chalk had written to say there had been no reported crimes in Westcott during the last month.
- (v) Charities – no reports
- (vi) SLCC – no report
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – nothing to report
- (viii) Local Area Forum – the next meeting is on 1st March and Cllrs. Ms. Hooper and Wilkinson hope to attend.
- (ix) Website – see minute 21/17 above
- (x) Other – a press release had been received from BCC explaining how shared services with

Harrow Borough Council would bring in large financial savings. This has been circulated for information.

- a road sign damaged by a lorry at the Raven Crescent junction has been reported to BCC.
- a letter regarding school parking sent to all parents by the Head Teacher was read for information.

28/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received since the last meeting and to be circulated for information were:

- Clerks and Council's Direct magazine
- Information regarding the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme
- "The Rocket" news letter from the Venture Park

29/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Payments:

It was

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, February 2017 (DD)	38.44	1.92	40.36
Clerk's expenses – January and February 2017			24.10

(b) Receipts – noted

BALC – Transparency funding grant 1,730.00

30/17 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Application:

17/00659/HSC – storage of Hydrogen fuel for test engine, Land to the south-west, Westcott Venture Park. It was

RESOLVED to advise AVDC that the Council has no comments to make.

(ii) Decisions – the following decisions have been made by AVDC:

16/03593/ACL – front porch etc., 19A Burnham Road – certificate granted.

16/02232/APP – construction of garden studios and offices showroom with office space, land adjacent to Hangar 4, Venture Park – permitted.

16/04512/APP – erection of building for repair and maintenance of vehicles and equipment, Hangar 5, Venture Park – permitted.

Decision by BCC:

CM/61/16 – see minute 20/17(iv) above

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(iii) Other – further information on the progress of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan had been received and circulated for information.

31/17 URGENT MATTERS

(i) Cllr. Pumphrey spoke again about the litter from the Venture Park (see minute 17/17 above). He said it had been worse recently due to the high winds but would like to know what can be done about persistent littering. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to AVDC Environmental Health to ask what can be done about this problem and if they can agree with Bucks Recycling a policy that would solve the matter. BCC and Cllr. Irwin to be included in the correspondence.

The Chairman also agreed to raise this issue at the next Liaison Group meeting.

(ii) Cllr. Wilkinson spoke about the proliferation of roadside signs. In the past, BCC had

removed these periodically but of late nothing is done. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Cllr. Irwin for BCC's current policy on this

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

