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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2017
at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

78/17 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)	Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. J. Pumphrey	Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus	Cllr. A. Wilkinson
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)	3 members of the public
Mr. S. Proctor (Simon Proctor Chartered Surveyors)	

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. J. Sisk

79/17 OPEN FORUM

Comments were made by the public concerning Bucks Recycling, including the construction of the bund, dust, noise and operating hours. The Chairman said that their comments were noted and would be considered under an agenda item later in the meeting.

80/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

81/17 DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman invited Simon Proctor to address the meeting and to give outline preliminary plans for a development of nine homes on land in Linnet Drive. He said that proposals were at an early stage and there were still tree and ecological surveys to be carried out. A number of questions were put to which answers were given as far as possible. A planning application was not expected to be submitted before September, The Chairman thanked Simon Proctor for attending and he then left the meeting.

82/17 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

83/17 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Bucks Recycling (61/17i) – more complaints about noise had been sent to Bucks Recycling and a response was read. This said that the bund should be completed by the end of July with planting to be started in September.
- (ii) Speeding (61/17ii) – the results of the speed checks were still awaited. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.
- (iii) Playground inspection (61/17v) – this was carried out on 19th June and the report is awaited.
- (iv) Village Green play equipment (61/17vii) – the spare parts had been received and Cllr. Pusey had reconstructed the play item. He was thanked for his work in bringing this back into use.
- (v) Public footpath (64/17) – Cllr. Irwin had been unable to find a suitable gate and so the Clerk had asked the Ramblers' Association to obtain the gate and install it, all as discussed at the previous meeting. The Ramblers' Association had since confirmed that it now had purchased the gate and was expecting to install it shortly.
- (vi) Venture Park footpath (77/17) – this path has not yet been cleared and so the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

84/17 BUCKS RECYCLING MEETING

Cllr. Irwin was still trying to arrange the meeting with BCC and AVDC officers. It was agreed that in order to give a structure to the meeting when called, all members will give thought to the issues that need to be addressed and forward these in a format of questions to the Clerk for collating. This needs to be done within the next seven days. The Clerk will then consult the Chairman and if necessary call a pre-meeting to agree the final list of questions.

85/17 COURSE REPORT

Cllr. Ms Hooper reported on the Potentials and Perils of Digital Engagement course she attended on 7th June. She highlighted the issues of data protection and liability and the forthcoming Data Protection Regulations. This may mean investment in some digital equipment in due course. Papers from the course are to circulate to give members more information.

86/17 SIGN FOR THE GREEN

Cllr. Ms. Hooper presented wording and design for a new sign. She added that the post also needs replacing. The cost for the sign would be £70.00, plus the post at £61.00 and clips at £6.00. It was

RESOLVED to go ahead with the replacement sign.

87/17 FUN DAY

Arrangements for the Village Fun Day to be held on 9th July were finalised. The Chairman and Cllr. Pusey would erect the gazebo prior to the 1.00pm. start and Cllr. Ms. Hooper would arrange for two advertising boards to be available. Cllrs. Ms. Vitkus and Wilkinson were also available to help.

88/17 WEBSITE

Following the discussion at the previous meeting (minute 73/17ix), Cllr. Ms. Hooper would arrange training dates with the Chairman and consider the equipment necessary with Cllr. Pusey.

89/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A review of the Annual Parish Meeting showed that no matters required further consideration.

90/17 GRASS CUTTING

There had been some complaints recently about long grass in the Churchyard. However this matter had now been resolved and it was agreed that there was not a need to change the frequency of cuts as set out in the contract. The situation nevertheless will be monitored.

91/17 PLAY EQUIPMENT

It was noted that the basketball net needed replacing. It was RESOLVED to accept Cllr. Wilkinson's offer to obtain a new net and fix it.

It was also noted that the goal nets needed replacing. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase a pair of new goal nets.

The goal posts needed an inspection as recently one crossbar had been removed. Cllr. Wilkinson agreed to look at this to see if repairs were possible and if necessary The Green Working Group would report back to the Council with recommendations.

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92/17 TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS

The Clerk had provided a statement of information required to be published under the Local Audit and Accountability Act, Transparency Code. This was noted and would be published on the Council's website.

93/17 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green – no reports
- (iv) Police – TVPA was planning to arrange a "Police Community Forum" for the Waddesdon LAF area and was inviting expressions of interest for those wishing to attend. Both the Chairman and Cllr. Ms Vitkus offered to attend providing the arrangements

were convenient.

- (v) Charities, (vi) SLCC, (vii) BALC/AVALC – no reports
- (viii) Local Area Forum – next meeting on 5th July
- (ix) Website – see minutes 85/17 and 88/17 above
- (x) Other – details of the next Local Council Planning Liaison Group were noted.
Cllr. Ms. Vitkus agreed to attend this meeting on 12th July.

94/17 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Local Council Review magazine
- Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September

95/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) Payment made since the last meeting.

	Nett	VAT	Gross
Jo Cox Design – website design final payment			450.00
It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to endorse this payment			

- (b) Payments: It was RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

E.On Energy – footway lighting, June 2017 (DD)	42.04	2.10	44.14
Clerk’s expenses - May 2017			19.27

- (c) Receipts – noted

Purchase of burial space			200.00
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96/17 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Applications – none received since the last meeting.
- (ii) Decision – the following decision has been notified by AVDC:
17/00659/HSC – storage of hydrogen fuel for test engine, land at Westcott Venture Park – hazardous substances consent granted.
- (iii) Other – a revised timetable for the preparation of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan was noted. This showed a slippage of about two months in its progress.

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97/17 URGENT MATTERS

Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that two matters Cllr. Irwin was looking into have not been dealt with, i.e. the white lines at the bus stop and the land ownership details of the grassed area north of the School. The Clerk was asked to follow up both of these matters.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

