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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st AUGUST 2017
at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

98/17 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman) Cllr. J. Pumphrey
Cllr. G. Pusey Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
Cllr. A. Wilkinson A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin 6 members of the public

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

99/17 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public raised three matters:

- (i) The new combination gate at the end of Lower Green is chained and locked. The Clerk believed that the large gate was locked but the pedestrian gate was not. He would check this and deal with the matter if necessary.
- (ii) The bund at Bucks Recycling was not finished. This would be reported at the next Group meeting. Liaison
- (iii) A few HGV's have been seen using the main village road. The Chairman said she could deal with this if she knew the date, time, company and registration number of the vehicles.

100/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

101/17 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

102/17 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Public footpath (83/17v) – the new gate has been installed but the plaque has yet to be fitted.
- (ii) Sign for The Green (86/17) – no progress to report
- (iii) Fun Day (87/17) – the Chairman reported that presence by the Council had been useful with a number of local residents attending the stand with questions and comments.
- (iv) Website (88/17) – no progress to report
- (v) Play equipment (91/17) – Cllr. Wilkinson had inspected the goal posts and reported that no work was required.
The basketball net has been replaced and new goal nets purchased.
- (vi) Highway matters (97/17) – ongoing.

103/17 SPEED CHECKS

The results from four sessions with the Sentinel camera were noted. Details of a further training session on its use (12th August) were noted.

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104/17 ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION

This had been carried out by Wicksteed Leisure and members had copies of the report. Everything was satisfactory and no works were required. Thanks were recorded to Cllr. Pusey for his attention and work to the play equipment.

105/17 BCC/AVDC MEETING

Cllr. Irwin was still trying to organize this meeting to discuss issues regarding Bucks Recycling. He said he had the offer of two dates from BCC officers but still could not get agreement from AVDC.

Either 7th or 8th August had been offered and members agreed to a provisional date of 8th August at 4pm. Cllr. Irwin would try to get this set up and would liaise with the Clerk regarding arrangements.

Since the previous meeting the Clerk had prepared a draft format for the meeting which was generally agreed although Cllr. Pumphrey had suggested some amendments and restructuring. These were agreed and the Clerk would include these in a revised paper. The Clerk's original paper would be copied to Cllr. Irwin so that he could ensure officers had answers to the questions at the meeting.

106/17 POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM

No-one had been able to attend the first meeting of the Forum held on July 16th. It was noted that a further meeting would be held on October 11th at 8pm.

107/17 LOCAL COUNCIL PLANNING LAISON GROUP

Cllr. Ms. Vitkus reported from this meeting. The main points she spoke to were a proposed restructuring of AVDC's planning department, an update on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, HS2 and Neighbourhood Plans. She offered to compile notes from the meeting and circulate them for information.

108/17 AUDIT

The External Auditor's report and certificate had been received with no comments or matters for action. The conclusion of the audit for 2016/17 was therefore complete and the relevant public notice posted.

109/17 PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Notes from the last meeting on June 14th had been circulated. It was noted that the next meeting would be on September 13th but no-one wished to attend.

110/17 CLEAN-UP DAY

It was

RESOLVED to organize another village clean-up day on October 15th and to include this on the agenda for the next meeting so that specific tasks and areas can be agreed.

111/17 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green and (iv) Police – nothing to report.
- (v) Charities – Cllr. Wilkinson reported that the Faith Beaumont Charity had not met for some time as it had no Clerk but Cllr. Irwin understood that a new Clerk had come forward.
- (vi) SLCC – no report
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – details of forthcoming training courses were noted.

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- (viii) Local Area Forum – Cllr. Wilkinson reported from the last meeting of the Forum on July 5th. The main matter was that of local funding for community facilities. He said there could be grant funding for equipment and/or events and he was working with the Chairman of the Woodham Parish Meeting to co-ordinate an application which would involve the Westcott Sports and Social Club. Cllr. Wilkinson will continue to take the lead in coordinating this project.
- (ix) Website – nothing to report
- (x) Other – the following information had been passed to members but there was no further discussion.
 - BCC Freight Strategy survey
 - BCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation
 - News for the Parishes

- New Homes Bonus Micro Grants
- Up-date of village verge grass cutting

112/17 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- "The Clerk" magazine
- "Clerks and Councils Direct" magazine

113/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Bank reconciliation figures as at 30th June 2017 - noted

(b) Payments made since the last meeting.

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – lighting maintenance, June quarter	100.50	20.10	120.60
Wicksteed Leisure – annual play area inspection	60.00	12.00	72.00
Clerk’s reimbursement for goal nets (Jakeman Sports)	41.67	8.33	50.00

It was

RESOLVED to endorse the above payments

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

E.On Energy – footway lighting, July 2017 (DD)	40.69	2.03	42.72
Mazars LLP – external audit fee	100.00	20.00	120.00
Clerk’s salary – April, May, June (after tax)			472.52
HMRC – tax deducted from Clerk’s salary			118.13
Clerk’s expenses - June 2017 and office allowance – April, May, June			64.70
24a Ltd – information boards for Parish Council stand			60.00
Cllr. G. Pusey – reimbursement for play repair items (Screwfix)	19.72	3.94	23.66

(d) Receipts – nil

(e) Other – none

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114/17 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Application:
CM/65/17 – change of operating and lighting hours, vehicle movements and doubling of throughput of waste, Westcott Venture Park (Shanks). Variations of conditions 2, 4, 10 and 30 attached to 12/20001/AWD.

It was noted that this was a resubmission of an application that members discussed at the meeting on 29th November 2016 (minute 189/16) and subsequently had been refused.

It was noted that very little had changed. It was therefore

RESOLVED to submit an objection on the same grounds as those listed in minute 189/16

(ii) Decision – the following decision has been made recently by AVDC:
14/01909/APP – installation of 15MW ground mounted solar panels and associated electrical equipment to the north of the existing solar park, Westcott Venture Park – permitted.

(iii) Other – none

115/17 URGENT MATTERS

Cllr. Wilkinson reported that development was taking place at Station Yard, Woodham without planning consent and this could affect the number of lorries going through the A41 junction. The Chairman of Woodham Parish Meeting is in discussion with AVDC over this matter.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

