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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2017** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

116/17 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. A. Wilkinson
1 member of the public

Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. J. Sisk
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Pumphrey, Ms. H. Vitkus and County and District Cllr. P. Irwin.

117/17 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public asked two questions:

- (i) Could the school be asked to tidy up its site? The Chairman said this work was already being undertaken.
- (ii) When do planning notices go up? The Clerk said the relevant planning officer posted these on site at least three weeks before the closing date for comments.

118/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

119/17 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

120/17 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Lower Green footpath (99/17i) – the field gate is now locked but the pedestrian gate is free and operable.
- (ii) Plaque (102/17i) – this is now fixed.
- (iii) Sign for The Green (102/17ii) – a revised quotation of £70.39 + VAT was agreed, subject to the wording being checked by the Chairman and Clerk.
- (iv) Website (102/17iv) – arrangements for training and the purchase of equipment – ongoing
- (v) Highway matters (102/17vi) – no progress and so the Clerk was asked to follow this up again with Cllr. Irwin.
- (vi) Planning application (114/17i) – the Clerk had forwarded the Council's objections including asking the question why the Council had not been consulted. A reply had been received to say this was an oversight and the formal consultation was sent immediately.

121/17 BCC/AVDC MEETING

The Clerk reported that this meeting had taken place earlier in the day and gave a summarised report of the discussions. He took full notes which will be circulated to all members with these minutes.

122/17 CLEAN-UP DAY

It was confirmed this would take place on 15th October starting at 10.130am. It was agreed amongst other things to deal with the following: clean and paint the goal posts, weeds growing by road verge kerbs, tidy hedge by notice boards and the bus shelter and general litter picking.

123/17 DATA PROTECTION ACT

Further information on this forthcoming legislation was noted.

124/17 MEETINGS ETC.,

Details of the following were noted:

- (i) TfB Stakeholders Conference – 12th September
- (ii) BCC Parish Liaison Meeting – 13th September
- (iii) VALP – Parishes Seminar – 4th October

No-one wished to attend these events

125/17 RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

The Clerk had written to the Ramblers' Association thanking them for the work they had carried out in the parish over recent months. In reply, there was a request that the Council consider donating a new kissing gate for the start of Footpath No. 33 by Station House, which the Ramblers' Association would install. It was

RESOLVED not to take this forward in the current financial year but to offer to consider it in 2018/19.

126/17 CHRISTMAS PARTY

In 2016, Cllr. Irwin had organized a Christmas Party for older residents of Waddesdon Parish which that Council had partly sponsored. For 2016, he was prepared to extend this to Westcott's older residents, but this would require a donation from the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED to support this in principle, subject to further information on cost, arrangements, etc.,

The Chairman would discuss this further with Cllr. Irwin and report back to the next Council meeting.

127/17 REPORTS

- (i) to (ix) – nothing to report
- (x) Dead tree outside Ayles Close. The Clerk reported that the Housing Trust had written to say this had been inspected and would be removed in September.

It was reported to the meeting that this work had already taken place.

128/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The only item received and to be circulated for information was the latest edition of "Clerks and Councils Direct" magazine.

129/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (i) Payments – it was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, August 2017 (DD)	42.04	2.10	44.14
Clerk’s expenses – July and August 2017			19.24

(ii) Receipts – noted
Heritage & Sons – memorial fees 125.00

(iii) Other – none

130/17 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Application:
17/03200/APP – two storey side extension and ground floor front extension, 32 Lower Green. After consideration, it was AGREED to advise AVDC that the Parish Council has no comments on this application.

(ii) Decision – none since the previous meeting

(iii) Other – none

131/17 URGENT MATTERS

- (i) The Chairman reported that although the telephone equipment had been removed from the kiosk, the structure was still standing. The Clerk was asked to write to BT to find out when this would be removed.
- (ii) Cllr. Sisk asked if there was any information yet on HS2 construction traffic. The Clerk said there was nothing yet except that the A41 would be a haul route. BCC would be consulted in due course on numbers, movements and other arrangements and relevant parishes would be kept informed.
- (iii) Cllr. Wilkinson said that the kerb setts in Church Lane had been damaged by vehicles. The Clerk said these had been inspected and although some had been compressed into the ground, there was no need for attention at the present time.
- (iv) Cllr. Wilkinson also asked about the temporary position of the School sign. The Chairman reported that she had spoken to the Head Teacher about this and he said it would be re-positioned in due course.
- (v) Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that the Village Fun Day had raised approximately £4,500 which would be shared between the Cricket Club, the School and the Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

