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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2017** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

132/17 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)

Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. J. Sisk
Cllr.A. Wilkinson
8 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Pumphrey and County and District
Cllr. P. Irwin.

133/17 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public spoke concerning the Sports and Social Club and the uncertainty of its future. The lease on the building expires in 2019 and the Venture Park is not making any progress or giving any guarantee over a new lease. It was suggested that the Parish Council could seek to register the building as a community asset. The Chairman said the discussion points were noted and would be discussed later as there was an agenda item to follow.

Another member of the public spoke about issues concerning Bucks Recycling. She had phoned and emailed the Environment Agency with complaints about noise but had received a poor response. The Chairman noted the points raised and said she would take them to the Liaison Committee which would be meeting on 26th October.

134/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

135/17 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

136/17 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Sign for The Green (120/17iii) – ongoing.
- (ii) Website (120/17iii) – the Chairman has received training and the purchase of the relevant equipment is under discussion.
- (iii) Highway matters (120/17iv) – Cllr. Irwin has not yet responded to the request for an update and so the Clerk was asked to follow this up again.
- (iv) Clean-up Day (122/17) – the Chairman reported this had been well supported with 27 members of the public turning up to help. She wished to record thanks to them and the Clerk was asked to include this in the newsletter report.
- (v) Telephone kiosk (131/17i) – B.T. had confirmed that the removal is scheduled for some time before the end of March 2018.
- (vi) Church Lane (131/17iii) – it was noted that the kerb setts are not missing or loose but they do need resetting to the correct height. The Clerk will ask BCC to attend to this.

137/17 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chairman gave more details of the party being organised by Cllr. Irwin for the older residents of Waddesdon and Westcott. The Community bus will be used for transport and it was expected there would be a good number of Westcott residents wishing to attend. It was

RESOLVED to make a donation of £100 towards the cost of the event.

138/17 WESTCOTT SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Further to the discussion earlier in Open Forum, Cllr. Sisk gave more information about the Club, the building and the advantages of registering the building as a community asset.

After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman would raise this matter at the next meeting with the Venture Park management and that the Clerk should find out more information on community assets and the criteria and methodology required for registration prior to further discussion at the next meeting.

139/17 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Details of the following were noted but no-one wished to attend:

BALC AGM on 10th November, AVALC AGM on 4th November and a BRAG conference on 24th November.

140/17 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground – an interment of ashes had taken place the previous day
- (ii) Churchyard – generally quite tidy and the war graves have been attended to.
- (iii) Village Green – the goal posts have been painted and a new basketball net fixed. Thanks to Cllr. Wilkinson for carrying out this work.
- (iv) Police – information had already been circulated concerning the Neighbourhood Policing Community Forum, the Thames Valley September newsletter and the Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021.
- (v) Charities – Beck & Fetto had not met recently. The Turner Charity had met but had no grant applications to consider. The Clerk would be putting an article in the village newsletter advising residents of its existence and objectives. Cllr. Wilkinson reported that the Faith Beaumont Charity was now in suspension until a new Clerk could be appointed.
- (vi) SLCC - the Clerk reported from the last Branch meeting, the main two topics being capital investments and the forthcoming Data Protection Regulations.
- (vii) BALC and AVALC – information had already been circulated concerning forthcoming training events, Resilience Planning and Data Protection Regulations.
- (viii) Local Area Forum – information had already been circulated concerning funding, PCSO's, training in the use of Sentinel Speedwatch cameras and agenda items for the last meeting.
- (ix) Website – see minute 136/17(ii) above.
- (x) Other – the Clerk referred to the following matters, information on which had already been circulated: AVDC Parish newsletter and AVDC's Parish Liaison officers. He also reported that the footpath running south from The Green had now been cleared by BCC, verge grass cutting had been carried out and two faulty street lights repaired.

141/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received and to be circulated for information:

Information from NALC regarding the change of A.On's insurance arrangements to BHIB

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142/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (i) Bank reconciliation figures as at 30th September 2017 - noted
- (ii) Payments – it was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, September 2017 (DD)	42.04	2.10	44.14
E.On Energy – footway lighting, October 2017 (DD)	40.69	2.03	42.72
E.On Highway lighting – quarterly maintenance, Sept	100.50	20.10	120.60
Clerk's salary – July/Aug/Sept (after tax)			313.58

HMRC – tax on Clerk’s gross salary	78.40
Clerk’s expenses –Sept 2017 and office accommodation July/Aug/Sept	59.20
A. Wilkinson – paint for goal posts and basketball net	55.46
(iii) Receipts – noted	
AVDC – 2 nd half-year precept	5,725.00
Heritage & Sons – ashes interment fees	170.00

(iii) Other – none

143/17 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Applications – none received since the previous meeting.
- (ii) Decisions – none notified since the previous meeting
- (iii) Other – further information had been received from AVDC regarding the progress of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. It was noted there would be a consultation period from 2nd November to 14th December 2017.

144/17 URGENT MATTERS

- (i) Cllr. Wilkinson had been told of dog mess problems in Ashendon Road by the Deli premises. He will advise the complainant that AVDC’s Dog Warden will investigate if evidence can be provided.
- (ii) Cllr. Pusey said that the padlocks on the litter bins on The Green are a nuisance. It was agreed they could be removed.
- (iii) The Chairman reported a pothole at the Church Lane junction. The Clerk would ask BCC to deal with this.

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

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

