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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

1/18 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin

Cllr. G. Pusey
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)
2 members of the public

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

2/18 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public asked if consideration could be given to provide a cycleway from Westcott to Waddesdon to join up to the proposed one from Waddesdon to Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station. The Clerk replied that this matter had been raised back in 2007 when the Parish Council asked BCC to upgrade a public footpath to a cycleway to give the link to Waddesdon. At the time this was not possible due to a landowner's objection. Cllr, Irwin said that it may now be possible to consider this again as part of a larger proposal involving two or three other local villages. Cllr. Irwin would now take this forward and report back with details of any progress that may be made.

Cllr. Irwin reported that there are suggestions that a new settlement of over 1,000 homes could be built somewhere between Bicester and Buckingham as part of the proposed expressway between Oxford and Cambridge. East-West Rail was now about to commence on the section between Bicester and Bletchley, with completion expected in 2024.

Another member of the public asked about the future of the children's centre in Waddesdon. Cllr. Irwin confirmed that BCC planned to close all centres in Bucks but he was hopeful the Waddesdon centre could be saved with alternative running arrangements.

Cllr. Irwin also confirmed that the proposed new roundabout at the A41 junction is going ahead with work expected to start by April 2018.

3/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4/18 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

5/18 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Seat on The Green (152/17) – not yet started
- (ii) VALP (163/17iii) – AVDC had responded by saying that Westcott was classified as a smaller village in the Plan's hierarchy and as such there were no "allocated sites" specified for development in the village.

6/18 CHRISTMAS FLOAT

The Chairman reported that this had been a very successful event. She recorded thanks to Cllr. Irwin for making the arrangements, the volunteer collectors and Waddesdon Parish

Council for providing the float free of charge. £212.60 was collected and it was RESOLVED to earmark this sum prior to discussion on its use in the new financial year.

7/18 DATA PROTECTION OFFICERS

A legal briefing note had been received from NALC explaining the roles etc. of DPO's and that in most cases clerks would not be able to be appointed to the role. Further information is awaited from BALC as to how appointments may be made and how small councils may be helped in the appointment process. A copy of the briefing note is to be circulated to all members for attention and noting.

8/18 MICRO-GRANTS

AVDC had written to say that if any Voluntary or Community Sector organisations applied for grants, AVDC would expect authorisation from the Parish Council. It was AGREED that should any authorisation be requested, it would be dealt with at full Council rather than by a delegated power.

9/18 BANK RECONCILIATION

Figures as at 31st December 2017 were presented and noted.

10/18 BUDGET 2018/19

The Clerk had provided members with a draft budget together with explanatory notes. These were considered and it was RESOLVED to approve a budget as drafted showing estimated receipts of £12,910 and payments of £14,327, giving a deficit budget of £1,417 which would be met from reserves.

11/18 PRECEPT 2018/19

Taking into account the agreed budget in 10/18 above, it was RESOLVED to set a parish precept of £11,500. It was noted that this was an increase of 2% over the previous year and would increase a Band D property tax by £1.36 for the year.

12/18 REPORTS

There were no reports given

13/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received and to be circulated for information:
NALC legal briefing note on DPO's
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
Local Council Review magazine
"The Clerk" magazine

14/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

(i) Payments – it was RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Dec 2017 (DD)	40.69	2.03	42.72
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Jan 2018 (DD)	42.04	2.10	44.14
E.On Energy – lighting maintenance, Dec quarter	100.50	20.10	120.60

Clerk's salary – Oct/Nov/Dec 2017(net after tax)	347.95
HMRC – tax deducted from Clerk's salary	86.98
Clerk's expenses, Nov & Dec and office accommodation Oct/Nov/Dec	64.69

(ii) Receipts – noted

K.Y.Green - burial fees	200.00
Christmas float collection	212.60

(iii) Other – none

15/18 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Application:
17/03200/APP – part two storey, part single storey extension, 32 Lower Green. Amended plans notified by AVDC but not for consultation
- (ii) Decisions:
CM/65/17 – variation of conditions 2, 4, 10 and 30 attached to planning consent 12/20001/AWD, in-vessel composting and anaerobic digestion facility and revision of layout of areas 10, 11 and 12 at Westcott Venture Park (Shanks Waste Management Ltd) – permitted.
- (iii) Other – details of a Planning Liaison Conference to be held at AVDC on 20th February were received. Cllr. Ms. Vitkus offered to attend and this was agreed.

16/18 URGENT MATTERS

The Chairman reported that the footway light outside No. 12 High Street had been repaired but another light opposite Swan Court was not working. The Clerk would instruct E.On Energy to attend to this.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

