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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER 2017
at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

145/17 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)	Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. G. Pusey	Cllr. J. Sisk
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)	2 members of the public

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

146/17 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public said there was still a local problem of dog mess. The Chairman said little could be done about the few irresponsible dog owners unless they could be identified.

147/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

148/17 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

149/17 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Sign for The Green (136/17i) – ongoing.
- (ii) Website (136/17ii) – equipment still under discussion.
- (iii) Highway matters (136/17iii) – no reply yet from Cllr. Irwin.
- (iv) Christmas Party (137/17) – the Chairman said that at present there were eight residents who had given their names for the over 60's party.

150/17 SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Since the previous meeting (minute 138/17), the Clerk had obtained information from AVDC regarding the method and criteria for registering a building as a Community Asset. This had been forwarded to all members. After some discussion it was agreed that this subject needed further consideration and could be affected by future proposals by the Venture Park. It was therefore RESOLVED to take no further action at present but to review the situation before the end of the 2017/18 financial year.

151/17 BCC/BALC LIAISON MEETING

This meeting is to take place on 29th November but after reviewing the agenda, no-one wished to attend.

152/17 SEAT ON THE GREEN

A request had been received from a local resident to place a seat on The Green in memory of his late wife. The design of the seat was agreed. The Clerk had met the resident to discuss the siting and it was suggested that it should face the High Street between the bus stop and the Church Lane junction. This was agreed. The resident would bear all costs including future

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maintenance and it was

RESOLVED that the Council will accept the seat as a gifted asset and include it in the Council's insurance policy.

153/17 CHRISTMAS FLOAT

Waddesdon Parish Council had agreed to bring its Christmas Float to Westcott to tour the village on 16th December. It was

RESOLVED

- (i) to approve the Clerk's application to AVDC for a licence to carry out a door-to-door collection for charity
- (ii) that the Chairman would arrange for a suitable number of volunteer collectors.
- (iii) that any running expenses for the float be reimbursed to Waddesdon Parish Council
- (iv) that any decision as to how the proceeds should be distributed will be decided once the level of proceeds is known.

154/17 2018/19 BUDGET

The Clerk reminded members that a budget and precept will need to be agreed at the next meeting. It was

RESOLVED not to include provision for any major projects in 2018/19 but to retain the sum of £2,000 for "special projects" as in the previous year.

155/17 SLCC MEMBERSHIP

It was

RESOLVED to renew the membership to the SLCC for 2018 at a cost of £59.00

156/17 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Council had been notified that PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed as External Auditor for the next five years. This was noted as there were no objections to the appointment.

157/17 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES

The Boundary Commission had given notice that the boundaries of the Buckingham constituency (which includes Westcott) were being reviewed and would welcome comments. As the changes would not affect Westcott, it was agreed to note the proposals only.

158/17 MOBILE LIBRARY

A consultation was running into proposed changes to the mobile library service. There were no comments except that Cllr. Hooper said the village school had responded as it could be affected.

159/17 BUCKS RECYCLING LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that the Committee had met on 26th October. Both the Environment Agency and the Venture Park management were now represented on it as members. Items discussed were specific responsibilities, the completion of the bund, further noise and dust and the arrangements for receiving complaints and to how they would be dealt with, which would include regular monitoring. The Committee will meet again in February.

Added to the above the Clerk reported from a meeting he and the Chairman attended with the Venture Park management. Items discussed were the proposed new A41 roundabout. Century Court Phase II, progress with the rocket testing project, the forthcoming removal of the pallet company, the new management at the shop and preliminary discussions for a need for a new community building which could include a small level of housing. This however is not being progressed at present.

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160/17 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard and (iii) Village Green. The final grass cut and hedging cut has taken place but no invoice yet received for the 2017 season.
- (iv) Police – PC Tom Chalk had forwarded a report saying the only crime recorded in the village over the past month was a skirmish between two minors which had been dealt with.
- (v) Charities and (vi) SLCC – no reports
- (vii) BALC and AVALC – various information had been received over previous weeks and had been forwarded to members for information.
- (viii) Local Area Forum – the last meeting is tonight and Cllr. Wilkinson would be attending.
- (ix) Website – nothing to report except as in minute 149/17(ii) above.

- (x) Other - TFB would be holding a street works presentation but no-one wished to attend.
 - the Clerk reported further improvement works to local public footpaths carried out by the Rambler' Association.

161/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received and to be circulated for information:
 Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
 War Memorials Trust Bulletin

162/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, November 2017 (DD)	42.04	2.10	44.14
AVDC – dog bin service 2017/18	286.32	57.26	343.58
Waddesdon Parish Council – contribution to the over 60's Christmas Party			100.00
SLCC – renewal of membership			59.00
Clerk's expenses, October 2017			23.06

- (ii) Receipts – nil

- (iii) Other – none

163/17 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Applications – none notified since the previous meeting.
- (ii) Decisions – none made since the previous meeting
- (iii) Other – Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Pre-submission consultation. Details have been circulated to all members and it was agreed there were no comments to make.
 However the Clerk was asked to establish if there were any "allocated sites" for Westcott.
- (iv) Other - none

164/17 URGENT MATTERS

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

