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**WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**  
**at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

## **17/18 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Pumphrey and Ms. H. Vitkus.  
(Ms. Vitkus was representing the Council at a meeting with AVDC).

## **18/18 OPEN FORUM**

Most members of the public had attended to discuss a planning application to develop land off Raven Crescent/Linnet Drive for residential use. A number of people spoke to this, mostly objecting to the proposals. The Chairman advised those present to submit their comments direct to AVDC.

One member of the public reported more noise from Bucks Recycling, mainly reversing beepers early in the morning. The Chairman said she would bring this matter to the Bucks Recycling Liaison Committee in two days time.

## **19/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **20/18 MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

## **21/18 RESIGNATION**

Cllr. J. Pumphrey had tendered his resignation as a member of the Council with immediate effect. This was noted and accepted. Members wished to record their thanks to him for the contribution he had made to the work of the Council over many years. The matter of making arrangements to fill the vacancy will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

## **22/18 MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Cycleway (2/18) – the Clerk reported that the proposed cycleway from Waddesdon to Aylesbury Vale Parkway station had now received planning consent and that Cllr. P. Irwin was considering how a cycleway from Westcott to link in with this could be achieved.
- (ii) A41 junction (2/18) – design work for the proposed new roundabout is still under way.
- (iii) Seat on The Green (5/18i) – not yet started.

## **23/18 GDPR**

More information on the General Data Protection Regulations had been received and forwarded to all members for information. It was still not clear how this is going to directly affect local councils, particularly the matter of appointing Data Protection Officers. It was agreed the Clerk should attend a conference on GDPR at AVDC on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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## **24/18 PENSIONS**

Details of pension contributions by both employer and employee for the next three years were noted.

## **25/18 VILLAGE CLEAN-UP**

It was

RESOLVED to run another village clean-up day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and to discuss details for this at the next meeting.

## **26/18 REPORTS**

(i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green, (iv) Police, (v) Charities, (vi) SLCC and (vii) BALC/AVALC – no reports.

(viii) Local Area Forum – next meeting is on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Also a LAF newsletter had been received and circulated.

(ix) Website – Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that this is up-to-date

(x) Other – the Clerk reported the following:

- HS2 Local Economy Fund. No action required as Westcott does not qualify for funding.

- East West Rail. It was noted that considerable traffic movement along the A41 would take place in 2020 to service the depots at Waddesdon and Fleet Marston.

- BALC conference, 19<sup>th</sup> April. No-one wished to attend

- Ramblers' Association. Details of various footpath improvement works were noted.

- Village entrance gate, Ashendon Road. BCC had confirmed that this would be repaired shortly

- County Archive visit. Details of guided tours of the County Archives were noted.

Numbers would be limited but both the Chairman and Cllr. Ms. Hooper wished to take up the offer. The Clerk would book them in.

## **27/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to be circulated other than that already forwarded by email.

## **28/18 FINANCIAL REPORT**

(a) Cancelled payment – AVDC had cancelled the recent payment made for its dog bin service due to miscalculations.

(b) Payments – it was

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, March 2018 (DD)	42.04	2.10	44.14
AVDC – revised dog bin service charges	258.75	51.75	310.50
R. Porter – grass and hedge cutting, 2017	2,954.00	590.80	3,544.80
Clerk's expenses – January 2018			16.17

(c) Receipts – NIL

(d) Quotation – a quotation had been received from Mr. Reg Porter for the regular grass and hedge cutting for the forthcoming season. All elements of the contract showed only a slight increase on his 2017 figures. Considering the value for money and the efficiency of his work, it was

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of Mr. Porter all as detailed in his quotation letter for grass and hedge cutting for 2018.

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## **29/18 PLANNING MATTERS**

(i) Application:

17/04798/APP – development of land off Raven Crescent/Linnet Drive to provide 10 residential units. Taking note of the comments made by the public (minute 18/18 above) and after considering the plans, it was

RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:

- the type of houses proposed are not in keeping with the adjoining properties which are all semi-detached.

- there are no clear means of access to the site as the adjoining roads are all privately owned.

- the proposed access roads are not wide enough, especially for emergency and

service vehicles.

- there is not sufficient parking being provided for these types of large houses
- the development will change the appearance of the local area which is currently open space.

- (ii) Decisions – the following decision has been made by AVDC:  
17/03200/APP – two storey side extension and ground floor front extension,  
32 Lower Green – permitted.
- (iii) Other – none.

**30/18 URGENT MATTERS**

- (i) Cllr. Ms. Hooper reminded the meeting that Cllr. Irwin had still not responded to the issues raised concerning traffic and parking around the school area. The Clerk would follow this up with Cllr. Irwin.
- (ii) Potholes etc., around the A41 junction had been reported to BCC and these have already been inspected but not repaired.

**31/18 EXCLUSION**

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the following agenda item on the grounds that it will contain financial information of a confidential nature which may also be privileged.

The Chairman thanked all the members of the public for their attendance and contributions at which point they all left the meeting.

**32/18 SECTION 106**

AVDC had written to ask the Council to forward details of any leisure/recreational project that could be funded by a Section 106 legal agreement in conjunction with the planning application referred to above (minute 29/18i).

After considerable discussion it was agreed that at present no deliverable project could be identified but the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries regarding this matter.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

**Signed (Chairman)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



