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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2018
at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

33/18 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)	Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. G. Pusey	Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
Cllr. A. Wilkinson	A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin	6 members of the public

34/18 OPEN FORUM

One resident asked about a weight limit sign that had been fixed to a pole near the Venture Park entrance. It was noted that this was not official and had been placed by a person unknown.

Another resident raised a number of issues concerning Bucks Recycling and the Chairman confirmed these had been addressed at a recent Liaison Committee Meeting. It was noted that the bund had now been planted but only small plants used. Cllr. Irwin confirmed that BCC officers would check that the planting was in accordance with the consent agreement.

Cllr. Irwin reported that soil tests were complete at the new roundabout site and that work was expected to start in July.

Cllr. Irwin also reported that BCC had secured extra funding to fix potholes but the weather was affecting repair work.

Cllr. Ms. Hooper asked why Cllr. Irwin had not responded on the matters of parking in the bus stop and ownership of the land north of the School.. He replied by saying a response had been sent to say that nothing would be done as there were no funds available. Cllr. Irwin was then asked if he could give an idea of costed solutions so that this could be considered, to which he agreed.

35/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

36/18 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

37/18 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Land off Raven Crescent/Linnet Drive (18/18) – the Clerk reported that the planning application had been declared invalid by AVDC due to submission errors but had now been re-listed with a new period for comments although earlier comments would still be considered.
- (ii) Seat on The Green (22/18iii) – this work has now been completed and thanks to be sent to the donor of this memorial seat. The seat is accepted by the Council as a “gifted asset” and will be included in the Council’s insurance policy.
- (iii) GDPR (23/18) – the conference due to take place on 28th February was postponed until 17th April and the Clerk confirmed he would be attending.
- (iv) Village entrance gate (26/18x) – this has still not been repaired but BCC had confirmed that the work had been scheduled.

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- (v) Land off Lower Green (32/18) – the Clerk had ascertained that the land originally believed to be in the ownership of AVDC was now owned by Aylesbury Vale Estates. A response was awaited concerning future plans for this land.

38/18 VACANCY

Following the resignation of Cllr. Pumphrey (minute 21/18), the Clerk confirmed he had posted the official declaration of the vacancy on the notice board and informed AVDC. It was

RESOLVED that this vacancy should also be advertised in the village newsletter with a view to filling it by co-option at a meeting on 15th May.

39/18 CLEAN-UP DAY

The Chairman confirmed this would take place on 22nd April starting at 10.30am at the village notice board and that she and Cllr. Ms. Hooper would put up posters and post it on the website and Facebook.

40/18 SCHOOL PARKING

Problems of vehicles parking on the pavement had been reported to the police and the school. The Headteacher had written to parents about this and suggested that a working party involving the parish council could be set up to monitor the problem. The Chairman had advised him that she could not commit members to this and no further action was required at present unless the School called for a meeting to take any ideas forward.

41/18 SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

At the meeting in November 2017 (minute 150/17) it was agreed to consider in March 2018 the possibility of applying for the Club to become a Community Asset. It was AGREED that this matter should be deferred again at present and at least until further information is available concerning its future.

42/18 RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

It was noted that the Ramblers' Association had carried out more considerable work on the parish footpaths, including installing four new gates donated by a local landowner. The Ramblers' Association would also be carrying out further work in conjunction with BCC.

43/18 DONATE-A-GATE

The Ramblers' Association had invited the council to "donate-a-gate" which it wished to install at the entrance of the field path by Station House (see minute 125/17). It was noted that this is on the line of the old Brill Tramway and would cost £375. It was RESOLVED to donate a gate for the above site and accept the Ramblers' Association's offer to install it free of charge.

44/18 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was confirmed this would take place on 15th May and that the usual agenda items would be included. Cllr. Irwin said that John Grimshaw (of Sustrans) would like to talk about new cycleways in the area and the possibility of Westcott being connected in. It was agreed that John be invited to the meeting to give a presentation. The Chairman also agreed that refreshments would be served.

The Clerk reminded members that the Annual Parish Council meeting was scheduled to take place after the APM but there could be a time problem if the APM over-runs. It was therefore

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RESOLVED to bring the date of the next meeting forward to 8th May which would be the Annual Meeting and only if necessary, a shortened parish council meeting would be held after the APM on 15th May.

45/18 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground – nothing to report
- (ii) Churchyard – nothing to report
- (iii) Village Green – the Clerk reported that the owner of "Charleston" had advised he would be carrying out tree and ditch works on his boundary adjoining The Green.
- Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that the new sign was now in place.
- (iv) Police – PC Tom Chalk had written to say that only one crime had been reported in

- Westcott during the last month and this had been at the Venture Park
- (v) Charities – no reports
 - (vi) SLCC – no report
 - (vii) BALC – an information letter of BALC’s activities would be circulated. Also BALC needed to confirm various correspondence contacts consent in line with GDPR requirements and these were agreed.
 - (viii) Local Area Forum – Cllr. Wilkinson reported from the last meeting which included items on potholes, Waddesdon Children’s Centre, cycleways, HS2, East/West rail, the Waddesdon greenway, Aylesbury Garden Town, VALP, Active Bucks and the Bernwode Bus.
 - (ix) Website – nothing to report
 - (x) Other – Cllr. Ms Vitkus gave a report from the Parish Conference she attended on 20th February. She had a quantity of information sheets which would be circulated.
 - the Clerk gave information on the progress of the unitary council proposal, including an invite from AVDC to a discussion meeting on this, and an invitation from AVDC’s Chairman to a Charity event, the progress of BCC’s latest Minerals Plan and a report from a Funding Fair he attended recently.

46/18 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items had been received and would be circulated for information:

- BALC newsletter
- Letter from John Bercow M.P. concerning celebrating democracy
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- “The Clerk” magazine

47/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) An increase in electricity prices for the unmetered supply was noted.
- (b) An increase in AVDC’s charges for the dog bin service was noted.
- (c) Payments made since the previous meeting
It was RESOLVED to endorse the following payment:

	Net	VAT	Gross
Impact Signs Ltd – sign for The Green	70.39	14.08	84.47

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

E.On Energy – footway lighting, March 2018 (DD)	37.97	1.90	39.87
Clerk’s salary, Jan/Feb/March (net of tax)			339.35
HMRC – tax deduction from Clerk’s salary			84.84
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Clerk’s expenses – Feb and March and office accommodation Jan/Feb/March			86.09
BALC annual subscription			84.01

- (e) Receipts - noted
 - K.Y. Green – burial fees
- 200.00

48/18 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Application:
17/04798/APP – development of land off Raven Crescent/Linnet Drive (see minute 37/18i) above
It was noted that there was now a new period for comments following the re-posting of the application but no further action was required as the Parish Council’s comments were still valid.
- (ii) Decisions – none
- (iii) Other – the Clerk remarked that although considerable earthworks had been carried out over recent months in the field behind the bus shelter, no planning application had yet been submitted.

49/18 URGENT MATTERS

None

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

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

