

WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2018
at 7.30 pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)	Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. G. Pusey	Cllr. J. Sisk
Cllr. A. Wilkinson	A.T.A.Lambourne (Clerk)
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin	P.C. Tom Chalk
2 BCC Officers	Mr. John Grimshaw
12 members of the public	

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus

2. CYCLEWAYS

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Grimshaw to the meeting. John has been responsible for delivering many cycleways across the country and is locally known for the construction of the Waddesdon Greenway. He gave a presentation on this and then spoke about a possible cycleway link to Westcott. There was considerable support for this from the meeting and a number of questions were put. Cllr. Irwin would be considering if such a project could be taken forward. The Chairman thanked John for his presentation.

3. A41 JUNCTION

The two officers from Bucks County Council were introduced to the meeting to present and speak to plans for the proposed new roundabout at the A41 junction. Everyone was supportive of the scheme but questions were put concerning details such as the position of bus stops, crossing points for pedestrians, lighting, speed limits, weight limits, signage etc., All of the points raised would be taken away by the officers for consideration. Cllr. Irwin confirmed that the Parish Council would be kept informed of progress. The Chairman then thanked the officers for attending and presenting the plans.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd May 2017 were read to the meeting, agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

None

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Irwin reported on the following matters: - the new A41 roundabout, local freight strategy, unitary councils proposals, the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and East West Rail proposals. He then answered a number of questions from members of the public.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In her report, the Chairman reminded the meeting that this was her sixth year as Chairman of the Council. She spoke about Council meetings, the precept, mowing of The Green, Burial Ground and Churchyard, footway lighting, play area, meetings with outside bodies, training, planning, village clean-up, the Fun Day and the Council vacancy. She concluded by thanking her fellow councillors and the Clerk for their work over the past year and wished to thank Mrs. Hilary Lambourne for providing refreshments for the meeting.

A full copy of the Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

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8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Council's annual accounts were distributed to the meeting. These showed receipts for the year of £13,462 and payments of £10,644. The excess of receipts over payments of £2,818 mainly due to a budget figure of £2,000 for special projects not being used.

The Clerk spoke to the accounts and there were no questions.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Irwin reported that the District Councils in Bucks were fighting for two unitary councils to be established rather than the County Council's proposal for one. He also said the Planning Department was very short of staff causing some problems but a recruitment drive was in progress to eliminate this.

10. POLICE REPORT

P.C. Tom Chalk said that over the previous year there had been only twelve reported crimes which was very low compared with the rest of the District. Of these, five were committed by the same person who had been apprehended. He also reported that PCSO Kevin Hyland would be joining Thames Valley Police as a full-time police constable.

11. CHARITY REPORTS

No report from the Beck and Fetto Charity

Cllr. Wilkinson reported that the Faith Beaumont Charity was still in abeyance due to no Clerk, and no meetings had taken place during the year.

Alan Lambourne reported as Clerk to the William Turner Charity. The Charity had met twice during the year but had received no grant applications. Receipts from investments for the year had been £481.75 and there was now the sum of £2,210 available for distribution.

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) The meeting was asked for volunteers to come forward for training and using the Sentinel speed camera.
- (ii) A resident asked about the number of verge grass cuttings. Cllr. Irwin responded by saying there were four planned for the year
- (iii) One person spoke about recurring noise problems from Bucks Recycling. The Chairman said this would be discussed at the next Liaison Committee Meeting in June.
- (iv) Another resident asked if anything could be done to deal with parking problems around the School. Cllr. Irwin said he was planning a workshop with various parties to discuss what could be done.
- (v) A vote of thanks was proposed from the floor to all councillors for giving up their time for council work.

13. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and those who contributed to it. There being no further questions, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____
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