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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION

151/18 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)
7 members of the public

Cllr. D. Harris
Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. A. Wilkinson
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin

Cllr. D. Harris signed his declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed by the Chairman to his first meeting.

152/18 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public referred to excessive lighting on the Venture Park. The Chairman agreed to raise this at the next meeting with the Venture Park Management and in the meantime the Clerk would make contact to ascertain if there were any reasons for this. Cllr. Irwin gave an update on the A41 roundabout, the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and the Unitary Authority.

153/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

154/18 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

155/18 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Christmas float (136/18iii) – the Chairman and Cllr. Irwin confirmed that all arrangements for the visit on 15th December were in place.
- (ii) School parking (137/18) – Cllr. Irwin agreed to set up the meeting with TfB as soon as possible.
- (iii) Christmas lunch (138/18) – the Clerk reported that the William Turner Charity had given a grant of £100 towards the cost of the lunch. Cllr. Irwin offered to match this from his Leaders' Fund and this was gratefully accepted.

156/18 VACANCY

Following the declaration of a vacancy at the last meeting (139/18), AVDC had confirmed that there had been no call for a by-election and the Clerk confirmed there had been no applications following the public notice. It was

RESOLVED to continue to advertise the vacancy on the Council's website and to put a notice in the next village newsletter.

157/18 SECTION 106 PAYMENT

The Clerk informed members that should consent be given to the planning application for 26 dwellings on land to the west of High Street, a Section 106 condition would generate a sum of money for leisure and recreational facilities. However it was agreed that no immediate project could be identified.

158/18 LAND OFF LOWER GREEN

The Clerk had eventually established that a parcel of land behind Ayles Close was partly owned by BCC and partly by Aylesbury Vale Estates (AVE). AVE has offered to discuss the future use of the land in its ownership. It was

RESOLVED (i) to invite AVE to formally discuss the future of its land and
(ii) to contact BCC to request a similar discussion regarding its land.

159/18 RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

The Ramblers' Association had given information of more works it has carried out in the parish, including a number of kissing gate installations. Two of these had been on Footpath No.30 and the R.A. has invited the Council to contribute to the cost of one of these under its Donate-a-Gate scheme, at an approximate cost of £375.00. It was

RESOLVED to offer the R.A. a donation of the cost of one kissing gate under the Donate-a-Gate scheme.

160/18 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

It was

RESOLVED to renew the subscription to the SLCC at a cost of £63.00

161/18 LEGAL TOPIC NOTE

Details of the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018 had been received. This refers to public accessibility to council websites. It was noted that councils already with websites (e.g. Westcott) had until September 2020 to comply. Cllr. Ms. Hooper said that Westcott Parish Council was already compliant. It was agreed to defer any action until a model statement was available at which time it would come back for further discussion.

162/18 ELECTIONS

AVDC had given notice that following the Secretary of State's decision for Buckinghamshire to become a Unitary Authority, the District and Parish Elections scheduled for May 2019 may be postponed until May 2020 to co-incide with the elections for the new Unitary Authority. A decision is expected in January 2019.

163/18 BUDGET 2019/20

Preliminary consideration was given to the budget for the forthcoming financial year. It was agreed that no provision would be made for any capital projects and so the Clerk would bring a draft budget to the next meeting based on the current year's activities.

164/18 TRAINING COURSES

Details of BALC courses for early 2019 were noted. It was agreed that Cllr. Harris should attend a Councillor Training Course on 24th January.

165/18 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green, (iv) Police,
- (v) Charities, (vi) SLCC – no reports
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – new contact details for BALC and GDPR requirements for volunteers were noted.
- (viii) Local Area Forum – next meeting is on 10th December
- (ix) Website – the Clerk reported that the new laptop and printer had been purchased and were set up and running. The old printer had broken down and repair costs were

prohibitive. It was
RESOLVED to write off the old printer.

- (x) Other – the following information had been circulated and was noted: unitary council announcement, Waddesdon School, Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, BCC Local List (mineral plans) and Bucks Home Choice.
- the redundant payphone in High Street had been removed. It was agreed to ask BT if the associated pole is to be removed.

166/18 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Local Council Review
Clerks and Councils Direct
The Clerk magazine
War Memorials Trust Bulletin
Legal Topic Note 31 (Section 137 powers)

167/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) It was RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

| | Net | VAT | Gross |
|---|--------|-------|--------|
| E.On Energy – footway lighting, Nov 2018 (DD) | 47.78 | 2.39 | 50.17 |
| G. Pusey – purchase of printer, laptop etc | 350.59 | 70.12 | 420.71 |
| AVDC – dog bin service 2018/19 | 265.74 | 53.15 | 318.89 |
| SLCC – renewal of subscription | | | 63.00 |
| Clerk’s expenses – October and November 2018 | | | 33.66 |

- (b) Receipts - noted

William Turner Charity – donation 100.00

168/18 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Application:
18/04045/APP – variation to Conditions 7,8 and 9 relating to land at Building H4, Westcott Venture Park – no comment.
- (b) Decisions:
None notified since the previous meeting.
- (c) Other – AVDC had given notice that it intends to stop issuing hard copies for major planning applications from 14th January 2019 unless specifically requested.
It was agreed there was no problem with this.

169/18 URGENT MATTERS

- (i) Cllr. Wilkinson reported a sunken trench on the Ashendon Road. Cllr. Irwin said he would be in the area the following day and would look at this.
- (ii) Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that dog fouling was on the increase. It was noted that if evidence could be provided, prosecution could take place.
- (iii) Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported that the School was holding a Christmas event at 4pm on 14th December.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

