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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 2019** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

22/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin

Cllr. D. Harris
Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. A. Wilkinson
PCSO D. Fahy
4 members of the public

23/19 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public asked Cllr. Irwin for an up-date on the A41 junction roundabout proposal. Cllr. Irwin said there had been a number of problems causing delays particularly with the design plans which had to be re-drawn. After a number of other questions on this matter Cllr. Irwin agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting with updated plans and more information regarding the timetable for installation.

Another resident asked about the lighting on the Venture Park. The Chairman said this would be discussed at the next Bucks Recycling Liaison Committee to be held on 2nd April.

24/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25/19 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2019 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

26/19 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Lower Green (2/19) – the Chairman had reported yet again the pothole in Lower Green but it still awaited repair. Cllr. Irwin agreed to follow this up.
- (ii) School parking (5/19i) – the meeting with BCC to discuss this issue is to take place on 4th March.
- (iii) Unitary Council proposals (8/19) – the Chairman confirmed she would be attending the Parish Liaison meeting on 4th April.

27/19 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Fahy introduced himself as the new Officer for the area. He said there had only been one or two small issues in the village lately, one concerning dogs about which the owners had been spoken to and another concerning persons offering to take away residents' rubbish for a fee and then allegedly fly tipping it.

28/19 VACANCY

Despite further advertising the vacancy for another member, there had been no response. Members agreed to consider if they were aware of any possible candidates and the vacancy would continue to be advertised in the village newsletter.

29/19 LAND OFF LOWER GREEN

Since the previous meeting, BCC had advised that due to the forthcoming unitary council creation, it was putting all matters concerning assets on hold until 2020 and so it was not prepared to discuss the future of this land at present.

Aylesbury Vale Estates had said it would be carrying out a site inspection and may be prepared to discuss the future of its part of the land in due course.

30/19 VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

The Chairman confirmed this would take place on 7th April to start at 10.30am. There were no specific areas identified although the bus shelter would be looked at again following the Chairman's action recently to clean off graffiti.

31/19 TITLE DEEDS

The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, had purchased a title deed of 1871 relating to land on the old Swan public house site. Members viewed this and agreed to reimburse the Clerk for the cost of this (£19.80). Cllr. Ms. Hooper offered to take the document to an archivist for comment and then report back to the next meeting when further consideration will be given to its deposition.

32/19 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk reminded members that it was four year since these were reviewed. He offered some amendments which should now be made and these were agreed. He would therefore update both the Orders and Regulations and bring them back to the next meeting for adoption.

33/19 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green – nothing to report
- (iv) Police – see minute 27/9 above
- (v) Charities – no reports
- (vi) SLCC – no report
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – members had already been forwarded information on Training Courses, Media awareness workshop and Standards in Public Life (Code of Conduct). There was no discussion on these.
- (viii) Local Area Forum – next meeting is on 28th February at Waddesdon
- (ix) Website – nothing to report
- (x) Other - details of a Mental Health Training Day were noted
 - the Clerk had completed a BCC survey in relation to its forthcoming Rights of Way Improvement Plan
 - The Ramblers' Association has installed a new pedestrian gate at the junction of Footpath No. 27 with Ashendon Road.

34/19 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Local Council Review
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine

35/19 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

	Nett	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Feb 2019 (DD)	51.76	2.59	54.35
GJ Motor Engineers – printer ink	32.02	6.41	38.43
Clerk’s expenses – January 2019			28.87

(b) Receipts - noted

K.Y. Green – memorial fee 125.00

36/19 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Applications – none notified since the previous meeting
- (ii) Decisions – the following application has recently been determined by AVDC:
18/03231/APP – conversion of existing building to create a self-contained three-bedroom dwelling with access, parking and amenity space, High Meadow, Linnet Drive – permitted.
- (iii) Other - none

37/19 URGENT MATTERS

The Clerk reported a communication from Chearsley Parish Council concerning the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. This included information on the formation of the Expressway Action Group which is seeking to reject any route through the B3 corridor. Chearsley Parish Council is supporting the Action group and is asking Westcott Parish Council to join in with Chearsley in its actions.

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond saying that Westcott Parish Council has not yet taken a position on this matter but would appreciate being kept informed of progress of the Action Group.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____