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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2018** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

132/18 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Pusey
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)

Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
8 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A. Wilkinson and County & District Cllr. P. Irwin.

133/18 OPEN FORUM

One member of the public asked for updated information on outstanding planning applications in the village. Another member of the public spoke about the level of dust coming from Bucks Recycling. The Chairman said this problem was being dealt with as BR was laying concrete on its area and adjacent roads.

134/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

135/18 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

136/18 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Play area (119/18) – the repairs to the play surfaces has been completed satisfactorily.
- (ii) Cycleway (122/18) – no progress to report
- (iii) Christmas float (124/18) – this will visit the village on 15th December.
- (iv) Vacancy (131/18) – following the co-option decision at the previous meeting, the co-opted member is not yet able to sign his declaration of acceptance of office or to take his seat as the clerk is waiting for confirmation from the Electoral Registration Office that the said member is a registered elector for the parish. The declaration will be taken at the next meeting.

137/18 SCHOOL PARKING

An estimated cost of between £5,000 and £8,000 has been given by TfB to carry out a traffic study in the village. It was

RESOLVED not to go ahead with this but to ask TfB for a meeting to discuss the issues and options.

138/18 OVER 60's CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Following the discussion at the previous meeting (minute 123/18), it was

RESOLVED not to support the Christmas Lunch at Waddesdon.

It was further

RESOLVED to financially underwrite the cost of the Christmas Lunch for the over 60's, being planned for Westcott residents using the earmarked figure of £212.60 from the 2017 Christmas float collection and to apply for a supporting grant to the William Turner Charity.

139/18 RESIGNATION

Members noted the resignation letter from Cllr., Sisk and formally declared the vacancy. The Clerk had displayed the vacancy notice and Cllr. Ms. Hooper would place this on the Council's website. The Clerk added that if no by-election is called for before 14th November, the Council will be able to co-opt a new member at its meeting on 4th December.

140/18 PAY AWARD

The Clerk gave details of the recent pay award for local council clerks as agreed by the NJC and recommended by NALC and to take effect retrospectively from 1st April 2018. It was RESOLVED to implement the pay award for the Clerk increasing his hourly rate by £0.124

141/18 DEVOLUTION

An invitation from BCC to local councils to enter into new arrangements for taking on devolved services had been received. After consideration, it was RESOLVED not to take on any devolved services from the County Council.

142/18 BUCKS RECYCLING

A report was given from the BR Liaison Committee which met on 9th October. There was a little discussion particularly regarding the building of the bund Phase II and the planting of the bund Phase I.

143/18 WESTCOTT VENTURE PARK

A report was given from the recent meeting that the Chairman and Clerk had attended with the Venture Park Management. This included the latest situation regarding the proposed roundabout at the A41 junction. Planning consent is still awaited and there are some issues with BT underground services. The latest anticipated start date is now early 2019.

144/18 WADDESDON C of E SCHOOL

A consultation document had been received outlining changes to the entry criteria for the School. There were only minor changes affecting Westcott children and it was agreed not to respond.

145/18 BUCKS AND MILTON KEYNES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

- (i) Details of Autumn training courses were noted.
- (ii) The AGM is to be held on 9th November but no-one wished to attend.
- (iii) It was agreed that it is not necessary at the moment to purchase the latest (11th) Edition of the Charles Arnold Baker reference book,

146/18 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard and (iii) Village Green – the final grass cuts and the hedge cutting for the season are now complete. In addition, an exposed pipe in the ditch where children play has been removed and the area made safe. Cllr, G. Pusey was thanked for dealing with this matter.
- (iv) Police – no report
- (v) Charities –Cllr. Ms. Vitkus said that the Beck and Fetto Charity would be meeting in November.
- (vi) SLCC – no report
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – see minute 145/18 above.
- (viii) Local Area Forum, (ix) Website and (x) Other – nothing to report.

147/18 CORRESPONDENCE

The only item to consider was information from AVIVA insurance regarding its community grants scheme. This was noted.

148/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Bank reconciliation figures as at 30th September - noted

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

	Net	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Oct 2018 (DD)	46.24	2.31	48.55
Abacus Playgrounds – play surface repairs	3,902.00	780.40	4,682.40
Clerk’s salary – July, Aug, Sept plus arrears (net)			334.14
HMRC – tax deducted from Clerk’s gross salary			83.53
Clerk’s expenses – Sept 2018 plus office accommodation July, Aug, Sept			61.07

(c) Receipts - noted

AVDC – 2nd half-year precept 5,750.00

149/18 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications:

18/03231/APP – conversion of existing building to create a self-contained 3-bedroom dwelling with access, parking and amenity space, High Meadow, Linnet Drive.

It was

RESOLVED to advise AVDC that the Council has no objections or comments to make on this application.

18/03395/APP – erection of 26 dwellings, land to the west of High Street.

It was

RESOLVED to advise AVDC that the Council objects to this application on the following grounds;

(i) the development is too large for a small village like Westcott to take

(ii) the area is susceptible to flooding

(iii) no plans are shown to deal with sewage disposal

(iv) a development of this size would substantially increase the number of vehicles using the main village road.

(v) no consideration is offered in relation to other planning applications affecting the village.

It was further

RESOLVED that when the application comes before the Planning Committee at AVDC, the Parish Council requests the opportunity to address the Committee.

(b) Decisions:

Two decisions affecting the village had been made by AVDC as follows:

18/01951/APP – variation to add a condition 9 to consent 16/02232/APP, land adjacent to Building H4, Westcott Venture Park – permitted.

18/02836/APP – two storey side extension, 3 Raven Crescent – permitted.

(c) Other - none

150/18 URGENT MATTERS

It was reported that a number of David Eineg HGV's had recently used the road through the village. The Chairman replied saying that after making enquiries, it was established that this had been due to a one-off contract delivering material to the Venture Park. The company confirmed that the lorries should have used the A41 and not the village road.

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

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

