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## **WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL** **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

### **107/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper and PCSO D. Fahy

### **108/19 OPEN FORUM**

(i) one resident asked if it was possible to make a pavement from the village to the Sports & Social Club. Cllr. Irwin said that there were physical restrictions as well as cost to be considered but he would give some initial thoughts to this. He would though expect some evidence of need from the Club.

(ii) another resident reported that she had written to the Environment Agency on a number of occasions regarding dust, smoke and noise from Bucks Recycling and each time the EA's response was unsatisfactory. Cllr. Irwin and the Clerk agreed to fix a date for the next BR Liaison Committee when all these issues will be addressed

(iii) a resident asked if the Highway Authority would introduce a 50 mph speed limit on the approaches to the new A41 roundabout. Cllr. Irwin said he would make enquiries. He also reported that planning consent had now been granted.

### **109/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Ms. Vitkus declared an interest as a local neighbour in the planning application relating to land adjacent to Raven Crescent/Linnet Drive (see minute 123/19 below) and took no part in the debate or decision.

### **110/19 MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

### **111/19 MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Village Fun Day (99/19) – the Chairman reported that attendance had been lower than in previous years but some useful contact had been made with local residents who visited the Parish Council stand.

(ii) Play area (102/19ii) – repairs to the safety surface have been carried out plus two more small patches at no extra cost. Two new goal nets have been purchased which the Village Green Working Group will fix.

(iii) Graffiti (106/19) – not yet removed

### **112/19 SLOW DOWN SIGNS**

It was agreed that these were now unsightly and should be removed. Cllr. Irwin agreed to discuss this on site with the local area technician with a view to removal and also to consider if any other suitable signs were available as replacements.

### **113/19 PARKING AND BUS CAGES**

The works order has been placed and the Local Area Forum has offered a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the work.

### **114/19 VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that there had still not been any applications and so the vacancy will continue to be advertised.

### **115/19 ANNUAL PLAY INSPECTION**

The Inspection Report had been made available and considered by members. There were no matters of high risk. Of medium risk were areas of safety surface defects and these have already been attended to. The inspector and Clerk had replaced and fixed missing nuts on the playhouse slide at no additional cost. The report recommended a full re-surface at some stage in the future and a quotation for this had been received from Safe and Sound in the sum of £11,965.00 + VAT. It was

RESOLVED not to accept this quotation at present but to ask Safe & Sound and Wicksteed Leisure if other types of surface were available and if so, at what cost.

### **116/19 A41 ROUNDABOUT**

A response from BCC was read confirming that the proposed lighting was the minimum required to meet safety standards and would be shaded to minimize light spill, and at the same time ensuring that the lighting is as subdued as possible.

### **117/19 TITLE DEEDS**

The report from the archivist is still awaited and so it was agreed to leave this item over to the next meeting.

### **118/19 V.E. DAY**

Members were reminded that National Celebrations would be taking place over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The Chairman reported interest from residents in organising local events. It was

RESOLVED in order to take this matter forward a Working Group would be set up under the chairmanship of the Chairman to put together ideas for the Council to consider at possibly the October meeting.

### **119/19 LAF TRANSPORT SCHEMES 2020/21**

As the main transport scheme for Westcott is the creation of the new A41 roundabout which is already underway at the planning stage, the correspondence was noted.

### **120/19 REPORTS**

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green, (iv) Police, (v) Charities – no reports
- (vi) SLCC – the Clerk reported details of the Annual Conference to be held in October and that a Branch Meeting had taken place recently
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – details had been received of additional training courses and a Legal Topic Note relating to secret ballots and minuting of public participation at meetings
- (viii) Local Area Forum – Cllrs. Irwin and Wilkinson gave a short report of the recent meeting
- (ix) Website – no report

- (x) Other - the Clerk had responded to an AVDC survey of Polling Stations  
 - more information on the Unitary Council  
 - National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey  
 - Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan timetable update  
 - Parish Liaison meeting  
 - Information from the Ramblers' Association that two more pedestrian gates have been installed

**121/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Local Council Review  
 Clerks and Councils Direct  
 "The Clerk" magazine

**122/19 FINANCIAL REPORT**

- (a) Bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - noted  
 (b) Payment made since the last meeting:

	Net	VAT	Gross
Jakeman Sports – new football nets	83.33	16.66	99.99

It was RESOLVED to approve this payment

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

E.On Energy – footway lighting, July 2019 (DD)	57.09	2.85	59.94
E.On Energy – lighting maintenance, June quarter	100.50	20.10	120.60
Safe & Sound Playgrounds – play surface repairs	195.00	39.00	234.00
Wicksteed Leisure – annual play inspection	60.00	12.00	72.00
Clerk's salary – April, May, June (net of tax)			511.64
HMRC – tax deducted from Clerk's salary			127.90
Clerk's expenses – June and office allowance for April, May and June			75.32

- (d) Receipts - noted

HMRC – VAT refund for 2018/19	1,543.29
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**123/19 PLANNING MATTERS**

- (i) Application:  
 19/02754/APP – residential development for 6 no. dwelling houses with associated access and landscaping, land adjacent to Raven Crescent and Linnet Drive.

At this point, the Chairman opened the meeting for local residents to offer their comments on this application. Returning to Council. members discussed the proposals and

RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:

- (i) the type of houses proposed are not in keeping with the adjoining properties which are all semi-detached.
  - (ii) there are no clear means of access to the site as the adjoining roads are all privately owned.
  - (iii) there is not sufficient parking being provided for these types of large houses
  - (iv) the development will change the appearance of the local area which is currently open space
  - (v) there are no community facilities or public transport to support additional development
  - (vi) there are concerns about the disposal of both surface water and sewage from the proposed development
- (iii) Decisions – the following decisions have recently been made by AVDC:  
18/01605/APP – development of a roundabout at the junction of A41 and High Street – permitted
- 19/01332/APP – demolish outbuilding and construction of a two-storey side extension and single-storey front extension, 11 Raven Crescent – permitted.
- (iii) 19/02543/HPDE – single-storey rear extension, 6 Linnet Drive. This is a notice for information only as it is covered by householders permitted development

**124/19 URGENT MATTERS**

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 p.m.

**Signed (Chairman)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_





