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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2019** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

141/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Pusey
Cllr. A. Wilkinson
County & District Cllr. P. Irwin
4 members of the public

Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)
Ms. H. Cavill (BCC)

An apology for absence was received from PCSO D. Fahy.

142/19 OPEN FORUM

- (i) One resident reported that she had attended a meeting of the Bucks Recycling Liaison Committee and had not been satisfied with responses from the Environment Agency or Bucks Recycling.
- (ii) Cllr. Irwin gave an update on progress towards the new Unitary Authority. Of particular local interest was the proposal to replace Local Area Forums with Community Hubs.

143/19 PRESENTATION

The Chairman introduced Ms. Cavill and invited her to speak on Street Associations. This is a project launched by BCC to help communities work closer together and in particular assist local residents who may need some help in personal circumstances. After answering a number of questions, Ms. Cavill left the meeting. An information pack giving details of the scheme would be circulated for information.

144/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

145/19 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

146/19 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Bus Cages (126/19i) – the third cage has still to be painted but the road has been marked in preparation.
- (ii) “Slow Down” signs (129/19ii) – Cllr. Irwin has still to arrange a visit to the village with the Area Technician.
- (iii) Road repairs (140/19i) – BCC had confirmed that the repairs near Gypsy Bottom were only temporary and permanent repairs would be carried out in due course.
- (iv) Water burst (140/19ii) – this problem by Hall Farm had been attended to and repaired immediately after the last meeting.

147/19 BUCKS RECYCLING LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that the Committee had met earlier in the day. The Environment Agency spoke about the number of complaints it had received during the summer and how they had

been followed up. The main one had been regarding dust and Bucs Recycling confirmed it was dealing with this by concreting the approach roads. The outstanding planning application to regularise activities at the site was still awaiting determination and the application to the EA for a new licence was being worked on.

The matter of constitution of the Committee was discussed and Cllr. Irwin confirmed that two local residents could sit on the Committee, but the meeting is not one that is open to the public. The two residents should be appointed by the Parish Council so this will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Following this report, one member raised the matter of lorry movements and whether any check was made to ensure that the approved numbers were not being exceeded. The Clerk was asked to check this with BCC Planning.

148/19 VACANCY

As there had still been no applications it was

RESOLVED to continue advertising and then review the matter at the next meeting.

149/19 SAFETY SURFACES

There had been no reply from Wicksteed and so the only quotation to hand was from Safe & Sound It was

RESOLVED not to proceed with re-surfacing at the present time due to the high cost involved but to make enquiries regarding alternative surfaces, e.g. grass with soft mesh.

150/19 TITLE DEEDS

Cllr. Ms. Hooper reported from her discussions with the Archivist. Following recommendations it was

RESOLVED to keep a facsimile copy for Parish Council use but to place the original deeds in the County Records Offices

151/19 V.E. DAY

A draft programme of events from the Working Group was tabled. It was noted that the proposed expenditure was already partly covered by promised sponsorship. It was therefore

RESOLVED to approve and support the proposed programme of events and to fund any shortfall in expenditure that may be needed.

152/19A41 ROUNDABOUT

Cllr. Irwin gave an update saying planning consent was in place and that a contractor had been identified. The only matter holding up progress was that the acquisition of an area of private land is not complete.

153/19 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This consultation document had been forwarded and considered by members and it was RESOLVED that there was no need to respond to the consultation.

154/19 SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH

The Chairman reported that arrangements for a Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch were in hand. It was

RESOLVED to fund this event at an approximate cost of £300 and to use the earmarked reserves of £200 plus to support this.

155/19 SANTA'S VISIT

The Chairman reported that Santa's float would be visiting the village on 14th December and she appealed for help with the door-to-door collection.

156/19 SPEED WATCH SIGN

The Local Area Forum had offered a speed watch sign to be affixed to the entrance gates to the village. It was

RESOLVED to accept the sign and to make arrangements for it to be fixed.

It was suggested that this sign should be on the approach road from Ashendon assuming this was practical.

157/19 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green, (iv) Police – no reports
- (v) Charities – Cllr. Ms Vitkus reported that the Beck & Fetto Charity had met recently and awarded three grants
- (vi) SLCC – no report
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – details of two BALC courses and a conference were noted. Details of the AVALC AGM on 2nd November were noted and Cllr. Ms. Vitkus offered to attend.
- (viii) Local Area Forum, (ix) Website – no reports
- (x) Other - a Unitary update bulletin had been received and circulated
 - the Clerk reported that he had re-registered the Council with the Pensions Regulator as required by law.

158/19 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Local Council Review

London Luton Airport development proposals

Street Associations information folder (see minute 143/19 above)

159/19 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) Bank reconciliation as at 30h September - noted

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

	Net	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, October 2019 (DD)	57.09	2.85	59.94
E.On Energy – lighting maintenance, Sept. quarter	100.50	20.10	120.60
Clerk's salary – July – September			314.16
HMRC – tax deducted from Clerk's salary			78.54
Clerk's expenses – Sept and office allowance			62.15

- (c) Receipts

AVDC - 2nd half-year precept 5,970.00

160/19 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Applications:

19/03230/APP – construction of detached pool house to serve existing outdoor swimming pool, High Meadow.

Following circulation of details to members, it was agreed not to comment on the application.

19/03380/ACL – application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the installation of dormer windows to an existing garage roof, Upper Barn Farm – noted.

(ii) Decisions – none notified

(iii) Other;

18/02830/APP – erection of three dwellings, land northeast of Ashendon Road - refused but gone to appeal. The Council's objection will be considered by the Inspector alongside all other matters.

161/19 URGENT MATTERS

The Chairman reported that the School was attending a Remembrance Day event at the Venture Park memorial on 11th November and that anyone else could attend

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

