

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th October 2022 at 7:30pm at Westcott Cricket Club

Attendees

Cllr Sue Pusey (Chairman) (SP), Cllr Anthony Wilkinson (AW), Cllr Jo Hooper (JH), Cllr Grahame Pusey (GP), Cllr Sue Lacey (SL), Cllr Hilary Vitkus (HV)

Officer of the Council – Barry Malki (Clerk) (BM)

Part One

81. Apologies

Cllr Ashley Waite

82. Open Forum (15 minutes)

One member of the Public reported that the stile/handrail behind the flats on Lower Green is unstable. BM to report to Fairhive for maintenance.

83. Declarations of Interest

None

84. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2022

JH noted that she *hadn't* reported the vehicle movements to TVP

JH noted that she *hadn't* confirmed that large vehicle noise was emanating from Bucks Recycling

Minutes were confirmed to be an accurate record of the meeting subject to the amendments above.

85. Clerk's Report including outstanding matters

BM updated on various matters concerning the transfer of administration from the previous Clerk (including address changes and login information).

86. REPORTS

(i) Burial Ground & Churchyard

The Burial Ground and Churchyard appears to be suitably maintained

WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Barry Malki – Clerk

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(ii) Website

JH has removed the legacy Clerk role advert from the website

Some Cllrs reported that they had set up their westcottparishcouncil.gov.uk email addresses. As soon as all Cllrs confirm, these will become the primary email addresses for council business.

(iii) Village Green

No Update

(iv) Charities

Beck and Fetto had held an awareness raising event.

(v) Buckinghamshire Council

No update due to lack of ward Cllr presence.

(vi) Speed Watch

SP reported that only one volunteer had come forward, and that there would be further posts on social media to encourage uptake.

(vii) Cycleway

JH attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Cycleway, which confirmed that the proposed, extended routes are no longer in contention, but that an alternative route was being posited that runs along the A41.

(viii) Bucks Recycling

SL noted that the planning meeting still hadn't happened, and there was no further information in the Vehicle Movement strategy.

SL was still waiting for information from Bucks Council, via Cllr Waite, as to why the bund was so low, and whether it could be raised.

JH noted that the plans were changed retrospectively.

(ix) Other

JH updated on ongoing conversations with Bucks Council regarding the land to the rear of Lower Green, noting that, due to staff absence, there had been limited movement.

87. FINANCE

BM gave an update on the Council's financial position, having circulated the Cashbook.

BM noted that there had been a double payment to Npower to cover the same invoice, but that they had confirmed that the account was in credit.

88. PLANNING MATTERS

No applications submitted

89. School use of common

BM gave an update on the issue, noting that a license would need to be granted between that

landowner and the school, but that he was uncertain of Westcott PC's relationship to the landowner and that there was no information concerning the site available on the Land Registry.

SP noted that there would be clarifying paperwork within the handover materials.

AW stated that he believed that WPC's insurance only extended as far as the play equipment, and not the wider common.

90. Village Clean up

SP proposed holding the postponed village clean-up on October 23rd.

Cllrs agreed.

SP highlighted that the bus-stop needs to be cleaned before the new bookcase is installed.

JH elected to organise the building of the bookcase.

SP to liaise with Bucks Council regarding litter collection.

SP asked for volunteers to meet at the water pump.

91. Seniors Christmas Lunch

SP asked a member of the public if there would be an appetite for the Seniors Christmas Lunch. The member of the public believed there would be an interest in a social occasion, but that it could be something simpler such as an afternoon tea.

SP reported that there was £513 in the budget for the lunch, and that the recommended size should be 20-30 attendees.

SL and HV offered to help with the organisation.

92. Traffic Issue Update (including 20mph limit and HGV restriction)

SP reported that she had emailed to chase up the freight strategy. The strategy had been delayed due to illness, but a survey was conducted in February at 12 entrances to the zone. The next step is an analysis of the data, which will produce a report that will inform the consultation on the issue. The consultation is likely to take place in the new year.

93. Tree Planting Update

JH reported that the trees were still available and were awaiting a delivery date.

GP stressed the need to know where the power cables were in relation to the bungalow and has asked the Venture Park if there are any existing drawings of the site.

JH suggested that local residents may have plans for the area.

SL recommended that planting should take place between October and March, avoiding frost, but suggested that the ground was currently too hard

AW believes that a digger will be needed to complete the work.

AW suggested that a commercial ground survey may need to be sourced.

94. Urgent matters of note

SL asked if there had been any update on the moving of the large concrete blocks.

SP reported that she had spoken to the venture park and that the plan is to move the blocks and reestablish the kerb.

95. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.30pm
Cllrs agreed

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 20:59

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor