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## **WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL** **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

### **114/18 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman)  
Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper  
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)

Cllr. G. Pusey  
Cllr. J. Sisk  
7 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Ms. H. Vitkus and A. Wilkinson and PCSO Denise Grayburn.

### **115/18 OPEN FORUM**

One member of the public reported a pothole in Lower Green. The Clerk would inform TfB. Another member of the public reported two kissing gates had been installed on footpath No.30 by the Ramblers' Association.

The same person asked about a possible diversion of a footpath to accommodate a new cycleway to Waddesdon. She was advised that no route had yet been discussed.

### **116/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **117/18 MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

### **118/18 MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Village entrance gates (102/18i) – work complete
- (ii) School parking (106/18) – no response yet from Cllr. Irwin and so the Clerk would follow this up.
- (iii) Footpaths (108/18) – both kissing gates now installed (see minute 115/18 above)

### **119/18 PLAY AREA**

Three quotations had been requested for repairs to the safety surfaces around the play items. Safe & Sound had declined to quote. Abacus quoted £3,902.00 +VAT for necessary repairs and Wicksteed had quoted for these repairs at £7,245.00 + VAT. It was

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of Abacus to carry out the works and to ask for the half-term period to be avoided.

### **120/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The external auditor's report for 2017/18 had been received and made available to members. Everything is in order and there were no matters to consider. The auditor's report and relevant public documents are posted in the council's notice board and website.

### **121/18 EVENTS**

- (i) Parish Liaison meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> September – details noted but no-one wished to attend.
- (ii) AVDC Chairman's charity event, 19<sup>th</sup> October – noted

### **122/18 CYCLEWAY**

Further to discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting, a request had been received from John Grimshaw (Greenways and Cycle-routes Ltd) to ascertain if the council wished to progress a proposal for a cycleway to Waddesdon. It was

RESOLVED to reply saying that the Council is willing to discuss the proposal further providing all landowners are in agreement.

### **123/18 OVER 60's LUNCH**

A request had been received from Cllr. Irwin asking if Westcott Parish Council wished to be involved with Waddesdon Parish Council in providing a Christmas lunch for the over 60's at Waddesdon. The Chairman reported that it might be possible to provide something similar in Westcott purely for Westcott residents and so suggested a decision to join Waddesdon should be deferred until the next meeting when more information may be available.

### **124/18 CHRISTMAS FLOAT**

Cllr. Irwin had written to say that a Christmas Float would be available to tour the village if the Council wished. It was

RESOLVED to accept the offer and welcome the float to tour the village on a date yet to be agreed.

### **125/18 REPORTS**

- (i) Burial Ground – nothing to report
- (ii) Churchyard – the Chairman reported that she and Cllr. G. Pusey, with help from the Church had cut the front hedge as it had become quite overgrown.
- (iii) Village Green, (iv) Police, (v) Charities, (vi) SLCC – no reports.
- (vii) BALC – details of Autumn courses had been received and also more information regarding GDPR and Standing Orders. This had been made available to members and was noted.
- (viii) Local Area Forum – no report
- (ix) Website – the SSL certificate is still awaited.
- (x) Other – AVDC Planning Forum – no-one had attended on 5<sup>th</sup> September  
-- HS2 HGV routes had been advised which included the A41. No level of movement numbers have yet been indicated.

### **126/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items have been received and will be circulated for information:

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine

“The Clerk” magazine

### **127/18 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

	Net	VAT	Gross
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Aug 2018 (DD)	47.78	2.39	50.17
PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit fee	200.00	40.00	240.00
Clerk's expenses – August 2018			9.82
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Sept 2018 (DD)	47.78	2.39	50.17
E.On Energy Solutions – lighting maintenance, (Sept quarter)	100.50	20.10	120.60

- (b) Receipts - NIL

### **128/18 PLANNING MATTERS**

(i) Applications:  
18/02850/APP – removal of conditions 7 (flood risk) and 8 (delivery hours) from consent 14/01909/APP, Westcott Venture Park – no objections.

18/02836/APP – two-storey side extension, 3 Raven Crescent – no objections.

18/02830/APP – erection of 3 dwellings, land off Ashendon Road. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds:

- (i) that no proposal has been submitted for the disposal of foul sewage
- (ii) that the proposal to dispose of surface water by soak-away is inadequate as the site lies wet with a high water table.

(ii) Decisions:  
17/04798/APP – erection of 10 dwellings on land adjacent to Raven Crescent and Linnet Drive – withdrawn.

(iii) Other - none

### **129/18 URGENT MATTERS**

None.

### **130/18 EXCLUSION**

It was

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public for the following item as the contents contain confidential and private information.

### **131/18 VACANCY**

One application had been received to fill the vacant council seat. The submitted information was considered and welcomed and so it was

RESOLVED to accept the application and to co-opt the named applicant on the condition that the candidacy met the required criteria.

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

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