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WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2020** **at 7.30pm IN THE CRICKET CLUB PAVILION**

1/20 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. D. Harris
Cllr. A. Wilkinson
8 members of the public

Cllr. Ms. J. Hooper
A.T.A. Lambourne (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. S. Pusey (Chairman), Cllr. G. Pusey, Cllr. Ms. H. Vitkus and PCSO D. Fahy.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Wilkinson took the chair.

2/20 OPEN FORUM

- (i) One resident reported that a verge tree opposite the Raven Crescent junction needed attention as it is restricting drivers' vision. The Clerk agreed to report this to TfB.
- (ii) The same resident reported HGV's using the High Street. A reply was given that at present there is not a weight restriction on the road but there are traffic agreements with some companies that the High Street should not be used by their vehicles. More information was required as to details of the vehicles and that a future transport strategy by BCC could help.
- (iii) Another resident raised a number of issues concerning Bucks Recycling. She agreed to collate these and forward to the Clerk for consideration.

3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4/20 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2019 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

5/20 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) School parking (163/19) – PCSO Fahy had reported that following the recent Council meeting, he had attended Westcott with a traffic warden and warned a number of drivers who were parking illegally.
- (ii) Bucks Recycling (164/18ii) – following the discussion in Open Forum (minute 2/20iii above), it was agreed that the collated list will be circulated by the Clerk to all members and for them to decide if it is appropriate to invite a relevant officer to attend a Council meeting to discuss the issues further.
- (iii) Bus cages (167/19i) – there is still one sign to be put up by The Green bus stop. This will be dealt with shortly.
- (iv) A41 roundabout (167/19v) – the latest update was reported to the meeting saying that traffic lights would only be used for another week and then re-introduced when the main construction works begin in mid-February.

6/20 SANTA'S VISIT

The Clerk reported that the house-to-house collection resulted in £349.22. The cost of the 2019 Christmas lunch had been £300 +VAT but earmarked reserves from 2018 of £322.60

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were sufficient to cover this. It was therefore

RESOLVED that the balance of earmarked reserves of £22.60 together with the 2019 collection be earmarked for a 2020 Christmas lunch, giving a balance of £371.82.

7/20 BUCKS RECYCLING LIAISON COMMITTEE

As there had been no applications to fill the residents' vacant seat on the Committee, it was

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

8/20 STREET ASSOCIATIONS

It was confirmed that the public meeting to discuss this matter will be held on 23rd January. This has been advertised on the website, notice board and by the village leaflet drop.

9/20 BANK RECONCILIATION

The figures as at 31st December 2019 were tabled and noted.

10/20 BUDGET 2020/21

A draft budget had been prepared by the Clerk and circulated to all members prior to the meeting. After a short discussion it was

RESOLVED to accept the draft budget as tabled showing receipts of £14,460 and payments of £15,910, giving a deficit budget of £1,450 which can be met from reserves if needed.

11/20 PRECEPT 2020/21

Following the discussion and agreement on setting the budget, it was RESOLVED to set a parish precept of £12,200.

12/20 INTERVIEW PANEL

Following the Clerk's notice of intended retirement, (see minute 179/19), it was RESOLVED that the panel to interview prospective candidates should be Cllrs. Mrs. S. Pusey, A. Wilkinson and Ms. J. Hooper

13/20 GRASS AND HEDGE CUTTING, 2020

As no quotations had been received yet, it was RESOLVED to defer this matter to the next meeting.

14/20 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground, (ii) Churchyard, (iii) Village Green, (iv) Police, (v) Charities,
- (vi) SLCC – no reports.
- (vii) BALC/AVALC – two pieces of information had been received and forwarded to members, namely training courses for 2020 and the NALC Chairman's letter
- (viii) Local Area Forum – due to the formation of the New Unitary Council with effect from 1st April, no more LAF meetings will be held.
- (ix) Website – Cllr. Hooper reported that there would be a need to change the website name/domain and she will report on this at the next meeting.
- (x) Other – a letter from BCC regarding proposed new community hubs, another BCC bulletin on the Unitary Council up-date and information regarding an application by the Cricket Club to license the pavilion to allow the serving of alcohol were all noted.

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15/20 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items had been received and would be circulated for information:
Clerk's and Council's Direct magazine
"The Clerk" magazine

16/20 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) Payment made since the previous meeting.

	Net	VAT	Gross
The Waddesdon Deli Co. - Christmas lunch	300.00	60.00	360.00

It was

RESOLVED to endorse this payment.

(b) It was

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

E.On Energy – footway lighting, Dec '19	57.09	2.85	59.94
E.On Energy – footway lighting, Jan '20	58.99	2.95	61.94
E.On Energy – lighting maintenance, Dec quarter	100.50	20.10	120.60
Clerk's salary – Oct/Nov/Dec			359.04
HMRC – tax deducted from Clerk's salary			89.76
Clerk's expenses and office accommodation			60.30

(c) Receipts

Santa's visit – house-to-house collection 349.22

17/20 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Application:

19/04414/ACL – application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of a biomass boiler, Building 215, Westcott Venture Park.

Following a full discussion, it was

RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds:

(a) the Parish Council is not aware that planning consent has been given for the construction of this boiler

(b) the Council is concerned about the level of emissions that are already coming from this boiler and that the content and quality of these emissions are not sufficiently monitored.

(ii) Decisions: - the following decisions had been notified by AVDC.

18/02830/APP – erection of three dwellings, land off Ashendon Road
- appeal dismissed.

19/03380/ACL – installation of six dormer windows to existing garage roof,
Upper Barn Farm – certificate issued

19/01811/APP – erection of an Innovation Centre to include offices and technical space, Plot 9010, Westcott Venture Park – permitted with a condition that the building shall not be occupied until the new A41 roundabout has been opened for public use.

18/20 URGENT MATTERS

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

