

WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th APRIL 2021
AT 7.30pm BY REMOTE CONFERENCING

PRESENT: Cllr Sue Pusey (Chairman) Cllr Jo Hooper
Cllr Grahame Pusey Cllr Tony Wilkinson
Cllr Hilary Vitkus Cllr Sue Lacey
Cllr Ashley Waite Melanie Rose (Clerk)
Zoe Meikle (for item 37.21)

28.21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Dan Harris (work) & Cllr Paul Irwin.

29.21 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

30.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

31.21 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2021 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record as soon as is practicable.

32.21 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE

The grass cutting contract has been awarded to Blades for this season. Risk assessment and insurance details have been received and the first cut is planned for Monday 12th April. A question was raised about whether we are eligible for the HS2 road safety grant. Cllr Irwin had originally suggested we apply along with other surrounding villages as we will be indirectly affected by the increased traffic on the A41. Cllr Vitkus to look into.

33.21 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground & Churchyard
No report.
- (ii) Website
No report.
- (iii) Village Green
No report.
- (iv) Police
Nothing to report.
- (v) Charities
Beck & Fetto - newsletter item for applications to be submitted for May meeting.
- (vi) Other
Nothing to report.

34.21 BUCKS RECYCLING UPDATE

A liaison meeting was held on 31st March but there was no attendance or apologies from Bucks Recycling or the Venture Park. A discussion was had with Bucks Council Planning and the Environment Agency. Next meeting 20th May.
There is a condition that requires BR to attend these meetings. The Clerk was asked to follow up this breach with Bucks Council.
Cllr Waite to follow up vehicle movement records and inner bund extension requirements.

35.21 FINANCIAL REPORT

A list of payments and receipts since 1st April 2020 had been circulated and will be attached to these minutes. The bank balance as at 31st March was £17,301.25

The following payments were endorsed:

HMRC	Tax (MR)	£35.80	BT
M R Rose	Salary & Expenses - Feb	£175.12	BT
E.on	Street Lighting	£55.95	DD
HMRC	Tax (MR)	£36.00	BT
M R Rose	Salary & Expenses – March	£182.71	BT
Freeola	Web hosting - Mar-Jun	£21.06	BT

36.21 PLANNING MATTERS

21/01237/COUAF - Bucks Recycling Ltd, Building 214, Westcott Venture Park
Determination under Class R of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (Amended) as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport and highways impacts, noise impacts, contamination risks and flood risks for the change of use of the existing agricultural/industrial building to a flexible use falling with business use light industrial storage, maintenance and repair.

So many concerns were raised that Cllr Waite suggested that we call it in.

* Note: since our meeting, this application has been withdrawn *

37.21 WADDESODON TO WESTCOTT GREENWAY EXTENSION

ZM gave an update on the Greenway extension from Waddesdon Estate's point of view. This has not been discussed at any Greenway committee meetings and no route has been agreed. The Facebook post should not have been released at this stage. They are happy to support the extension if this is what Westcott PC wants. Suggested that Cllr Hooper is added to the committee to keep us up to date.

38.21 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE & FORTH BRIDGE

Our involvement will be minimal and it was agreed that we would post any Government statement on our website and Facebook page.

39.21 FUTURE MEETINGS

Following Bucks Council's lead, it was decided to continue to hold our meetings remotely for the time being.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be produced as a report and the Chairman will write this ready for publication in the May newsletter and on our website.

40.21 URGENT MATTERS

Item for future agenda – Land behind Lower Green.

Birch tree near noticeboard needs a trim. Clerk to report to appropriate authority. Contact Ashendon Clerk regarding a tree log.

Advise residents to use www.fixmystreet.com to report issues such as potholes.

41.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th May by remote conferencing.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____