

WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on 29th June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion

PRESENT: Cllr Sue Pusey (Chairman) Cllr Jo Hooper
Cllr Grahame Pusey Cllr Tony Wilkinson
Cllr Sue Lacey Melanie Rose (Clerk)
Cllr Ashley Waite 1 member of the public

60.21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Hilary Vitkus (illness) and BC Cllrs Irwin & Caffrey.

61.21 OPEN FORUM

The cremation plots at the cemetery are very overgrown. Clerk to remind our contractor that these need strimming.

There is now a dedicated Bucks Councillor for HS2 matters.

62.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised relevant to this meeting.

63.21 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

64.21 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE

- Reply received from Rev'd David Hiscock regarding the Faith Beaumont Charity. Due to illness, meetings and the appointment of a Clerk have been delayed has but once back at work he will make it one of his priorities to get back on track.
- Bucks Council Community Board Wild Aylesbury – an expression of interest application for a micro-grant has been submitted (22/6/21). Thanks to Cllr Hooper for putting this together.
- Bucks Council will not do anything about the overgrown silver birch tree (near noticeboard) unless it is dangerous. A tree survey is undertaken every 3 years.
- HS2 road safety grant – we have got through stage 1 and now await the outcome of stage 2 (by end August).
- Date for Alan's "do" – 28th September.
- Email received regarding the state of the footpaths in and around Westcott.

65.21 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground & Churchyard – nothing further to report
- (ii) Website – nothing to report
- (iii) Village Green – nothing to report
- (iv) Police/NAG – nothing to report for Westcott but be aware that there have been opportunistic thefts from vehicles left unlocked and/or unattended
- (v) Charities – nothing further to report
- (vi) Buckinghamshire Council – Community Board grant scheme to be opened this week. Must be for capital spend and for a project that can start and finish this financial year.
- (vii) Speed Watch – sentinel will be used during w/c 19th July. Cllr S Pusey will be arranging training on 17th & 18th.
- (viii) Other – traffic management on Church Lane – this needs further investigation. The school have sent a letter to parents and PSCO Fahy has been to patrol.

66.21 BUCKS RECYCLING UPDATE

Cllr Waite suggested we put together a list of conditions which are in breach with a timeline for compliance. This can be the focus of our next liaison meeting. It was noted that noise from reversing sirens has improved.

67.21 FINANCIAL REPORT

The bank balances as at 31st May were:

Current account - £21,423.81 Savings account - £10,634.08

The following payments were endorsed:

Mrs S Pusey	Chairman's allowance	£100.00	BT
Came & Co	Insurance	£646.49	BT
ICO	Annual sub	£35.00	DD
Blades Turf Care	Grass Cutting	£688.00	BT
E.on	Streetlight supply	£61.94	DD
Freeola	Web hosting (quarter)	£21.06	DD
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play area annual inspection	£72.00	BT
BMKALC	Cllr Training - S Lacey	£38.00	BT
Mrs M Rose	Salary & Expenses	£169.72	BT
HMRC	Tax	£35.80	BT
Blades Turf Care	Grass Cutting	£688.00	BT

68.21 PLANNING MATTERS

21/02135/APP – Bucks Recycling Ltd, Building 214 Hangar 5 (Retrospective)

Change of use of an existing industrial premises at Bucks Recycling Ltd, Unit 214, from a maintenance, storage and repair workshop and to install a biomass boiler into the building as a renewable energy source. There is one 300mm diameter hole cut into the roof for an exhaust chimney stack and three small holes cut into the rear for water pipes

Comments: Was planning permission applied for on the building? Is planning permission needed to install the boiler? Is a licence needed to operate the boiler?

69.21 LAND BEHIND LOWER GREEN

Ownership is split between Bucks Council and VAHT. Cllr Waite is investigating whether we would be able to purchase or lease the Bucks Council piece to develop it into an environmental area.

70.21 PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

Spinner – this has been greased but Cllr G Pusey will check if it is now working or whether a new bearing will be needed.

Sign – Cllr Hooper to chase up.

Surfacing – may need to look at a longer-term solution.

71.21 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

An application had been received from Kevin Ready and it was resolved to co-opt him.

72.21 URGENT MATTERS

Grass outside flats at Lower Green. This has been reported and chased but still no reply. Stile over ditch has not been repaired. Clerk to chase up.

73.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th August at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.22pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____