

WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion

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

1.22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr H Vitkus.

2.22 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

3.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4.22 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2021 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

5.22 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE

Email circulated from T Murray regarding the next meeting of the Bucks Recycling Liaison Committee which will be on 22nd February. It was suggested that the PC Chair and Clerk attend as well as a village representative if needed. We need to make it clear that we may have to send alternative representatives depending on Councillor availability. Also, what is the Clerk's role? Cllr S Pusey to compose a reply.
Notification received of the demolition of the public toilets in Warmstone layby, Waddesdon. Council had no comments to make.

6.22 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground & Churchyard. None.
- (ii) Website. None.
- (iii) Village Green. Wetpour is breaking up. Look at in Spring to see if it can be patched.
- (iv) Charities. None.
- (v) Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Waite reported the following:
Covid infection rates are high but hospitalisation is low.
Council budget is to increase by 1.99% and 2% for adult social care.
Inspire Bucks handed out 2000 toys at Christmas.
New bus is running 4-5 trips a week and food bank collections continue monthly.
Community Board: bench project is going ahead. Pilot underway with Waddesdon primary and secondary schools to give them a project which will benefit the community.
Library of Things to be based at Quanton Railway Centre with a potential launch date in April.
- (vi) Speed Watch. None.
- (vii) Cycleway. Next meeting of the Steering Group is on 26th January.
- (viii) Other. Santa float raised £388 which will go towards this year's seniors Christmas lunch. As we were unable to hold a lunch in December 2021, takeaway meals were delivered instead by Cllrs G & S Pusey.

7.22 FINANCIAL REPORT

i) The bank balances as at 31st December were:

Current account - £ 21,978.98 Savings account - £10,634.74

The following payments were endorsed:

Freeola	Web hosting (quarter)	£21.06	DD
D Pritchett	Xmas lunches	£225.00	BT
HMRC	Tax	£35.80	BT
Mrs M Rose	Salary & Expenses	£179.72	BT
Npower	Streetlight supply	£108.28	DD
Unity Trust	Bank charge (quarter)	£18.00	DD
E.on	Streetlight maintenance	£120.60	BT

8.22 PLANNING MATTERS

21/04703/APP - Plot 3000 Avenue A, Westcott Venture Park

Proposed redevelopment of two industrial units with associated ancillary offices, car parking and service yard

It was resolved to comment on the colour of the building and concerns over light pollution.

9.22 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Hooper has applied for a grant from a supplier. More details and installation costs to be sought before applying to the Community Board for a contribution. It may be worth asking the Greenway committee and Rothschild Foundation for funding.

10.22 QUEENS JUBILEE PLANS

It was thought that the tree planting on The Green could be done in commemoration of this.

11.22 STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE

One quote has been received and the Clerk is chasing two other companies.

12.22 URGENT MATTERS

Concrete blocks in front of old Venture Park entrance. Cllr Irwin was looking into this – Clerk to chase up.

Traffic/roadworks etc – why are Parish Councils not informed of works? Cllr Waite was able to give an update and will be posting more information on social media as and when it is received. The “One.network” website can also be checked for updates.

Land behind Lower Green – no progress yet but Cllr Waite will chase up.

13.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.56pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____