

WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion

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

110.21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr H Viktus & Cllr A Wilkinson (work commitments).
Cllr A Wilkinson joined the meeting at 7.50pm.

111.21 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

112.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

113.21 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2021 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

114.21 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

115.21 REPORTS

- (i) Burial Ground & Churchyard. None.
- (ii) Website. None.
- (iii) Village Green. Nets have been damaged and will need to be repaired/replaced.
- (iv) Charities. None.
- (v) Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Waite reported that the Christmas campaign is running well. 200 hampers have been funded by corporate sponsorship. Inspire Bucks has received 16,000 presents.
"20s Plenty" was discussed at full council. It is feasible to have these zones but Thames Valley Police will not enforce them.
- (vi) Speed Watch. Cllr S Pusey attended the Speed Watch meeting and is awaiting further details on how to register our group.
- (vii) Cycleway. Next meeting of the Steering Group is on 12th January at 2pm
- (viii) Other.
Santa float on Thursday – volunteers are needed to collect.
Numbers are down for the Seniors Christmas lunch on Thursday. It was decided to cancel due to concerns over the Omicron virus. Meals will be distributed instead.
Cllr Hooper had received correspondence regarding offensive graffiti on a verge outside a resident's house. Details of how to report future incidents to be put on our website, Facebook and newsletter.

7.50pm Cllr A Wilkinson joined the meeting

Bucks Recycling: Thanks were given to Cllr J Hooper for speaking at the planning committee meeting. Thanks also to Cllrs Irwin, Caffrey & Waite. Unfortunately, the application has gone through. The Clerk was asked to contact BMKALC and/or NALC for advice.

Cllr Waite suggested the following action plan:

- Liaison meetings (PC)
- Regular meetings with Enforcement (BC)
- Meet with the Environment Agency (BC)
- Put pressure on the Venture Park (as BRs landlord) (PC)
- Publicity

116.21 FINANCIAL REPORT

i) The bank balances as at 30th November were:

Current account - £ 22,431.60 Savings account - £10,634.08

The following payments were endorsed:

E.on	Street light maintenance	£28.16	BT
Mrs M Rose	Salary & Expenses	£169.52	BT
HMRC	Tax	£36.00	BT
Bucks Council	Dog Waste Service	£337.14	BT
E.on	Street light supply	£68.90	DD

ii) 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 £14,110 and payments of £15,409, giving a deficit budget of £1,299 which can be met from reserves if needed.

iii) Following the discussion and agreement on setting the budget, it was resolved to set a parish precept of £12,750, an increase of 2%. (Band D equivalent £74.76, an increase of £1.47).

117.21 PLANNING MATTERS

21/04621/APP - Main Entrance into Westcott Venture Park Site, Westcott Internally illuminated totem entrance signs (retrospective)

21/04622/AAD - Main Entrance into Westcott Venture Park Site, Westcott Display of totem signs each side of the main site access road (retrospective)

It was resolved to comment: Westcott Parish Council is disappointed in the lack of consultation and feels the signs should say "Westcott Venture Park" not just Westcott as it is confusing the Park with the village. We also feel that the signs are not in-keeping with the rural amenities and landscape.

Cllr A Wilkinson left the meeting while the following application was discussed.

21/03418/APP - 34 High Street

Householder application for single storey rear extension, infill porch, infill alcove, garage conversion, new garage

Resolved: No comments

21/04720/APP - Bucks Recycling Ltd, Building 214 Hangar 5 Westcott

Change of use of an existing industrial premises at Bucks Recycling Ltd, Unit 214, from maintenance, storage and repair workshop, and to install a biomass boiler into the building as a renewable energy source including an exhaust chimney stack and three water pipes to rear (Retrospective).

Concerned that this is the fourth application and previous comments have not been added to the portal. Objections to include effects on health and visual amenity. Cllr Waite confirmed that it will be called in.

118.21 CLERK VACANCY

Following the Clerk's notice of resignation, it was resolved that the panel to interview prospective candidates should be Cllrs S Pusey, A Wilkinson and J Hooper.

119.21 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr J Hooper circulated a proposal for feedback at the next meeting.

120.21 URGENT MATTERS

Style has still not been repaired.

121.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club Pavilion.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.14pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

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