

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November 2022 at 7:30pm at Westcott Cricket Club

Attendees

Cllr Sue Pusey (Chairman) (SP), Cllr Anthony Wilkinson (AW), Cllr Jo Hooper (JH), Cllr Grahame Pusey (GP), Cllr Sue Lacey (SL), Cllr Hilary Vitkus (HV)

Cllr Paul Irwin (until item 97)
Cllrs Ashley Waite (from item 103)

Officer of the Council – Barry Malki (Clerk) (BM)

Part One

96. Apologies

Cllr Tony Wilkinson

97. Open Forum (15 minutes)

Cllr Irwin reported that there would be an informal consultation in February regarding the Environmental Ban on HGVs. This would lead to a formal consultation in the summer. There would be a pre-meeting with the Venture Park to discuss their concerns. It is expected that Westcott and Ashendon would be protected by a wider ban.

Cllr Irwin reported that traffic lights had been erected in Waddesdon for water utility works, despite the workers being reassigned to a different job.

Cllr Irwin reported that there would be traffic lights positioned on the A41 for utility works to Grendon Prison starting in January

98. Declarations of Interest

None

99. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2022

Minutes were confirmed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

100. Clerk's Report including outstanding matters

BM updated on various matters, including the exercise of sorting through hard-copy paper work,

some of which will need to be sent to the Buckinghamshire Archives.

101. REPORTS

(i) Burial Ground & Churchyard
No Update

(ii) Website
No Update

(iii) Village Green
No Update

(iv) Charities
No Update

(v) Buckinghamshire Council
See updates from Cllr Irwin in Item 97 Open Forum

(vi) Speed Watch
SP reported that two new volunteers had come forward, but an existing volunteer had moved away from the area.
SP reported that one SID device had stopped working, and was waiting for a software update.

(vii) Cycleway
JH reported that a series of design options were currently being drawn up, but Waddesdon Manor wishes to approve the options before they are made public by Bucks Council

(viii) Bucks Recycling
SL attended the liaison meeting but reported that no information was presented. There was an unwillingness to share exact figures of HGV movements, but it was stated that high level figures would be reported to show whether the figures were under or over the agreed targets.
SL reported making several noise complaints, and that a number of temporary and permanent solutions were being looked into. Cllr Waite later agreed to follow this up.

(ix) Other
JH updated on ongoing conversations with Bucks Council regarding the land to the rear of Lower Green, noting that ownership of the project was being passed around different departments. The latest status is that it has stalled and is considered a “future project”, which may potentially be looked at within a year.
SP suggested working with Fairhive on the non-bucks portion.

102. FINANCE

BM gave an update on the Council’s financial position, having circulated the Cashbook.

BM proposed subscribing to RBS software in the next financial year.

103. PLANNING MATTERS

- 22/03565/CPL - Land At Westcott Venture Park Westcott Buckinghamshire

No Comment

- 22/03809/ALB – Westcott Farm House Ashendon Road Westcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0NX

No comment

- 22/03808/APP - Westcott Farm House Ashendon Road Westcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0NX

No comment

- 22/03384/AOP - Littleton Manor Farm Bicester Road North-West Of Waddesdon HP18 0JR

The Cllrs OBJECT to this application on the basis that:

- **It will significantly increase pressure on already busy traffic routes through neighbouring parishes.**
- **There is no increase in local secondary school provision.**
- **The development has not been highlighted in either the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan or the Waddesdon Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Waite noted that the Littleton Manor project was under the remit of Strategic Sites Dept, not Planning.

Cllrs Waite suggested that Waddeson, Quanton, Ashendon and Westcott meet to discuss the impact of this development on local residents.

SP asked how the Littleton Manor design seems to include the proposed cycleway, if this has yet to be made public. Cllr Waite to look into. Recent environmental protests have raised security concerns with the Manor, and they are likely being cautious about all aspects of access.

SP asked how to escalate the Land at Lower Green Project. Cllr Waite noted that only route for escalation was Martin Tett. Cllr Waite recommended asking questions about the Devolution Process, to obtain a better understanding of what's involved internally.

104. Draft Budget

BM presented that draft budget to Cllrs and asked for proposals on “big ticket” items.

Cllrs asked to reduce Mowing costs to £3,300 and to add £2,000 under Special Projects.

BM to work out variance and present in December.

105. Village Clean up

SP reported that the clean-up had been rained off, but would be clearing the Bus Shelter on the 26th November.

106. Seniors Christmas Lunch

SP reported that the Cricket Club had offered access to the club on the 14th to set up.

SP reported that seven residents had signed up to date.

107. Tree Planting Update

Cllrs agreed to hold a separate meeting to progress the tree planting project.

108. Urgent matters of note

SP reported that a street light was not working. BM to report.

JH reported that trucks were parking overnight at the bus stop, and questioned whether HS2 should be providing a parking spot. Cllr Waite reported that he is currently engaging with HS2 and would flag this.

SL reported that the footpath by the flats was still in a dangerous condition. This was first reported two years ago, but work has still not been undertaken.

Cllr Waite reported that the 5,000 Can Challenge was currently up to 3,200 so should reach target.

Cllr Waite reported that there was now a wheelchair accessible bus available.

Cllr Waite reported that Berkley Strategic were seeking a meeting with Ward Cllrs regarding a proposed new manufacturing site.

109. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Cllrs agreed

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:21

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor