

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

**Attendees**

CLlr Sue Pusey (Chairman) (SP), CLlr Tony Wilkinson (TW), CLlr Jo Hooper (JH), CLlr Grahame Pusey (GP), CLlr Sue Lacey (SL), CLlr Hilary Vitkus (HV)

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

Part One

**110.** Apologies

CLlr Waite

**111.** Open Forum (15 minutes)

One member of the public thanked their Council for the Seniors' Christmas Lunch event.

**112.** Declarations of Interest

None

**113.** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

**114.** Clerk's Report including outstanding matters

BM updated on the issue of the transference of the Grave Deed for a local resident, including the cheque and paperwork being sent to the wrong Council. The Funeral Directors had also advised an incorrect amount for the administration, quoting from the other Council's fees.

TW noted that WPC still needed to raise money for the upkeep of the plot.

SP noted that we should write to the Funeral Directors and ensure they have updated details.

BM to speak to the Funeral Directors regarding the issue, including the proper fees.

BM asked for a breakdown of the streetlighting that the Council had responsibility for.

SP confirmed that WPC were responsible for all streetlighting except Burnham Road and Linnet drive.

BM to chase the repairs to the dangerous footpath.

**115.       REPORTS**

(i)       Burial Ground & Churchyard  
No Update

(ii)       Website  
BM gave an update that he would be publishing Draft minutes on the website prior to approval at the next meeting.

(iii)      Village Green  
Cllrs noted that the signage was incorrect on the green, and new signage should be provided with the Clerk email address.  
BM to get costs for sign.

(iv)      Charities  
No Update.

(v)       Buckinghamshire Council  
No Update.

(vi)      Speed Watch  
No Update

(vii)     Cycleway  
JH reported that Cllr Waite had advised that the steering group had had no contact with the Lyttleton Manor developers regarding the proposed cycleway. There had been no further information on funding, and Bucks Council confirmed that they would be unable to contribute towards the cost of an e-bike scheme.

(viii)    Bucks Recycling  
SL gave an update on the recent noise complaint, and confirmed that the noise was from Shredding Machinery. The site manager informed that they were exploring a number of acoustic treatments.

(ix)      Other  
None

**116.       FINANCE**

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

**117.       PLANNING MATTERS**

22/03936/APP- 3 Whitchurch Close Westcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OPG  
**No comment**

22/03910/APP- 4 Lower Green Westcott Buckinghamshire HP18 ONS  
**No comment**

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**118.** Draft Budget

BM presented the proposed budget, with the Precept for 23-24 being set at £13,527  
Cllrs accepted the proposed budget and Precept.

**119.** Christmas Float

SP reported that, despite the cold, the Christmas Float raised £248 and six crates of food donations.

**120.** Seniors Christmas Lunch

SP reported that 25 people booked onto the Christmas Lunch, with 18 attending on the day.

**121.** Tree Planting Update

SP suggested that a meeting be organised to progress the tree planting.

BM to pull together after Christmas.

**122.** Urgent matters of note

TW reported that he had spoken to a lorry driver who was progressing through the village, explaining that there had been an agreement not to use the route.

SP to ask Cllr Waite to reinforce this agreement with the company.

HV reported that there were some issues arising with the school, and that local residents were looking to assist.

JH reported becoming a Governor of the school.

JH reported that there were issues of debris and waste around the HS2 compound near to Station Road.

SP noted that Quainton PC had complained.

**123.** Date of next meeting: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm

Cllrs agreed

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:00**

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

**Position:** – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor