

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 31st January 2023 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 Kevin Ready

Ward Councilor – Cllr Ashley Waite

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

Part One

124. Apologies

Cllr Hilary Vitkus

125. Open Forum (15 minutes)

No Updates

126. Declarations of Interest

None

127. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2022

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

128. Clerk's Report including outstanding matters

BM updated on the complaint to Eon Energy, and the difficulties in reporting faults.

BM reported that the swing was not in warranty, but had obtained prices for new equipment

BM has had no response to the repairs on the footpath.

129. REPORTS

(i) Burial Ground & Churchyard

No Update

(ii) Website

No Update

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(iii) Village Green

SP reported that the swing and chains had been removed until a replacement seat was purchased.

SP reported that tomatoes had been thrown at all of the equipment, covering many surfaces with squashed remains.

(iv) Charities

No Update.

(v) Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Waite reported:

- that recruitment for the Proud of Bucks judging panel was underway.
- That there was to be a reduction in the number of actively used Council buildings.
- That there was to be a review of local parking fees and enforcement. SP noted that PCSO Fahy had asked for evidence of people contravening the rules.
- An update on roadworks and permits, and advised Cllrs to use the One Network portal to view current and upcoming roadworks and permits for the following 12 months. Also noting a 44% increase in permits granted since 2019. As well as Bucks Council, there are 63 other agencies with licence to undertake roadworks in the area.
- There had been a meeting with HS2 to look at impact on the local community of last-minute closures with no warning, or no work undertaken during closures. HS2 will review and provide feedback. TW asked for clarification about why there were closures, but no work undertaken. Cllr Waite responded that different departments were responsible for different elements, so there were occasions when a road is closed, but the team due to undertake the actual works are moved to a different site at the last minute.
- That bridge components are to be brought along the A41 during the night.
- That a temporary haul road would be constructed alongside the A41
- That the A41 will be closed for three days from 30th June 2023.
- That there was a meeting the following week to discuss the land at Lower Green.

(vi) Speed Watch

No Update

(vii) Cycleway

JH reported that there was a meeting the following day, but that no agenda had been sent out. Also had emailed for an update prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Waite reported that Bucks Council was still waiting for the Design Feasibility Study to be

approved.

SL expressed concern that the Parish Council have no input into the design, suggesting that Lower Green would be a suitable place for the cycleway to emerge as there is no parking or public footpaths to obstruct.

(viii) Bucks Recycling

SL reported that the shredding machinery was causing noise issues. Nigel Gough from the Environment Agency had asked for complaints to be directed to him. Also noted a reduction in noise since the EA started to act.

(ix) Other

None

130. FINANCE

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

131. PLANNING MATTERS

None

132. Tree Planting

JH liaising with BM to move planning along. SP suggested working with Probation Services to plant the trees.

BM to liaise with Cllr Waite to get a land survey.

133. Village Green

BM presented quotes for the Village Green sign, but the dimensions were incorrect.

JH to send dimensions and design to BM

BM to order aluminium sign with scratch resistant finish.

134. Playground inspection/Swing Replacement

BM to obtain prices for just a replacement seat.

SP proposed approving up to £200 for the replacement seat.

TW seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

135. Land at Lower Green

See Bucks Council Report (Item 129 (v))

JH suggested that the Council need to keep providing Cllr Waite with the necessary information, in order to keep up the pressure.

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136. Coronation Plans

BM to liaise with Cricket Club to see what their plans are for the coronation.

137. Urgent matters of note

GP asked BM to get a price for new football nets for the Green.

138. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm

CLLrs agreed

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 20:43

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor