

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2023 at 7:30pm at Westcott Cricket Club

Attendees

Cllr Sue Pusey (Chairman) (SP), Cllr Tony Wilkinson (TW), Cllr Grahame Pusey (GP), Cllr Sue Lacey (SL), Cllr Jo Hooper (JH), Cllr Kevin Ready, Cllrs Hilary Vitkus (HV).

Ward Councilors – Cllr Ashley Waite,

Officer of the Council – Barry Malki

Part One

33. Apologies

Cllr Paul Irwin

34. Open Forum

No updates

35. Declarations of Interest

None

36. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2023 and 20th June 2023

Minutes were confirmed to be an accurate record of the meeting. Cllrs noted the following corrections.

- 30th May – the new point of contact for Bucks Recycling issues works for Bucks Council, not Bucks Recycling.

37. Clerks Report

BM gave an update on the following items.

- A local wet-pour contractor was visiting the site on 13th July to measure up for multiple quotes (repair and replacement)
- BM proposed the following dates for meetings in 2024
 - 30th April – regular meeting
 - 14th May – Annual Parish Meeting
 - 28th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Update on proposed new process for burials which would ensure receiving a copy of the Green Certificate from undertakers.
- Obtained mowing rota from Blades. Contractor attending site fortnightly, with a monthly cut

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at church yard.

- SIDs are covered by insurance.

ACTION- BM to look at possible insurance claim for wet pour.

ACTION – BM to keep chasing street-light repairs

ACTION – BM to ask for price of two additional summer cuts of church yard

38. Reports.

I. Burial Ground & Churchyard

ACTION – BM to provide report on costs of burials locally.

ACTION – BM to change process to include green form.

II. Website

ACTION – BM to renew SSL certificate.

ACTION – JH to update BM about new system with auto renew.

III. Village Green

SP proposed a formal thank you to PC Fenemore for attending and serving the S61 notices when the travellers were on site. SP attending the visits.

Local volunteers had cleaned up and bagged the rubbish, and Cllr Waite had organized for Street Scene to remove the bags.

GP noted that the green waste would cost £150 to be shredded and removed. Cllrs agreed to the payment.

JH shared proposals for tree planting along the green, which would be supplemented with wooden posts and bunding.

TW said to ensure that the project was good value for money as there are only incursions onto the green approximately once per year.

HV asked about the possibility of removable posts. SP noted that automated systems were expensive.

SL noted that October would be the best time to commence planting.

HV suggested having a half-term event.

ACTION – JH and BM to liaise to obtain costs for different elements.

IV. Charities

No update

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V. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Waite noted the following points:

- There was a national campaign to encourage children to play outside in the street, which would allow for temporary road-closures.
- The Community Board is still functioning and funding is still available. The board is cautious about funding projects that are not for the wider community and would fund items that are enhancements rather than security measures.
- “I’d Like to Borrow” lending library service is going well and picking up momentum.
- 10,000 Can Challenge to launch in September.

VI. Speed Watch

No update

VII. Cycleway

JH said there was an approaching meeting, noted that project had been mentioned on the village Facebook page. Cllr Waite said he would update the council when he had any information to share.

JH suggested a Cycleway page on the website.

VIII. Bucks Recycling

SL reported that a noise consistent with shredding occurred around 8am on one particular Saturday. This was attributed to a new electric vehicle for emptying skips being tested.

Bucks Recycling has also agreed to bring a cage around the first Monday of each month to collect rubbish from the village.

IX. Other

SP reported on a meeting with the Venture Park, noting that there had been no progress on the tidying works. Also noted that a planning application would be in shortly for the demolition of three units to be replaced with smaller units.

39. Finance

Cllrs reviewed the accounts distributed by the Clerk.

40. Planning Matters

None

41. Westcott Wombles Litter Picking Group

SP noted that the Wombles Litter Pick had been scheduled on Father’s Day which may have led to reduced attendance, and was disappointed at the turnout.

42. Disability Access on Footpaths

SP reported that a local resident had been investigating the local footpaths and stiles to provide a report that looks at disability access in the area. The resident will be engaging with landowners and the council.

43. Urgent matters of note

SL noted that the hedge backing onto the Venture Park along the footpath needed cutting.

SP noted that this was the responsibility of the landowner.

ACTION – BM to contact owner regarding cutting.

44. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 7.30pm

Cllrs agreed

KR gave apologies for next meeting.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:08

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor

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