

Westcott Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

26th May 2026 1930hrs at Westcott Cricket Club

Attendees

Parish Councillors

Cllr Sue Pusey	SP	Cllr Jo Hooper	JH
Cllr Grahame Pusey	GP	Cllr Sue Fox	SF
Cllr Sue Lacey	SL		

Ward Councillors

Cllr Ashley Waite	AW
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Officer of the Council

Amanda Ludlow	AL
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Agenda Point		Person /s to action
	Meeting opened at 1930hrs	
1	Welcome from the Chairman SP welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and explained the proceedings of the meeting to all present. 15 members of the public were in attendance SP explained that Cllr James Sisk was not in attendance this evening and that we had not received apologies for his absence.	
2	To Approve the minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on the 27th of May 2025 AL read the minutes out to all present. It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record	
3	To Note matters arising No matters arising that are not contained within the agenda to discuss.	

To receive the Chairmans Annual Report

Cllr Sue Pusey gave the following report:

I would like to introduce myself and the team!

My name is Sue Pusey, and I have been a Parish Councillor for 20 plus years and Chairman for the last 9 years.

Our Vice Charman is Jo Hooper she has been a Councillor for 14 + years and took on the role of Vice Chairman last year.

Grahame Pusey was elected to the council 12 years ago

Sue Lacey was co-opted to the Council 5 years ago.

James Sisk recently rejoined us as a Councillor after a few years absence.

Sue Fox has very recently been co-opted to the council and is a very welcome addition.

The Parish should have seven Councillors so we have a seat free if anyone would like to join us.

Unfortunately, our previous Vice Chairman Tony Wilkinson felt unable to continue after his tragic accident. We wish Tony well and would like to thank him for his long service.

Our final Team Member is the most important. Our Clerk Mandy Ludlow. She has been in the job for 18 months now and having had no previous experience of Parish Councils it has been a steep learning curve. She is doing a marvellous job of keeping us in line and making sure we stay compliant.

That is the introductions over, and I would like to move on to some of the things we look after and what has been happening in the last year.

Streetlighting

We are finally undertaking phase one of a two year planned replacement. New LED lights will replace our current light. They should reduce our electric bill and have sensors to ensure dark nights between midnight and 5 am.

Following discussions last week all lights in the village will be replaced in the next three weeks as an invoice agreement has been reached enabling us to spread payments over a year. We will also be changing our service contract to our new supplier so are hoping we will get a better service and prompt repair if required.

Grass Cutting

Historically we have always arranged cutting of the Village Green, Churchyard and Burial Ground but last year we also took on the cutting of the other grass areas in the village from Bucks Council. Generally, this has been a great success, and the village looks much tidier throughout the summer season. I know the last cut wasn't quite as tidy as we would have liked but this has been

addressed with our contractor and I look forward to it getting back to the standards we had last year.

Public Rights of Way and Footpaths

We have finally managed to get the footpath cleared which runs along the fence from the Village Green towards the original Venture Park entrance. There are one or two other areas we are still working to get sorted but if you know of any issues please report them to the clerk so that we can investigate and ask the relevant landowner to deal with it. Thanks to Sue Lacey who has taken on the task of monitoring our footpaths. There are a lot out there and I am sure she would appreciate any help offered.

War Graves

We have 9 war graves in the Churchyard and Sue Lacey does a great job of ensuring they stay weed free and tidy. Years ago, we would get a grant from the War Graves commission to look after them, but this was withdrawn and it now falls to the Parish Council to cover the costs.

Church

We will be receiving a report from Reverend Caroline and from the Friends of Westcott Church later. We were happy to support the creation of this group by arranging and funding a public meeting to discuss what can be done about the Church Ceiling and what can be done to ensure the future of the Church.

Village Green

Part one of the Village Green rejuvenation project happened last year when we planted trees and posts to deter unwanted visitors and improve biodiversity in the area. Jo Hooper managed the project and deserves another big thank you for the work she put into the project. Earlier this year we had a working party to weed and mulch the beds and hedges. We watered regularly through last summer and will do so again this year as required to ensure the trees and bushes thrive. Thank you to everyone who attended to assist, and volunteers are very welcome to assist with the watering.

Part 2 is a scheme to refresh the quite tired play equipment and deal with the play surfaces. A questionnaire was sent out to all households, and the responses have been collated. We are in process of getting some quotation and costings from providers of equipment. Once we have these, we will be meeting with our working party volunteers to discuss which we think best meets the needs of the village and then applying for grants to assist with funding.

Litter Pick

The weekend after the weed and mulch we held our spring litter pick. Thank you to all who attended. There was a very large pile of rubbish for such a small village! Thanks to Bucks Recycling for disposing of the rubbish for us.

Santa Collection

Every year since 2017 we have helped Santa collect around the village in his shed and every year I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our residents. Thank you. Funds are traditionally spent on our Seniors Christmas Lunch. Unfortunately, due to inflation the funds nowhere near cover the cost any longer and this year Mandy had the brilliant idea of taking Santa around the Venture Park to spread some Christmas cheer and try and raise a little extra.

Sadly, we picked the wettest December day in the history of the world. Unrelenting rain meant a very soggy Santa and Elves and the general atmosphere wasn't helped by the fact the music player went bang just as we were due to start. We have been invited to return this year so we couldn't have upset too many people and let's hope the weather is better so we can visit more people and not just drip on their floors.

Xmas Lunch and easter afternoon tea

Anyway, the Christmas lunch at the Akeman was very well received and we also ran an Easter Afternoon tea here at the Cricket Club. We always need volunteers to help, whether bucket shaking or perhaps serving tea and cake. Please consider assisting wherever you can.

Bucks Recycling Fire

Sadly, one of the biggest events of last year was the awful fire at Bucks Recycling. We no doubt all recall the awful smoke which went on for weeks and the lack of any credible information. Mandy and I spent many hours trying to find out what was happening and banging our head against firmly closed doors. Our Bucks Councillor Ashley Waite then had the brilliant idea of getting everyone together on a zoom call! It was a revelation. Weekly calls were set up, and we finally began to get some accurate information about what had occurred. There are still some unanswered questions, and we will continue to liaise with the Venture Park and the EA, not least over any new planning application to replace the building.

Flooding

We had quite a wet winter and some rather serious flooding occurred on Linnet Drive / Raven Crescent. This was due to a collapsed culvert under the road which should have allowed the water to drain into the ditch on the far side of the main road. We are hopefully finally making some progress on getting this resolved as the road has been marked up ready to be dug up and the pipe replaced. There has been some flooding in Lower Green too and we are again chasing to get the ditches cleared so that the runoff leaves the road in a more timely manner. Gullies were cleaned today across the village.

Speeding

We have two static Speed Indication Devices one of which I know needs updating. We would love to do more with Speedwatch and monitoring speeding. We have access to the monitoring device and people caught speeding will be sent a letter warning them about their infringement. If they are caught again within a certain timeframe more serious action is taken. Unfortunately, two or three trained people are required to monitor the equipment while it is in place. More volunteers are needed. Training is given but I just don't have the time to get this up and running again so if anyone would like to volunteer to co-ordinate this please do. The Parish Council will support you, but we need volunteers.

Planning

We discuss all submitted plans and give our opinion. It isn't always listened to, but we do our best to do what we think is best for the village. There will be many more planning applications coming forward as the Venture Park expands. A recent example is the Bucks Fire and Rescue Training Facility.

Meetings

We attend lots of meetings. Mandy and I particularly seem to have one or more to attend every week. The Community Board, The Clerks Forum, Parish Liaison Meetings, SLCC meetings, BMKALC meetings to name but a few. There are training sessions to attend, seminars on resilience planning more workshops on how to write a new policy. Like all things many of them are really useful and occasionally you wonder just what you signed up for, but we endeavour to make sure we have the information we need to keep the Council running well.

Conclusion

Have I missed anything about what we do? Probably.

We are all volunteers and are happy to give our time freely to look after our village and make it a better community. Mandy is the only one who is paid, and I can assure you she absolutely earns every penny. She goes above and beyond every week. We have doubled her paid hours from four to eight hours a week this year but that is still nowhere near enough. There is so much paperwork, policies to write and follow, e mails to chase up, websites to update etc. Thank you for listening, we will now move on to our other reports.

Q Do the streetlights include those on Burnham Road and Linnet Drive / Raven Crescent?

A No, as those are unadopted roads and the Parish Council is not responsible for them.

Q Can anyone help with the SID? Can there be thankyou's and smiley faces on them like in Ashendon?

A We are seeking assistance from someone in Ashendon to support us to make these signs work and be more interactive. Any volunteer's welcome.

Q Are Bucks Recycling moving to the further side of the Venture park?

A We are aware this has been spoken about, however WVP have confirmed no planning applications are being made at this time for a new building.

Q Can the yellow planning application signs be placed where people can see them on a footpath?

A All planning applications are placed by the applicants. The ones outside of Victoria house need to be removed as are out of date. AW stated that they will no longer be used eventually and each householder will be notified in an agreed circumference of the planning location. They will be posted directly to householders.

Q Large number of lorries coming through the village. Can we take pictures and send them to you? Also, Bucks recycling lorries have been followed speeding on the A41 – presumably to get home quicker?

A yes please, please send them to the Clerk's email address. Be very cautious of any confrontation and be aware that farm vehicles including the liquid tankers from the Bio digester going to farms are allowed. The sign is up that the road is unsuitable for HGV's however we cannot enforce this as it is an advisory sign. Bucks recycling vehicles have agreed to not come through the village unless delivering or collecting in the Village. All evidence of them coming through to be sent to the clerk. If any BR vehicles witnessed going over the speed limit

	through the village or on the A41 – registration details need to be sent to the clerk for follow up. AW spoke about the Bucks Freight Strategy: Conversations commenced in 2017 / 2018 on limiting freight to this area. It has been a very difficult journey, zones created, COVID 19 and the officer having long term illness problems. Options explored and a pilot run in Ivinghoe and Pitstone where the evidence showed freight increased not lowered which was the aim. 5-6 weeks ago, AW was invited to a workshop to look at this again. Recent changes in legislation allow Bucks Council to put restrictions on certain geography of roads. le weight limit on bridges for 7.5 tonne with enforcement cameras. Farm vehicles can apply for an exemption. Weight restrictions requested for the bridge between Pollicott and Cuddington and Boarstall and Blackgrove road. These should be in place by the end of the summer. AW has also ensured that diversion routes are routed around Ashendon and Westcott, however local people will use the routes they know and not follow the diversions signs.																																													
5	To receive the Financial Statement of the Council for 2025 - 2026 Financial Statement of Westcott Parish Council 2025 – 2026 <table><tr><td>Cash at 01.04.25</td><td>£28845.19</td></tr><tr><td>Income of</td><td>£23824.47</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure of</td><td>£26243.60</td></tr><tr><td>Cash at 31.03.26</td><td>£26426.06</td></tr></table> Key expenditure (all stated exc VAT which has been reclaimed): <table><tr><td>Village green landscaping, bin, sign and mulch</td><td>£5251.38</td></tr><tr><td>Grass cutting</td><td>£7860</td></tr><tr><td>Defibrillator spares</td><td>£425</td></tr><tr><td>Website creation, review and renewal of domain and hosting</td><td>£519.99</td></tr><tr><td>Insurance</td><td>£588.83</td></tr><tr><td>Street scene – bins and dog waste</td><td>£360</td></tr><tr><td>Street Lighting energy</td><td>£1624.98</td></tr><tr><td>Street lighting maintenance and repairs</td><td>£379.50</td></tr><tr><td>Salaries / expenses</td><td>£1891.72</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC / PAYE</td><td>£260.25</td></tr><tr><td>Chairmans Allowance</td><td>£200</td></tr><tr><td>Room Hire</td><td>£600</td></tr><tr><td>Election reclaims</td><td>£135</td></tr><tr><td>Audit</td><td>£310</td></tr><tr><td>Training</td><td>£70</td></tr><tr><td>New laptop and software license</td><td>£640.52</td></tr><tr><td>Seniors Xmas lunch</td><td>£783.70</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Charges</td><td>£73</td></tr></table> VAT reclaim submitted for £3170.05 and received on 21.05.26 Full unaudited account available to view on request.	Cash at 01.04.25	£28845.19	Income of	£23824.47	Expenditure of	£26243.60	Cash at 31.03.26	£26426.06	Village green landscaping, bin, sign and mulch	£5251.38	Grass cutting	£7860	Defibrillator spares	£425	Website creation, review and renewal of domain and hosting	£519.99	Insurance	£588.83	Street scene – bins and dog waste	£360	Street Lighting energy	£1624.98	Street lighting maintenance and repairs	£379.50	Salaries / expenses	£1891.72	HMRC / PAYE	£260.25	Chairmans Allowance	£200	Room Hire	£600	Election reclaims	£135	Audit	£310	Training	£70	New laptop and software license	£640.52	Seniors Xmas lunch	£783.70	Bank Charges	£73	
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	Full audited accounts available to view following completion of the Audit in July 26.	
6	To Receive the Unitary Report from our Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr Ashley Waite <u>Roads and Infrastructure</u> AW stated that we didn't have a great winter – road conditions were affected by excessive rain and increased freight. Bucks Council are now playing catch up and have 33 gangs repairing the roads daily across Bucks. They are now moving into the normal works programme. A41 to be resurfaced in June from Ludgershall to Waddesdon, Fleet Marston to be resurfaced at the end of June and Blackgrove road is scheduled once station road Quainton is opened – scheduled for 17th July currently but may be delayed. Blackgrove bridge – Bucks Council own the road and Network rail own the bridge structure and they are concerned about its integrity in relation to resurfacing. <u>Fix my street</u> AW explained the recent investment and work into improving this system to report and address issues with highways and surrounding issues. 60k historic reports have been removed. Templates for reporting and responding are currently being revised. Any issues please contact AW directly. <u>Budget Breakdown</u> The council tax was set at 4.9%. Of the £1.2 billion to 1.36 billion budget, 77% (£924 million) has been allocated, leaving a balance of £276 million. The funding continues to be focused on the "Big 5": • Children's Social Care • Adult Social Care • Home to School Transport • Temporary Accommodation • Special Educational Needs support <u>I'd Like to Borrow:</u> Community Support Services Launched in 2024 in Quainton; I'd Like to Borrow is Buckinghamshire's first "Library of Things" – a community-based tool and equipment lending service. It's designed to make home maintenance and improvement accessible to all, encouraging collaborative consumption, reducing waste, and lowering carbon emissions. It's all about strengthening community resources and helping people tackle projects without the need for expensive tool hire or purchases. <u>I'd Like A Bike</u> A subsidiary of I'd Like to Borrow, I'd Like A Bike refurbishes donated bikes, providing them to low-income families and individuals transitioning out of the care system. This initiative ensures that transportation is accessible to those who need it most.	

	<u>I'd Like A Bus</u> Formerly Bernwode Bus, this service provides essential transport for rural communities. We cater to various groups, including the elderly, volunteers, schools, sports clubs, and youth clubs, ensuring everyone has access to the transport they need. <u>North Bucks Food Drive</u> Part of I'd Like to Borrow, the North Bucks Food Drive collects food on the first Saturday of every month, with deliveries made to Aylesbury Vineyard. These collections help address food insecurity, supporting those in need throughout the community. Q will the A41 be redone properly this time? A It will be redone in the sections that require to be done. Q Westcott to Ashendon road is already deteriorating again. When is this due to be fixed? A AW will look at getting this addressed but will not be until financial year 27/28. Q Broken signs on the roundabout have not been fixed despite reporting A These have been reported and are on a list to be sorted Q who is doing the quality assurance on all this work? A The Highways team are inspecting all works and now have enforcement officers in place. AW stated that HS2 want to lay a gas pipe in the verge of the A41 fleet Marston at the same time that the road is scheduled to be resurfaced. This will be at the end of June. AW has stated the resurfacing will go ahead and HS2 need to plan alternative dates.	
7.	To Receive a report from Thames Valley Police Due to workload, Officers could not be in attendance tonight. They advised to look at the Thames Valley Police Website and look at the local statistics for the key priorities. • Priority: Speeding covering all parishes was voted again as a priority in the latest community survey. Areas of concern are listed below; Oxford road Stone. High Street, Westcott. Waterperry road in Worminghall High Street Stone. High Street Waddesdon Bicester Road, Long Crendon The Strand, Quainton Lower Street, Quainton Ashendon Main Street, Ashendon Dorton road, Chilton	

Thame road, Brill.
Station road, Marsh Gibbon
Sunny Bank, Ford.
Bicester road, Oakley.
Issued 07 April 2026

Action taken:

The local neighbourhood policing team are working to improve community safety by reducing speeding.

We will measure improvements by comparing previous numbers of reports to those numbers moving forward. All data to be shared in future updates.

Actions to include Speed surveys to be completed across a 3 month period.

Results to be shared in future update.

April update: further speed surveys will be completed April/May and results shared in future updates.

May update: Speed survey results from April:

Clifden Rd. Worminghall on 08/04/26 at 14:50 hours.

65 x 30mph

4 x 31-34 mph

Crendon Rd/Mill Rd. Shabington on 13/04/26 at 1330 hours.

56 x 30 mph

2 x 31-34mph

Aylesbury Rd, Cuddington 18/4/26

29 x 30 mph

Pegasus Way, Haddenham 18/04/26

28 x 30mph

17 x 31-34mph

8 x 35-37mph

5x 38-40mph

2 x 41-44 mph

1 x 47 mph

1 x 53mph

Further surveys will be conducted to then plan enforcement operations in target areas.

This priority will be reviewed quarterly as per community survey results and the actions reviewed 30th monthly to ensure progress.

If you have any information, please report via 101 or online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Call 999 if crime in progress or you are at risk of harm.

Actioned 08 May 2026

- Priority:

Burglary Dwellings around Waddesdon and surrounding areas has again been voted as a priority in the latest community survey.

Issued 07 April 2026

Action taken:

The local neighbourhood policing team are working to deter and reduce burglary dwelling

We will measure improvements by comparing previous numbers of reports to those numbers moving forward. All data to be shared in future updates. PCSO

Fahy and police volunteer Linda conducted a crime prevention leaflet drop in the target areas

	April update: no residential Burglary for the month of March. 1 report of Business Burglary. May Update: 2 business attempted burglary in April Actions to include using social media to share crime prevention messages. At the start of April, we sent out a TV alert the residents of Waddesdon & Haddenham with prevention advice along with a downloadable home security guide. We will be holding minimum monthly have your Say events, to be advertised on social media This priority will be reviewed quarterly as per community survey results and the actions reviewed 30th monthly to ensure progress or change actions. If you have any information, please report via 101 or online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk Call 999 if crime in progress or at risk of harm. Actioned 08 May 2026 • Priority: Rogue Traders and scams were voted a new priority in the latest community survey. Issued 07 April 2026 Action taken: The team will be working with the local communities and parish councils to deter rogue trading and scams. They will provide anti-fraud/scam advice via TV Alerts and regular Have Your Say events to give residents a chance to talk to us face to face. Rogue traders are sporadic across the area of Haddenham and Waddesdon, as of note there has been no reported incidents of Rogue Traders or scams of this nature across the month of March. This new priority will be reviewed quarterly in line with community survey results and the actions and incidents reviewed 30th monthly. If you have any information, please use 101 or online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Call 999 if crime in progress or you are at risk of harm. Actioned 08 May 2026	
8	To Receive a report from St Mary the Virgin Church Reverend Caroline Wainmann presented to the APM and thanked the Parish Council for giving the Parochial Church Council (PCC) the opportunity to explain the issues relating to the fabric and lowered attendance to the village in early 2026. The Love your church campaign was commenced following the meeting and although a small and thriving congregation there were no representatives on the PCC or a church warden at that time. Proposals were presented at a meeting supported by the PC in January 2026 and as a result of the meeting the friends of Westcott Church group were formed. Leadership team of Sue Lacey, Angla Dormer and Karen Walker (chair) Angela Dormer and Brenda Fineberg have joined the PCC.	

	People are continually stepping forward to improve the current situation with the church and things look very positive.	
9	To receive a report from the Friends of St Mary the Virgin Church, Westcott Karen Walker – Chairperson - gave the following presentation: Dear Westcott Parish Council, Thank you for inviting the Friends of St Marys Church Westcott to attend the Westcott Annual Parish Council meeting. My name is Karen Walker and the chairperson for the group. I am sure you are interested to find out what the Friends group have been doing since Revd Carolines 'Westcott Church Call for Support' meeting at the start of this year. A number of people attended the meeting to find out more but from that meeting 18 people showed their support to get involved and subsequently joined the Friends group, 3 showed interest in leadership roles. I was appointed Chairperson, Angela Dormer as Secretary and associate member of the Parish Church Council, Sue Lacey as our link with the Westcott Parish Council and of course all under the steer of Revd Caroline Wainman. It's probably worth noting at this point that the 'Friends' are a mixture of people who currently live in the village, some who once lived or have a family connection to the village and others who have no real connection but who really want to see the church flourish, as we all do. That initial gathering marked the beginning of what we all hope will be a positive and rewarding journey to help preserve, support and reinvigorate the church as a valued community shared resource. As a leadership group our first task was to read through the Quinquennial Fabric Church report, which had identified the main areas of need of repair or restoration to the church. The main concern is of course the ceiling to the church which is currently in need of serious repair. Others include clearing out the external gutters, (which have a build-up of debris), ivy creeping up the church walls, (which will potentially cause water ingress into the building,) the church gate and gate posts, (which are in dire need of repair), a general tidy of the churchyard to remove the brambles and a general clean and tidy of the inside of the church. Some of these tasks we knew we could tackle as a group so a Tidy Up afternoon was held on Saturday 9th May. A number of friends attended, and we managed to clear out some of the gutters, remove the brambles and trim the overgrown areas at the front of the churchyard, remove all the ivy from the outside of the church. On the inside we made headway with cleaning the pews and a general clean-up of the floor and walls. To address the issues with the ceiling we are currently working with local plasterers and builders, who have relevant expertise of working with heritage properties, to view the damage to the ceiling and give us their recommendations and costs for the repair work. We are awaiting quotes for the works but hopefully in the next couple of weeks, these should be received and	

	we will have some idea of costs. The netting currently installed is doing a good job but of course is not a permanent solution. In order to fund these building costs, we will need to secure funding both locally and through registered grant giving charities. We have identified a number of organisations that we believe may consider funding our cause but of course a number do not fund religious buildings. However, before we apply to these organisations, they need evidence that we have already secured funding through our own fund-raising efforts. Whether this is via one off donations or suggested fund-raising activities. We are considering asking for donations from the local community and companies who may have a historical link and kindly given generously previously to the church. However, we feel that we need to strengthen the connection between the church and the wider community. Therefore, we are proposing to hold as our first event a Heritage /Flower Festival Weekend. This will be a combined 2-day event over the weekend possibly the ??? but this date has yet to be agreed with the church calendar. For the Flower Festival we will be asking for flower displays which we hope will be supported by both the experienced and novice florists amongst us from all age ranges. For the Heritage part of the event, we will be asking for the community to share memories as exhibits both written with photographs, if possible, of personal experiences and reflections of what this church means to them and their families. Whether that's wedding photos, christenings, school plays etc. We know that Westcott church holds many dear memories of key moments in so many lives, some very personal moments. There will also be an insight into the history of the church from local records and personal contributions. This first event will be more of a community event and not a big fund raiser, but we hope it will engage the church with the local community. However, the Friends have come up with a number of fund-raising initiatives for the coming 12 to 18 months such as a dog show, charity walk, car boot sale, quiz nights, Village fete etc. We are hoping that we can work with the Westcott Parish Council to combine resources and bring some of these to fruition. Finally, the Friends would like to thank the Westcott Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council for their support and recognition of the need for this Friends village community group. As we all work together, we hope we can support the life, fabric and future of St Marys Church, Westcott for years and generations to come.	
10	To receive a report from Westcott Cricket Club Dan Ridgeway gave a report for Westcott Cricket Club. New nets and bowling area have been completed and are now being used. Thankyou to the Parish Council for the allocation of funding towards their build.	

	Currently the Cricket Club are fundraising to improve the toilet facilities. A monthly coffee morning is held for all in the village on the last Thursday morning of each month. The Club is keen to reach out to the village of Westcott and advertises all events on Facebook. Q Where else do the Cricket club advertise? A Not sure where else. AL to send Waddesdon newsletter details and explained that they are free to put anything on the notice board in the village. SL talked about the ladies' team who have coaching on a Sunday and games on a Wednesday.	AL
11	To receive a report from Westcott Venture Park Nigel Mackenzie was unable to attend the meeting and had said he would send a report, however none received. The most recent update sent by him was on the 12th May 2026 Dear Amanda Thank you for your email. Updates as follows Bucks Recycling – the claim is still with the insurers. No decision has been made about rebuilding the hangar which would require a new planning application. BFRS Planning - Patrizia are involved in the ecology aspects of the application – surveys and biodiversity net gain assessments which we hope to complete in the next two weeks. Venture Park Lighting – Milwaukee have put their large red sign on a timer to be off at 6.00pm. We have discovered three spotlights immediately adjacent to their car park on the rear of another building. I am arranging to have those disconnected permanently. I will need to check with John about the Mitchell & Ness building, formerly Fed Ex – which I believe was the other main light source out of hours. Drone Flying – There has been good engagement between myself, Tim Orchard and Skyports. Permanent lines of communication have been set up to ensure deconfliction and safe use of airspace. The overall management of drone flying is still under discussion between Catapult and Savills. Presently it is jointly overseen. We are not aware of any issues with overflying the village – all users have flight plans programmed to avoid the village and occupied buildings on the Park. Entrance / Pathway Clearance – I have nothing to report on the entrance and no knowledge of pathway clearance.	

	Entrance to Social Area – Not something we have discussed previously – but I would be very happy to do so. To my knowledge the entrance is blocked off? Olleco Tankers – John has the regular dialogue with Olleco, but I would expect the main customers for the digestate will be local farmers hence the increased traffic. We can certainly speak to Olleco and report back. Other HGVs - we did talk about erecting another sign on the Park's land right at the roundabout saying "No access to Westcott Venture Park "– but I think we would need highway approval. In that case the sign would be better positioned on the westbound approach. I don't know the current procedure for getting approval, but I will speak to my contacts at Bucks Council before your meeting on the 26th. Thank you for kind invitation. Unfortunately, I am not available on the 26th – but I will speak to John and Paul Phipps, and we will prepare a written report by next Tuesday 19th so it can be appended to any information you are preparing for your meeting. It would be good to have the opportunity to re-engage with the Parish Council and the village generally but perhaps we could organise that at one of your regular monthly meetings a little later in the summer when we will be able to share more information about the latest developments on the park. Kind regards Nigel Mackenzie Q Denise Lewin has not received a response from the venture park regarding the agreed 6ft clearance from the WVP boundary to neighbouring properties. A AL to contact John Westwood and ask him to speak with Mr and Mrs Lewin personally. Q what is the status of the Bucks fire and rescue training facility planning request? A AW stated he is in discussion with the planning officers. They are minded to approve but the PC and AW remain not happy with the conditions, and it will go to the planning committee. Concerns re smoke, number of fires, stakeholders' involvement, air quality, biodiversity and the cumulative impact of all the above over a 25 year period have not been fully addressed.	AL
12.	To receive a report from I'd like to borrow Report already given under point 6. However, AW wanted to ask for feedback regarding the Westcott Village what's app information group and the village roadworks what's app group. All felt it was very beneficial. AW advised the group is for information only – consider a request for info vs comments. AW is also commencing a 'North Bucks What's On' what's app group for information only publicising events in the areas.	

13.	To receive a report from the Oxford Diocese regarding the school buildings. No report received. SP commented that there has been surveying going on at the rear of the school in the Woodward Trust area of the property.	
14.	To receive Charity Reports <u>John Beck and Lewis Fetto</u> The John Beck and Lewis Fetto Trust was set up in the 1700's after fields were gifted in their wills to the village for the poor of the Parishes of Waddesdon, Woodham and Wescott, for the purpose of further education for 16-21 yr olds, which includes apprenticeships. Adverts for the Charity are placed in the Waddesdon Village Magazine monthly and Trustees meet 3 times a year. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and has two annual incomes. One is from rental of the fields; the other smaller revenue is an investment via CCLA Fund Managers who are approved to invest for Charities. 4 Candidates for grants were approved this last year, the purpose ranged from assistance with purchasing a computer as the applicant who had challenges with their handwriting to another who was in an apprenticeship for brewing beer, this applicant we were happy to hear after finishing their apprenticeship has now gained full time employment as a brewer with one of the UK's largest brewers. We have a full complement of 6 Trustees registered with the Charity Commission. <u>Faith Beaumont</u> This covers the Parishes of Grendon Underwood, Waddesdon, Westcott and Woodham and is for the appropriation of benefits for the purpose of education, including religious education in accordance of the doctrines of the Church of England, in the area of benefit as the Trustees see fit, there is no age limit for applicants. A few challenges have prevented us getting up and running as fast as we would have liked, however we persevere and we are confident we will be able to move things forward. The field is currently not rented out the challenge has been the fencing, which means the field is insecure for livestock, we have an application in for funding to get the fencing replaced and we are waiting for a response. The fencing will be expensive to replace hence why we applied for funding. We have not been able to reregister with the Charity Commission, and we are working with Community Impact Bucks for the best way to register. We are short of Trustees, we need one from Westcott and Grendon Underwood, two others are welcome from within the Parish we only have 3 meetings a year and would be grateful for any volunteers, there is very little other actions for Trustees besides the 3 meetings, I would be grateful if any volunteers would contact me on 07990561919 or carole.griiths2024@gmail.com <u>William Turner's Charity</u> William Turner died on 4th April 1784 and in his will left a legacy to establish a Charity in his name for the benefit of the poor (Ecclesiastical) Parish of	

	Waddesdon (this includes Waddesdon, Westcott and Woodham) The Charity was eventually set up in 1796 with the capital from the legacy being invested. The capital itself cannot be used but resulting interest, dividends, etc., can be used by the Trustees to help the said poor of the parish. There has been no legal change to the objectives of the Trust Deed, but the Trustees have flexibility as to how they interpret "poor". Times have changed but there are still individual cases where certain people have a sudden change in their circumstances which puts them in financial difficulty. This is where the Charity can sometimes help. The funds available are not that large but quite often a small grant can be a big help. If an application for assistance is received, the Chairman and one Trustee may visit the applicant to ascertain more details of the need and check whether the application falls within the Trust's criteria. They would then report to the remaining Trustees in strictest confidence, and the application will be decided. During the financial year ended 31st December 2026 the Charity's income was £560.03, and expenditure (grants etc) was £1,075.00 leaving a small balance available for distribution. More information on this Charity or an application form for assistance can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, see below. The Trustees always welcome applications from genuine situations. Alan Lambourne - Clerk to the Trustees 45 Baker Street, Waddesdon, HP18 0LG (tel: 01296 651635) Email: alan.lambourne@btinternet.com SP stated that JH is in discussion with Faith Beaumont Charity to become a trustee and SF in discussion with William Turners charity to become a trustee.	
15.	To receive questions from members of the public No questions raised.	
16.	Closure SP thanked all who attended and the positive way forwards that all attending has contributed towards.	
	Meeting closed at 2110 hrs	

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor