

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at Westbury Village Hall at 8.30 pm

Questions/comments from the public

None received

123/16 Members present

Cllr James Stone (JS), Cllr Vicky Webb (VW), Cllr Sue Barrett (SB), Cllr Robin Bone (RB), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cllr Franco Capella (FC), Cathy Knott (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Apologies received from: Cllr Jeremy Banks (JB)

124/16 To receive declarations of interest

Councillors to declare any non-registered pecuniary or personal interests relating to the Agenda None received.

125/16 Approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th November. It was resolved to sign the minutes as a true record.

126/16 Matters arising

JS requested that the Clerk write to The Secretary of State regarding BCC's proposals to streamline local government in Buckinghamshire. Councillors unanimously agreed with BCC's proposal to change local government from five councils/authorities to create one unitary authority in the county.

Action: CK

Regarding mobile spotlights for the village hall, VW will ask Clinton Osborne if the Youth Club are able to use his. CK asked if the football club needed spotlights.

Out of Council

Arthur Cleaver confirmed that it was only the Youth Club that required the lighting.

Back in Council

GC has been in touch with BCC Transport Economy Environment regarding the expected increase in electricity costs. He will discuss this further with JS.

The Christmas tree and all decorations have now been purchased.

127/16 Financial matters

(a) It was resolved that the following invoices be approved and were signed for payment:

07.12.16	C Knott (November Salary)	£448.50
07.12.16	C Knott (November Expenses)	£74.45
07.12.16	S.Rodwell Landscapes (Mowing)	£340.00
07.12.16	Clinton Osbourne (WYPP 2 nd payment)	£791.00
07.12.16	PCC Westbury (donation to Churchyard)	£150.00
07.12.16	James Stone (Christmas decorations)	£238.95

(b) Record the receipts: £1.24 interest

(c) Consider a donation towards the upkeep of Westbury Churchyard

Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £150.00 to the upkeep of the churchyard.

128/16 Planning updates

Application no.	Address	Details	AVDC Update
16/03819/APP	Beachborough School Mill Lane Westbury	Single storey extension and replacement of roof and recladding of existing single storey extension	Application withdrawn on 10.11.2016
16/03420/APP	Treebank, 41, Fulwell Road	Change of Land Use from agricultural to residential	Approved. Within three months of the grant of this permission the caravan currently parked on this land shall be removed
16/01708/AOP	Land off Brackley Road, Mill Lane, Westbury	Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of four dwellings	Still awaiting decision

Planning applications

Application no.	Address	Details	Parish Council decision
16/03819/APP	Beachborough School Mill Lane Westbury	Single storey extension to existing dining room (part retrospective)	No objection
16/04155/APP	Former Paf Ltd Mill Lane Westbury Buckinghamshire NN13 5JS	Erection of two flats and two maisonettes in place of the previously approved commercial (B1) units.	No objection with a covering email commenting that we would like to see affordable housing in the village (possibly shared ownership)

129/16 Receive Correspondence

None received.

130/16 Items for the February Link

Thank you to Tee and dancers from Twisted Dance Academy, Westbury Youth Club, Beachborough Carol Singers and all those who contributed to the Christmas celebrations. It was an amazing success.

Westbury Village Hall are the winners of AVDC's 2016 Design Award. Please see the village website for more information (westburyvillage.org).

Dates for jobs in the village and the hall.

131/16 Items of urgent business

RB reported that the shed (being delivered in January) needs to be placed on a concreate base. RS Haynes Contracting Ltd have advised costs for this will be £960.00 + VAT. A discussion ensued.

Out of Council

JS asked Arthur Cleaver for his advice. Arthur agreed with the costings and explained the process.

Back in Council

Councillors unanimously agreed with the costs which will come out of reserves. RB will ask RS Haynes to carry out the work.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th January at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall