



WESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at Beachborough School at 8.00 pm

The Chairman welcomed Graeme Cook to the Council.

Questions/comments from the public

A resident reported that there are a lot of street lights out in Westbury. DC advised that we have changed suppliers which has caused delays (see 22/16 Report).

14/16 Members present

Cllr Derek Crane, Chair (DC), Cllr Vicky Webb (VW), Cllr Jeremy Banks (JB), Cllr James Stone (JS), Cllr Alison Boughton (AB), Cllr Sue Barrett (SB), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC) and Cathy Knott (Clerk)

No Apologies

15/16 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensation

Councillors to declare any non-registered pecuniary or personal interests relating to the Agenda – **none received**

To consider any written requests for dispensation – **None received**

16/16 Approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th January.

It was resolved to sign the minutes as a true record.

17/16 Matters arising

The goals have been purchased for the village playing field and will be delivered week beginning 22nd February.

AB & CK will be meeting next week to look into making inconsiderate parking notices for the village. DC advised that it is not unlawful to park on pavements in Buckinghamshire as long as a wheelchair/pushchair can get past safely. **Action: CK/AB**

The pot holes on Playing Field Road will be made good by the end of February.

18/16 Financial matters

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

C. Knott (salary + 10 hrs) £529.00

C. Knott (expenses) £160.84

Janet Webb (County Rewinds Jan/Feb) £300.00

James Stone (Dog stencil/spray) £30.25

It was resolved that the following invoices be approved and were signed for payment from the Lottery Account:

BCC (WYPP Space Bus) £500.00

Engrave Bricks Ltd £9.54

(b) Record the receipts:

Standing Order (fund raising) £25.00

Cricket Club payment (Jan) £150.00

Interest 0.45p

19/16 Planning

There has been no update on Reindeer House as yet.

Mark Brown has lodged provisional permission to build houses on the field next to the Playing Field.

20/16 HS2

Nothing to report at the present time.

21/16 Village Hall update

SB reported that Edgar Taylor will be handing the Village Hall over to the Parish Council on 19th February when the internal finish will be complete. External works will still need to be completed.

Friday 4th March will be Pub Night where all are welcome for a drink and a tour.

The Village Hall is looking great and the internal finish is wonderful. We have had a lot of interest from potential hirers.

VW & SB are working on the agreements between the Football Clubs and the Cricket Club and have also been approached by Halse FC U9's (in addition to Halse FC U 11's who are currently playing).

Claire Viner has a great vision for the Formal Opening of the Village Hall which will be on Sunday 15th May (during the afternoon) and all sponsors/supporters will be invited to attend. A flyer will be circulated with more information, including details of clubs & activities which are going to be happening.

VW has been working on a 44 page Governance document for Westbury Village Hall Association (WVHA). At the moment, utility costs for the hall are being paid by the Parish Council. These will need to be transferred over to WVHA by 31st March as the Parish Council are not able to fund the operation of the business due to the charity status. If WVHA have a cash flow problem during the first few months, the PC can lend some money to support with the operation of the village hall.

VW reported that we may be able to get a discount regarding waste collections which Lisa Turan is looking into. DC advised that shop/café waste will be separate from WVHA.

The final versions of the lease agreements between the Charity & WVHA and WVHA & the Shop/Café will be submitted ASAP. DC stated that lease agreements between the Charity and its Tenants is not PC business.

Action: CK/VW

This has been a fantastic community project and we are extremely grateful for everybody's involvement.

Shop/Café

AB reported that she was unable to attend the last committee meeting and the minutes have been delayed.

A flyer has gone out asking for china crockery.

Playground

AB reported that the bin is being well used. Thanks again to Lenny & Arthur for their efforts with trimming back the willows. Westbury Young People's Project (WYPP) graffiti sign has gone up on the fence and looks amazing.

Highways

AB reported that the pot hole in Mill Lane has been dealt with. All complaints received from residents regarding other potholes have been sent to TfB (Transport for Bucks).

BCC have advised there is no money available for holes unless they are seriously deep (their new budget starts in April). They won't repair the dropped drains in Main Street until work on the Lormay site has been completed. AB has received a letter regarding salt bins and will check they are being properly used. The broken chevrons on Fulwell Road are in TfB's system awaiting a crew to attend. A complaint has been received regarding tyre marks along Fulwell Road (near the bus stop). This will be *reviewed* again in March/April to give the grass a chance to grow.

Thank you to Paul Winks for clearing the footpath along the A422.

Footpaths

JS has contacted Alistair the new ROW Officer asking how we should address the locked gate on the public footpath near the Dust houses. He also asked how we go about replacing the rotten posts on Playing Field Road.

A resident has complained about a car blocking the footpath near the top of Mill Lane. **Action: JS/CK/AB**

Utilities

JS reported that replacement units for the 3 streetlights on the A422 have been ordered. He has asked Balfour Beatty to confirm fitting and invoicing to be before the end of this financial year (31st March). JS has been chasing Balfour Beatty regarding the 5 bulbs that are out in Westbury. He has also made contact with other providers who deal with street lighting. Regarding a contract between the PC and Balfour Beatty, they have asked for evidence that all assets are compliant. JS has asked for a price to bring the stock up to standard and will continue to chase. **Action: JS**

23/16 Devolution of Services

All Councillors agreed to continue as we are, taking responsibility for grass cutting and weed control. CK to advise BCC. **Action: CK**

24/16 Receive Correspondence

A letter has been received from Buckingham Plant Hire advising of an event at Silverstone on the weekend of 27th – 29th May. Under the Apple Tree Roots Festival is being hosted at Silverstone Woodlands event site. Approximately 5000 are expected to attend.

25/16 Items of urgent business

JS advised that we need to make a decision on insurance for the village hall and come to an agreement on how much of a premium will be passed onto WVHA. DC advised that we are in a 3 year contract with Zurich and if we pull out there will be a penalty to pay. The PC has insurance in place for the village hall again from 12th February to 14th April, but a decision will need to be made as to whether to renew with Zurich at the cost of £1,986.55 in April.

VW advised that BT have oversold infinity in the village so there has been a noticeable drop in signal. This also means that the new village hall is unable to get infinity broadband which is a real shame. All Councillors agreed that we should write to BT/Open Reach expressing our concerns and asking if something can be done to rectify the situation. GC agreed to write to them. **Action: GC**

26/16 Items for March Link

Dates of next meetings

Village Hall Update

Details of Pub Night and Official Opening

Clean for the Queen

Inconsiderate Parking

Queen's Birthday Beacon Celebrations

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall – please bring your own chair!

DC thanked JB for allowing us to hold our meetings in the warmth of Beachborough School for the last 10 months.