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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Westbury Village Hall, on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 8:00pm

Present: Cllr Vicky Webb (VW), Cllr Sue Barrett (SB), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cllr Mark Willis, Cathy Knott (Clerk) and 1 member of the public. County Councillor, Charlie Clare joined the meeting for “comments from the public”.

Questions/comments from the public

Cllr Clare advised of today’s announcement by the Secretary of State; Sajid Javid is “minded” to implement Buckinghamshire County Council’s proposal to replace the existing five councils in Bucks with a single unitary council. There will now be a period until 25th May 2018 during which those interested may make further representations to the Secretary of State by emailing sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk
More information can be found at <http://futurebucks.co.uk/>

Cllr Clare advised that the Highways department are bound by legal stature regarding the housing proposal on Biddlesden Road. He expressed concern that the development was outside the village boundary, he will request a site meeting with AVDC planners.

A resident raised concerns over the notice of night road closure from 9th to 13th April on the A422 between Westbury to Brackley advising that if Biddlesden Road is used as a diversion route, the state of the road it is very dangerous. Cllr GC will contact Dave Smith (TfB) to discuss.

34/18 Apologies and welcome

Vice-Chair Vicky Webb chaired the meeting. Apologies were received from Chair James Stone and Cllr Derek Crane.

35/18 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held on 21st February 2018. The minutes were approved and signed.

36/18 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Outstanding actions:

11/18 Chase Oxfordshire County Council on an update regarding the claimed footpaths.

ACTION: VW

12/18 Write to AVDC planning department to express our distaste over the outcome of the planner’s decision regarding the new overflow carpark at Beachborough School (advising that the ‘tree friendly’ surface is quite an eyesore and the original surface was more attractive and suited the environment better).

ACTION: CK

37/18 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received

38/18 Financial matters

(a) Financial statement

(b) Payments received

(c) Invoices to be paid

BANK BALANCES AS AT	
13.03.18	£
Current	4,055.38
Business	36,932.41
TOTAL	40,987.79

Income received since 21st February	£
WCC– defib donation	200.00
Interest	1.53
Invoices to be approved for payment	£
C. Knott (salary)	448.50

39/18 Planning updates & applications

Application no.	Address	Details	AVDC Update
09/C0501/DIS	Paf Ltd Mill Lane Westbury NN13 5JS	Submission of details pursuant to Condition 8 (remediation strategy) relating to Planning Permission 09/00501/AOP	Discharge of remediation conditions. AVDC: APPROVED (27.02.18)
17/04381/APP	Old Vicarage Orchard Place Westbury NN13 5JT	Construction of a hard-surfaced tennis court with surround fencing	Parish Council no objection. Conservation officer requested additional screening from Church view. AVDC: Awaiting decision
*17/04058/AOP	Land at Biddlesden Road Westbury NN13 5JL	Erection of up to 23 dwellings with all matters reserved other than access.	Approx 50 letters of objection from local residents. Parish Council objected. AVDC: Awaiting decision.
17/03745/APP	Sugarich Biddlesden Road Westbury	Erection of additional storage building for raw materials and relocation of waste water lagoon	No objection from Parish Council. Amended plans submitted 29.01.18 AVDC: Awaiting decision
17/03048/ACL	Land off Brackley Road Westbury	Agricultural barns used for cattle, grain storage, implement store and workshop	Built barns differ in size and height from approved permission. No objection from Parish Council. AVDC: Awaiting decision.
17/02835/APP	Land adjacent to Mill Farm Westbury	Erection of four dwellings	No objection from Parish Council. Extension of time to receive revised plans. Decision delayed. AVDC: Awaiting decision
16/04155/APP	Former Paf Ltd Mill Lane Westbury Buckinghamshire	Erection of two flats and two maisonettes in place of the commercial (B1) units.	Parish Council had no objection. AVDC: awaiting decision.
18/00507/HPDE	34 Mill Lane Westbury	Erection of single storey rear extension	No objection from parish council AVDC: awaiting decision
18/00309/APP	Westbury play park	Erection of 4.8m x 28m length Durex perimeter fencing	Parish council support but declare an interest. AVDC: awaiting decision
18/00675/APP	The Stables, Brackley Road, Westbury	Insert window into south facing wall	Parish Council had no objection AVDC: awaiting decision

*17/04058/AOP – the number of dwellings has now been reduced from 23 to 20. Comments can be submitted for a further 21 days from 15.03.18 on the planning portal: <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=OYBFI6CLM4L00>

40/18 To accept Cllr Franco Capella's resignation and resolve to start the process of co-option

Councillors expressed their sadness at losing a valuable councillor but accepted Cllr Capella's resignation. Cllr VW thanked him for the work he had put into the council. It was agreed to start the process of co-option.

41/18 Resolve to assign councillor responsibilities

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting but in the meantime for councillors to think about what they would like to be more involved in.

42/18 Resolve to assign S106 monies from the proposed planning application 17/02835/APP – land adjacent to Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Westbury

Leaders of Westbury Youth Club provided a list of ideas which councillors discussed and added to. The clerk will put a draft proposal together and send it to Cllr VW for approval before submitting to AVDC. **Action: CK/VW**

43/18 Discuss the format of the annual parish meeting on April 11th

The meeting will follow the same format as last year as this seemed to work well. It was agreed to have invitations printed and delivered to every dwelling in Westbury. The clerk will write to organisations and groups asking them to give a report.

Action: CK/VW

44/18 Reports

- a. **Play Park** – Nothing to report
- b. **Highways** – Cllr GC has contacted Dave Smith (TfB) regarding Biddlesden Road and will chase. The drain on Main Street has been replaced. The clerk thanked SugaRich for providing more salt during the cold patch.
- c. **Utilities** – Cllr GC advised three lights are still out and the loose light on Biddlesden Road looks unsafe. He has contacted Balfour Beatty again asking for urgent repairs to take place.
- d. **Village Hall & WVHA** – Cllr VW reported that issues around the running of the bar have been resolved with Westbury Cricket Club agreeing to run it during the summer months. Chris Donoghue is running a Saturday afternoon bar (approximately 4 – 6pm). CK has started paid work for WVHA with bookings/communications. The AGM will take place on Saturday 14th April after a spring clean. The next big event will be Music Night on 19th May.
- e. **Community Shop & Café** – Cllr VW reported that there will be a review of the new management at the end of this month. It is important for residents to show their support and encourage this lovely amenity to succeed.
- f. **Footpaths** – Nothing to report.
- g. **HS2** – the next “drop in” session is at Westbury Shop & Café this Friday 12 – 4 pm.

45/18 Correspondence received

- Barbara Osborne (PAYE advisor) has put her charges up by £1.00 per month.
- An email has been received from a resident asking if a grit bin could be placed near to the Church bend in Orchard Place. CK will write to Bucks Highways to ask if they will consider.
- A resident has emailed to ask if the council will hold a meeting to discuss the latest updates/changes relating to the Biddlesden Road proposal. CK will respond.
- A resident has emailed with photos of a badgers’ footprint in the snow in Westbury Wilds. CK will ask him to forward the information to AVDC planners as there was mention in the Biddlesden Road planning report that the badger sett is inactive.
- Notification has been received of the Secretary of State’s announcement that he is “minded” to implement Buckinghamshire County Council’s proposal to replace the existing five councils in Bucks with a single unitary council. It was agreed not to make a further representation.
- Notification of a road closure has been received as part of HS2’s continued programme of surveying works. The A422 between Westbury and Brackley will be closed nightly from 9 pm to 6 am from Monday 9th April to Friday 13th April. The clerk has circulated a village email and has put the information on Westbury’s Facebook page (Westbury Village Bucks).

46/18 Councillor questions

Cllr SB has met with Viridor regarding our application for funding for the resurfacing of Playing Field Drive. Big Lottery Awards for All need their decision before they will consider match funding. The process is ongoing.

47/18 Items for the May Link

Date of next meeting. Community defibrillator information. HS2 drop in sessions. Dog fouling notice. Thank you to Franco Capella. Music Night on 19th May. Support Westbury Shop notice.

48/18 Public Participation session

No comments.

49/18 Close

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 11th April at Westbury Village Hall