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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Westbury Village Hall, on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 8.00 pm

Present: Chairman James Stone (JS), Cllr Mark Willis (MW), Cllr Cath Young (CY), Cllr Jodie Martin (JM), Cllr Vicky Webb (VW) joined the meeting at 8.35 pm, Cathy Knott (clerk), two members of the public and County Councillor Charlie Clare (for the first part of the meeting).

Questions/comments from the public

Charlie Clare gave an update on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) advising of a road closure on Fulwell Road from 14.01.2019 to 18.01.2019 between the hours of 7.30 am and 3.30 pm.

He reported that the AVDC elections have been postponed until May 2020 and gave an update on the transition journey ahead regarding the new unitary council.

01/19 Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Barrett (SB) and Cllr Graeme Cook (GC).

02/19 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 12th December 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

03/19 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

The Clerk advised that all actions have been dealt with or are included in the agenda.

04/19 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

05/19 Financial matters

(a) Financial statement

(b) Payments received

(c) Invoices to be paid

(d) To formally approve the budget and precept for 2019.20

BANK BALANCES	£		VAT
Current	4,527.52		
Business	15,792.76		
TOTAL	20,320.28		
Invoices submitted for payment			
C. Knott (December salary & expenses)	550.33	6.59	
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service)	63.00	0	

d. To formally approve the budget and precept for 2019.20

The budget was agreed and the figure of £18,424.00 was approved for the precept. Chairman JS advised that this figure means there won't be an increase in the precept for the next financial year. CK will submit a request to AVDC and put the information on the village website: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/finance/>

06/19 Planning updates & applications

Application	Address	Details	AVDC Update
17/04381/APP	Old Vicarage Orchard Place Westbury	Construction of a hard-surfaced tennis court with surround fencing. 10.07.18 tree report published	Parish Council no objection. Conservation officer requested additional screening from Church view. AVDC: Awaiting decision 11.12.18 applicant submitted an appeal to the Planning due to the non-determination of said application within the statutory timescales.

18/03828/AOP	Land at Biddlesden Road	Erection of up to 13 residential dwellings with all matters reserved other than access	Parish Council: Objection submitted 28.11.18 AVDC: Awaiting decision
APPEAL notice 17/04058/AOP	Land at Biddlesden Road	Appeal lodged with the Secretary of State against the Council's decision objecting to the erection of up to 20 residential dwellings (with all matters reserved other than access).	WPC: Submitted further comments to planning inspectorate on 26.11.18 Awaiting decision

07/19 Streetlights – to agree on which lights to replace and approve spends as discussed at the last meeting.

Chairman JS and Cllr GC have met to discuss a street light replacement programme and notes were circulated before the meeting. JS has put together a spreadsheet (also circulated) showing a phased replacement programme over the next four financial years with Orchard Place and Main Street having priority over other parts of the village.

In terms of paying for phase 1 and 2 of the project Chairman JS proposed the following:

- Phase 1. Replacement of 5 lights in Orchard Place and 3 lights on Mill Lane at £4,199 would be funded as follows: £1,500 from 2018/19 street light replacement budget with the remaining £2,699 being funded from 2018/19 precept underspend.
- Phase 2. Replacement of 5 lights on Main Street and 1 light opposite School Close at £2,983 would be funded as follows: £1,500 from 2019/20 street light replacement budget with the remaining £1,483 from reserves as the main element of remaining cost is for the replacement of Street Light 7 (Mill Lane) which is damaged.

Councillors unanimously agreed with the proposal and approval was given to go ahead with phase 1 and 2. Works will be carried out towards the end of March.

08/19 Reports

- Play Park** – Chair JS reported that the play park is being well used and all work has almost been signed off.
- Highways** – Road closure as discussed in public participation.
- Utilities** – please see item 07/19.
- WVHA & WCS** -CK has met with Ian Towner (WVHA Chairman). Two village events are planned for the coming months (details on <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/>) and everything is running well. WCS has set up a café society group. Details are on the village website at: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/shop-and-cafe/>
- Neighbourhood plan** – Cllr CY has put together an advert asking for volunteers to come forward to join a steering group. This will be promoted in the February Link and via the village email & Facebook page.
- Footpaths** – Nothing to report at this time.
- HS2** – Nothing to report at this time.
- Action plan** – no updates.

09/19 Correspondence received

Buckinghamshire County Council is working with Highways England to engage with parishes within the expressway corridor of Buckinghamshire to understand local thoughts and issues regarding the proposed Oxford to Cambridge expressway. Chairman JS advised that impact on Westbury would be minimal. The route options will be available for public consultation towards the end of this year and routes will be confirmed after 2020. Construction will begin in 2025 and it will be open to the public in 2030.

10/19 Councillor questions

Cllr JM asked when the fencing and overgrown vegetation along the boundary between Orchard Place and Beachborough will be actioned. CK & JS are trying to arrange a follow up meeting with the headmaster and bursar to discuss this and other issues.

Action: CK/JS

CK advised that the issue of dog fouling seems to be getting worse. She and Dave Poulton (a parishioner) are working together to try and combat the problem. The council formally thanked Dave for his help with this.

11/19 Items for the February Link

- Next meeting dates
- Neighbourhood plan promotion
- Dog fouling and sheep worrying notices
- Considerate parking
- Reporting details

12/19 Public Participation session

No comments received.

13/19 Close

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February at Westbury Village Hall at 8.00 pm.

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