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Minutes of the meeting of Westbury Parish Council held at Westbury Village Hall on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 8:00pm

Present: Cllr James Stone (JS), Cllr Mark Willis (MW), Cllr Cath Young (CY), Cathy Knott (Clerk) and three members of the public. County Councillor Charlie Clare joined us for questions from the public.

Questions/comments from the public

A resident advised that a streetlight is out on Biddlesden Road.

Cllr Clare advised that he will speak to Bucks Highways regarding the height of grass on the verges at the entrance to Biddlesden Road.

Regarding drainage issues on Mill Lane, Cllr Clare said that after viewing the video footage of torrential rain flowing down the road, he feels there is only an issue during extreme weather and it doesn't warrant the amount of money it would take to resolve. He understands our concerns but he said preventative measures won't happen because there are too many other pressing issues in the county.

Chair JS advised that if the issue was addressed sooner rather than later it would save the county council a lot of money. He said if the drain at the end of Main Street was unblocked, this would help mitigate the issue. The road has deteriorated hugely over the last two years and it will only get worse. Cllr Clare said he would try to resolve the blocked drain issue.

Cllr Clare reported that there are a lot of road closures coming up on the A421 this month and the Gawcott Road roundabout will be closed this weekend, day and night.

71/19 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cllr Vicky Webb (VW) and Lindsay Webster (LW).

72/19 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

73/19 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

All actions are either on the agenda or being dealt with.

74/19 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

75/19 To formally co-opt Lindsay Webster onto the council and accept her declaration of acceptance

It was resolved to co-opt Lindsay onto the council. The clerk has received her signed declaration of office which she also duly signed. Due to other commitments, Lindsay is unable join us at a meeting until 11th September.

76/18 Financial matters

(a) Financial statement

(b) Payments received

(c) Invoices to be paid

(d) To receive an update from the internal controls' councillor

BANK BALANCES	£
Current	4,518.64
Business	25,009.25
TOTAL	29,527.89

Receipts since the last meeting	£	VAT	£
Interest	1.10		
Invoices approved			
C. Knott (May salary & expenses)	533.33		2.67
S. Rodwell (mowing)	146.77		0

Opus (streetlight electricity) direct debit	90.71	4.54
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d. To receive an update from the internal control's councillor

Cllr MW confirmed that he had checked the following information:

Bank balances; as stated in the minutes.

Cash book entries agree with the items noted in the minutes and the forecast planned spend remains within our precept budget limits.

77/19 Planning updates & applications

Application	Address	Details	AVDC Update
18/03828/AOP Amended 17.04.19	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 up to 20 residential dwellings	WPC: Submitted further comments to planning inspectorate on 26.11.18 AVDC: DISMISSED
Application Ref: 18/00675/APP Appeal Ref: 19/00009/FTHA	The Stables Brackley Road Westbury	Insert window into south facing wall	Appeal lodged with the Secretary of State against AVDC's decision

78/19 To review the risk schedule and adopt the councillor resignation checklist

It was resolved to approve the risk schedule and to adopt the councillor resignation checklist.

79/19 To provide an update on the public rights of way in the Mixbury Parish

The clerk advised that a notice of confirmation of modification order Section 53, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 has been received; to add the bridleway (from bridleway 4 at the dismantled railway at grid reference SP 6166 3519, east-south-east for approx. 143 m to SP 6180 3516, continuing southeast for approx. 847 m to the Buckinghamshire County Boundary at SP 6256 3479).

A copy of the order and order map is available online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/publicsite/consultation

Three objections were received regarding Mixbury footpath no.s 30, 31 and 32 modification order 2019 and so Oxfordshire County Council cannot confirm it. It must instead, refer the matter to the Secretary of State who will appoint an inspector from the planning inspectorate to consider the next stage – either to address the matter by an exchange of statements or by calling a public inquiry. To view the definitive map and statement of public rights of way for these footpaths, please visit our village website at: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/about-the-village/>

80/19 Co-option – to discuss applications from interested parties and resolve to co-opt

One resident has expressed an interest in joining the council. We hope to co-opt at the next meeting.

81/19 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Play Park (JS)** nothing to report.
- b. **Highways (GC)** the fly tipping on Biddlesden Road has been reported and will be actioned by AVDC.
- c. **Utilities (GC)** Lights have now been replaced (phase one of the programme). Three lights that are currently out will be actioned within the next week (two on Mill Lane and one on Biddlesden Road). Cllr GC will apply to Weston Power for a new certificate, showing reduced energy so that we start to see savings. **Action: GC**
- d. **WVHA & WCS (VW)** CK advised that there are two big events coming up next month. On Friday 12th July Brackley Wind Ensemble have a programme of lively music to suit all ages and tastes. This is a free event and Westbury Café will be offering a pre-order service for a hot meal (including vegetarian option) at £5.00 per head and the bar will have a range of drinks including real ale.
On Friday 26th July, Westival kicks off with an evening of live pop and rock music at the hall, including a BBQ and drinks. On Saturday 27th from midday will be the main Westival event.
Cllr CY reported that the cricket club have been very pleased with Hellen's (Shop/Cafe Manager) cricket teas and have asked for them to continue throughout the season.
WVHA and the parish council have started planning for VE DAY 2020 on 8th May.
- e. **Neighbourhood plan (CY)** We have submitted an application to AVDC to designate the parish as a neighbourhood area with a view to developing a neighbourhood plan. AVDC is now undertaking a six week

consultation, seeking views of people who live or work in the area. For more information on this, please visit our village website: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/westbury-parish-council/>

A meeting has been held with Neil Homer of O'Neil Homers (a professional consulting team) who has successfully assisted 18 towns and villages in the Aylesbury Vale area with their plans. He will put a proposal together and we will apply for funding through HS2 and a locality grant to enable us to use these services.

Action: CY

f. Footpaths (VW) please see item 79/19.

g. Hs2 (JS) A meeting has taken place between HS2's land agents (Carter Jonas), parish councillors, members of Westbury Cricket Club and Ian Towner (WVHA Chairman) to discuss the notice of temporary possession for the playing field.

h. Action plan (CK) No new updates.

82/19 Correspondence received

A resident has been in touch to advise that she won't be treating the grass verge to the front of her property on Main Street this year against an invasive plant, due to ill health.

83/19 Councillor questions

- Cllr MW has started a tree survey. He advised we have six with tree preservation orders on them.
- Councillors asked if the meeting date in July could be changed due to holidays. It was therefore agreed that the next meeting would be held a week earlier on 3rd July.

84/19 Items for the September Link

Meeting dates

Streetlight update

New sound absorbing panels

VE Day 75

New look for Treebank

Mixbury bridleway No. 33 Modification Order 2019

Neighbourhood Plan

Keeping in touch

85/19 Public Participation session

No comments received.

86/19 Close

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall.