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## Minutes of the extra-ordinary virtual meeting of Westbury Parish Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 3.45 pm (after the annual parish meeting)

Present: Cllr James Stone (JS), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cllr Cath Young (CY), Cllr Katy Wintour (KW), Cllr Lindsay Webster (LW) and Cathy Knott (Clerk)

### Questions/comments from the public

No public present

**46/20 To receive apologies for absence**  
**Apologies accepted from** Cllr Vicky Webb (VW).

**47/20 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** The minutes were approved and signed (virtually).

**48/20 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**  
37/20 - Cllr CY has looked into 3-2-1 calming measures and other traffic calming measures and will start the process of applying to the HS2 Road Safety Fund for Buckinghamshire. **Action: CY**  
39/20 – Cllr VW will draft a letter of complaint to Oxfordshire County Council after seeking advice from Sue Rumfitt. **Action: VW**

**49/20 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda**  
None received.

**50/20 Finance:**  
a. Financial statement  
b. To note payments received  
c. To consider invoices to be paid

<b>BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>£</b>		
Current	495.96		
Business	18,229.22		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,725.18</b>		
<b>Invoices paid since the last meeting</b>			<b>VAT £</b>
C. Knott (March salary)	520.00		0
The Play Inspection Co (playpark inspection)	81.00		13.50
O'Neil Homer (from NP grant)	1,650.00		275.00
Carve (from NP grant for mapping)	522.00		87.00
Groundwork UK (NP unspent grant paid back)	4,550.17		0
<b>Income received since the last meeting</b>			
AVDC (VE Day grant)	100.00		
Interest	0.89		
<b>Invoices approved</b>			
C.Knott (April salary)	546.00		0
C.Knott (April expenses)	48.37		12.40
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service)	64.50		0
SLCC (membership fee)	80.50		0
Community Action Suffolk (insurance annual fee)	1418.79		0
Handelsbanken (Spratt Endicott legal fees)	70.00		0
BALC & NALC membership fee	95.40		0

## 51/20 To receive planning updates and recommendations

Application	Address	Details	AVDC Update
19/02652/APP 19/02653/APP & 19/02654/APP	Mill Farm Mill Lane Westbury	Erection of straw, hay and fodder barn. Extension to cattle barn x 2	Parish Council: No objection. <b>AVDC: awaiting decision</b>
20/00055/APP	Manor Farm House, Main Street, Westbury	Demolish existing two garages and erect building to accommodate 2 garage bays, workshop and ancillary accommodation to include boot room, home office and home gym	Parish Council: No objection <b>AVDC: awaiting decision</b>
20/00496/APP	Land Off Biddlesden Road Westbury	Erection of 7 dwellings and associated works	Parish Council: objection <b>AVDC: awaiting decision</b>

## 52/20 To update councillors on Covid-19 support to Westbury parishioners

The clerk advised that the village email circulated towards the beginning of the crisis generated over 30 volunteers and we now have street volunteers supporting villagers with shopping, dog walking, etc along with a prescription service for villagers who use any of the Brackley surgeries.

Westbury Community Shop has been an amazing asset to the village providing essentials to people near and far and has also seen a huge rise in volunteers. Jo and her team are working tirelessly and we thank them for making our lives a little bit easier.

Food parcels for the vulnerable (from SOFEA Community Larder based in MK, organised by Brackley Town Council) are being delivered to nine of our parishioners every week.

Regular village emails & Facebook posts are going out to keep everyone updated with the latest information.

Because the Link has been put on hold, Sue Lucas on behalf of the Church and the village has put together a newsletter (printed by Beachborough) which goes out to everyone in the village. This helps those who don't have access to a computer.

Landowners in Westbury (Beachborough and the Owens) are kindly allowing villagers to use the footpaths during this time.

We are listed on the Buckinghamshire Council website as a voluntary support group:

<https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/services?utf8=%E2%9C%93&postcode=nn13+5jt&commit=See+results>

Ian Towner, chairman of WVHA has said that because the village hall is a great asset if Buckinghamshire Council need somewhere remote(ish) to hold meetings/training/clinics during this time, it will be made available.

*Thank you so much to all those who are volunteering, looking out for their neighbours and generally helping where they can – it's greatly appreciated.*

## 53/20 Correspondence received

- Email from Mr & Mrs Owen permitting residents to walk from the small bridge along the south side of the river as far as the large bridge and from there directly across their field to the old rail line.
- Emails from Ian Read and George Coles asking residents to keep to footpaths, keep dogs on leads and to clear up after them.
- Email from Cheryl Snudden, HS2 Community Engagement Officer advising that she is leaving HS2.
- Email from Buckinghamshire Council announcing a delay in the progress of VALP.
- Buckinghamshire Council is now live. Their website is <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>
- Fusion – notice to carry out surveys and investigations on parish council land.
- HS2 notice to proceed.

## 54/20 Councillor questions

Cllr LW asked about VE Day celebrations during lockdown. Chairman JS advised that WVHA would be putting something on after the lockdown but that we would look to see what we could do on the actual day to celebrate as a village whilst social distancing. It is hoped that Westival will still be able to go ahead as planned on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

## 55/20 Close

The virtual meeting closed at 4.20 pm.

**The next virtual meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 pm. If you would like an invitation to join the meeting, please contact the clerk on [westburyclerk@aol.com](mailto:westburyclerk@aol.com)**

**Signed: James Stone**

**Dated: 13.05.2020**