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Minutes of the meeting of Westbury Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at Westbury Village Hall

Present: Cllr James Stone (JS), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cllr Cath Young (CY), Cllr Katy Wintour (KW) and Cathy Knott, clerk (CK)

120/20 Questions or comments from the public

No public present.

121/20 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Vicky Webb (VW) and Cllr Lindsay Webster (LW).
The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

122/20 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 9th September 2020. The minutes were approved and signed.

123/20 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

97/20 OPUS complaint – JS & GC will meet before the next meeting to submit.

Action: JS/GC

Cllr GC has looked at the streetlights on the A422 and advised that one of them is faulty. He will contact Balfour Beatty to discuss replacement options.

114/20h – Horizon Treecare has carried out a tree survey in the village on the 27 trees the parish council is responsible for. It has been found that all are in fair to good health with only some minor pruning and ivy removal to be actioned. All other matters have been dealt with.

124/20 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

125/20 Finance:

a. Financial statement

Current account: £3,975.00

Business account: £20,714.53

b. To note payments received since the last meeting

Interest	0.16
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Precept (second half)	9,240.50
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c. To consider invoices to be paid £

C. Knott (clerk salary & HMRC tax)	541.51
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HMRC	4.80
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C. Knott (website expenses)	44.13
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S. Rodwell (mowing)	146.77
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OPUS (Aug streetlight electricity) direct debit	78.20 (3.91 VAT)
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OPUS (Sept streetlight electricity) direct debit	83.27 (4.16 VAT)
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d. To discuss the budget and precept for 2021.22

Chairman JS asked councillors to think about areas falling under their control and to let him have costs for the next financial year so that he can begin the process. He, cllr GC and the clerk will meet before the next meeting to discuss in order that we can debate and agree some figures and a draft budget at Novembers' meeting. **Action: JS/GC/CK**

126/20 To receive planning updates and recommendations

Application 20/00496/APP: Land Off Biddlesden Road Westbury. Erection of 7 dwellings and associated works.

Parish council decision: objection. AVDC decision: awaiting decision

Appeal notification: 20/00030/REF: Field Barn Farm, Fulwell Road, Westbury. Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and considerations for the conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellings - **AVDC decision: Appeal dismissed.**

Application 20/03051/APP;

Manor Farm House Main Street, Westbury. Proposed single storey rear part end extension with associated internal and external works.

Parish council decision: no objection. AVDC decision: awaiting decision

127/20 To make arrangements for the clerk's annual appraisal and a budget meeting

It was agreed to meet before the next meeting.

Action: JS/GC/CK

128/20 To provide report on our virtual meeting with HS2 Fusion and EKFB on 06.10.20

The clerk circulated notes and information from the meeting to councillors prior to the meeting. The planting programme and boundary fencing works will commence in the next couple of weeks with minimal disruption to villagers. Information was obtained about the two compounds on the A422 (detailed in the notice of early works from Finmere to Greatworth that can be viewed at: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/full-steam-ahead-on-hs2/>). Vehicle movements were discussed but it was agreed to go back to EKFB to ask for more information on this. **Action: CK**

129/20 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Play Park** – KW advised that the park is still being very well used but there is quite a lot of litter being left around the park.
- b. **Highways** – TFB has confirmed that the divot causing a noise nuisance on Biddlesden Road will be actioned within the next two weeks. TFB believes the drains on Main Street may have collapsed so they are looking into closing the road to investigate. Cllr GC has also chased all other outstanding issues including repainting the 'give way' white lines and replacing the school sign.
- c. **Utilities** – GC has requested the latest certificate from Western Power for unmetered supply which will take our electricity costs down with OPUS.
- d. **WVHA & WCS** – JS advised there has been a drive to get more members to join the village hall association and they will all be meeting in the next couple of weeks. WSC continue to do well and the marquee has been set up to provide shelter. HS2 will be hiring the hall on Tuesday mornings for the next six months.
- e. **Neighbourhood plan** – on hold until April 2021.
- f. **Footpaths** – nothing to report.
- g. **Hs2** – see item 128/20.
- h. **Action plan** – nothing to report.

130/20 Correspondence received

- Buckinghamshire Council updates – circulated via village email.
- Beachborough School emails regarding village children riding bikes on site -this has been resolved. Parents driving and parking in the village – the school has asked parents to be mindful and respectful and to show consideration to residents of the village. If you have a comment or complaint please direct them to the Bursar: Bursar@beachborough.com
- Dog fouling on public footpaths – village email circulated and more signs will be erected. The clerk advised that she had recently picked up a pile of poo left in front of the war memorial which is totally disrespectful. Buckinghamshire Council's Dog Warden continues to carry out 'spot checks' in the village and will prosecute offenders.

131/20 Councillor questions

We will be having a Christmas tree at the village hall again this year (thankyou to Derek Crane the previous chairman) and it is hoped to have a 'Switch on' on Friday 4th December.

132/20 Items for the Link

Details of the next meeting, dog fouling plea, HS2 update, Fix-my-street details and keeping in touch information.

133/20 Public Participation session (*Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of 10 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the chairman of the meeting*)

No public present.

134/20 Close

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The next meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 8.00 pm.

Signed: James Stone

Dated: 25.11.2020