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Minutes of the virtual meeting of Westbury Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Chairman James Stone (JS), Cllr Vicky Webb (VW), Cllr Cath Young (CY), Cllr Katy Wintour (KW), Cllr Lindsay Webster (LW), Cathy Knott, clerk (CK) and County Councillor Patrick Fealey (for item 35/21)

35/21 Questions or comments from the public

County Councillor Fealey advised that Transport for Bucks (TfB) would be resurfacing the A422 Brackley/Buckingham Road overnight to minimise disruption. This will take place towards the end of the March/beginning of April. The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) is reaching its latest phase, as further hearing sessions have been scheduled for mid-April. The sessions follow the completion of a public consultation, which ran from December to early February on the Further Main Modifications to the plan. More information is available on [the VALP pages of the council website](#).

HS2 works are picking up a pace. Buckinghamshire Council is heavily involved with three main sections of the works; section 17 planning, section 61 pollution and section 4 highways. There is also a lot of work around East West Rail. Cllr Fealey will forward all relevant information to the clerk.

Elections will take place on 6th May for Buckinghamshire Council, town and parish councils and Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley.

36/21 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies accepted from vice-chairman Graeme Cook (GC) and County Councillor Charlie Clare. The chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

37/21 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 10th February 2021.

The minutes were approved and virtually signed.

38/21 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

97/20 OPUS complaint – JS & GC have been unable to meet but will aim to get together asap. **Action: JS/GC**

24/21 the leylandii hedge behind the village hall has been trimmed back by the developer of the new houses.

31/21 Buckinghamshire Council will not be naming the 'new' road off Brackley Road.

39/21 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

40/21 Finance:

a. Financial statement

Current account: £ 4,593.06

Business account: £12,715.34

b. To note payments received since the last meeting £

Interest	0.10
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c. To consider invoices to be paid (as at 03.02.21)

C. Knott (clerk salary & HMRC tax)	546.31
OPUS (streetlight electricity January – direct debit)	113.10 (VAT 5.66)
OPUS (streetlight electricity February – direct debit)	97.98 (VAT £4.90)

41/21 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

Application 20/04002/APP: SugaRich, Biddlesden Road, Westbury; variation of Condition 2 on application 17/03745/APP - It is necessary to reposition the lagoon to allow space to incorporate a reed bed to clean the water before it is discharged into the adjacent water course.

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

Application 20/04393/APP Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Westbury. Proposed erection of two dwellings.
Parish council decision: no objection with note requesting a footpath through the farm.
AVDC decision: APPROVED.

Our comments were noted but because the red edge of the application site does not include the footpath, it cannot be considered in connection with this application.

42/21 To discuss arrangements for the annual parish meeting on 21st April

It was resolved to have a brief virtual meeting this year followed by an extraordinary meeting of the council to deal with normal council matters. The clerk will contact organisations/groups asking for a written report which can be collated to form a booklet to be circulated to parishioners.

43/21 To provide information on the election process and nominate a councillor to deliver the forms to Aylesbury

The clerk delivered papers to each individual and went through the process. It was resolved that cllr VW will deliver all papers in person to the returning officer at the Gateway, Aylesbury between 22nd March and 4pm on 8th April.

Action: VW

44/21 To receive an update on HS2/S106 funded projects

The permanent gazebo structure (from Open Space Concepts) is due to leave Italy on 30th March. Work is estimated to commence at the village hall mid/end April.

The chairman will request up-to-date quotes for tarmacking works to the back/side of the village hall, lighting and marking out the basketball area to the side of the village hall.

Action: JS/CK

45/21 To agree on a location for the new notice board showing the historical walk information

It was resolved that the notice board should be located on the corner of the playing field adjacent to the carpark near to the tree and bin. Cllr CY will advise Westbury Cricket Club and the clerk will contact the football clubs to make them aware. The chairman and cllr VW will decide which direction it should stand.

Action: CK/VW/JS

46/21 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Play Park** – KW reported that we have received the annual inspection report from the Play Inspection Company. The majority of risks are low or very low. It was agreed to treat the algae/moss asap and replace the timber around the swings. KW will monitor the risks going forward.
- b. **Highways** – GC has received a response from TfB regarding outstanding issues around the village, most of which should be actioned asap.
- c. **Utilities** – GC has chased Western Power again for our updated certificate.
- d. **WVHA & WCS** – JS has attended a virtual WVHA meeting and reported that the hall would soon be opening up again to various clubs. The association is hoping to organise events for the village over the summer months. Changes will need to be made regarding the space the community shop currently uses. Various internal upgrades have taken place including access, alarms and lighting. Parts of the hall still need to be painted.
- e. **Neighbourhood plan** – it was agreed to keep this on hold until the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has been agreed and published later this year.
- f. **Footpaths** – cllr VW is still waiting to hear back from Oxfordshire County Council regarding the Mixbury DMMO case. Some of the arrows (directing the historical walk) have been broken so VW will repair them.
- g. **Hs2** – LW issued a reminder of the A43 road closures– information is updated regularly on our website at: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/full-steam-ahead-on-hs2/>
- h. **Action plan** – no changes.

47/21 Correspondence received

- Buckinghamshire Council updates – circulated via village email.
- Flooding issues at Westworks Studio, Playing Field Road – the chairman gave a precis of the issues; where rain used to run off Playing Field Road into the farmyard, there is now a barrier (for the new housing development) and rain is running back into the county rewilds building. It also transpires that the access to the new pathway is encroaching on county rewilds land. Action has been taken by the owner who has been in contact with planners at Buckinghamshire Council to try and rectify these issues.
- HS2 Road Safety Fund open for applications – councillors agreed to submit an application for road calming measures on the A442 to include a pedestrian crossing and a vehicle activated sign.
- HS2 notice of work at the A43, site investigations and compound set up – circulated via village email and is available to view on the village website at: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/full-steam-ahead-on-hs2/>

- Buckingham Road closure notice – preparatory patching works are scheduled to begin during week commencing Monday 29th March and it is anticipated they will take up to 15 days to complete. No work will be carried out over the weekend. TfB have advised this work will take place overnight to minimise disruption.

48/21 Councillor questions

Cllr LW asked if we could organise an Easter trail (similar to the Christmas trail). The clerk will ask Westbury Charity Trustees if they would be willing to fund prizes. She will also circulate a village email to ask if residents would like to take part by displaying something relating to Easter on a trail around the village. **Action: CK/LW**

It was agreed we should apply to the Community Boards for funding for the climbing wall/other activities in the summer holidays.

Cllr VW advised that the first warm, wet day in March has triggered the migration of toads from the woods to the lakes on Fulwell Road. Please therefore be careful especially around dusk when they'll be making their way over the road.

49/21 Items for the April Link

Details of the next meeting, Easter trail, sheep worrying, dog fouling, HS2 updates, election information, fix-my-street details and keeping in touch information.

50/21 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.

51/21 Close

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The annual parish meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 8.00 pm followed by a brief extraordinary meeting.

If you would like to attend, please notify the clerk prior to the meeting.

Signed: James Stone

Dated: 21.04.2021