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Minutes of the virtual extraordinary meeting of Westbury Parish Council held after the annual parish meeting at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 21st April 2021 via Zoom

Present: Chairman James Stone (JS), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cllr Vicky Webb (VW), Cllr Cath Young (CY), Cllr Katy Wintour (KW), Cllr Lindsay Webster (LW), and Cathy Knott, clerk (CK)

52/21 Questions or comments from the public

none present.

53/21 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

All present. The chairman thanked everyone for attending. He explained that because of the period of national mourning due to the death of HRH Prince Philip, any decisions made at this meeting are at technical risk of challenge on the grounds of procedural irregularity. Therefore, all decisions made at this meeting will form part of the May agenda 'to ratify all decisions made at the April meeting'.

54/21 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the virtual meeting of the parish council held on 10th March 2021. The minutes were approved and virtually signed.

55/21 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**

45/21 – it was agreed that the historical walk notice board should face the carpark with it's back to the field on the corner of the playing field.

48/21 – thank you to cllr LW for organising the Easter trail which was very popular with all 150 prizes collected.

56/21 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr GC for item 58/21, 60/21 and 63/21.

57/21 Finance:

a. Financial statement (different to agenda)

Current account: £ 1,750.34

Business account: £ 21,578.45

b. To note payments received since the last meeting £

Bank interest	0.11
Buckinghamshire Council (first half of precept)	8863.00

c. To note payments made since the last meeting (agreed via email)

Community Action Suffolk (annual insurance premium)	1,446.28
Play Inspection Co (annual playpark inspection)	67.50 (VAT 13.50)
C. Knott (clerk salary)	561.83

Invoices approved:

HMRC (tax – clerks' salary)	3.60
C. Knott (expenses)	168.90 (VAT 18.79)
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service)	66.00
SLCC membership fee (shared with Evenley PC)	83.00
OPUS (streetlight electricity – direct debit)	99.45 (VAT 4.97)
ICO (data protection fee – direct debit)	35.00

58/21 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; Erection of an additional storage building for raw materials and relocation of the waste water lagoon 17/03745/APP (variation of conditions 2, 4 and 6 - reposition of lagoon).

Having declared an interest, cllr GC explained the need for the above application: due to a change in laws (with regards to the Environmental Agency), to be able to fulfil its commitment to upgrade the waste water system, SugaRich needs to move the lagoon further uphill and install a reedbed to treat the water rather than tanker off site which proves costly and is detriment to the environment.

Parish council decision: no objection AVDC decision: awaiting decision

59/21 Proposal to purchase an outdoor Tommy figure for the village and agree on a location

Councillors resolved to purchase an 'unknown' Tommy at the cost of £200, which stands at 4ft 10" to be located on Treebank, the green triangle at the junction of Main Street, Mill Lane and Fulwell Road. **Action: CK**

60/21 Proposal to purchase a larger bin for the park (or two) and decide whether to instruct Buckinghamshire Council to empty two bins weekly

As the park is so well used litter has become an issue, despite the consumption of food or drink being banned in the park during the pandemic.

Buckinghamshire Council has advised that a further bin would cost an extra £65.18 (ex VAT) to be emptied per annum; their only requirement is that the bins are no more than 90 litres; they currently don't provide a recycling service.

A quote received for a fun children's mushroom bin with ground fixing bolts is £262.95 (ex VAT) + extra for a concrete base (which cllr GC advised SugaRich could provide).

It was agreed to replace the existing bin with a mushroom bin and to ask Westbury Parish Hall Charity if they would fund it. We will then monitor the situation going forward. **Action: CK/KW**

61/21 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

Reports were received as part of the annual parish meeting. Please see the draft notes at:

<https://westburyvillage.co.uk/annual-parish-meetings/>

62/21 Correspondence received

- Buckinghamshire Council updates – circulated via village email.
- Oxford to Cambridge expressway cancelled - circulated via village email.
- HS2 updates - circulated via village email.
- Playpark bin – complaints received. The clerk has responded.
- Beachborough parking issues on Mill Lane – the clerk has asked them to contact the school direct.

63/21 Councillor questions

Cllr VW proposed that some verges in the village should be left to grow wild (meadow verges) to help with conservation and ecology and to encourage insects and wildlife. Councillors were in agreement; VW will make enquiries and circulate information for the next meeting. **Action: VW**

The clerk advised we can now adopt the general power of competence; she will circulate information. **Action: CK**

The chairman advised we need to remove the broken wobble board at the playpark ASAP. Cllr GC will ask SugaRich if they are able to help. **Action: GC**

64/21 Items for the May Link

Details of the next meeting, livestock and dogs, HS2 information, fix-my-street details and keeping in touch information.

65/21 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.

66/21 Close

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The annual meeting of the parish council will be held on Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall.

Signed: James Stone

Dated: 12.05.2021