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Minutes of the meeting of Westbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th February at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall

Present: Chairman James Stone (JS), cllr Graeme Cook (GC), cllr Cath Young (CY), cllr Katy Wintour (KW), cllr Richard Tredwell (RT), cllr Pierre Jeannes (PJ), Cathy Knott, clerk (CK) and Caroline Cornell, Buckinghamshire Council (for 15/22)

15/22 Questions or comments from the public including a report and update from Dave Butler, Engagement Manager at EKFB (Eiffage Kier Ferroviaal BAM JV) regarding HS2 works in the area

Dave introduced David Griffiths-Allen, EKFB head of engagement who has been involved with the project since it began in 2010.

Dave talked us through slides showing progress made to date at the North and South compounds on the A422 along with a look ahead to what we can expect during the next few months. Piling works are planned to start on 7th of March for the temporary bridge, the roundabout works are estimated to begin mid-March and the temporary bridge is estimated to be installed at the start of July. The slides can be viewed at: <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/full-steam-ahead-on-hs2/>. Issues around signage and lighting were noted which Dave will follow up.

The latest HS2 newsletter for this area can be viewed here: [HS2 Community newsletter, February 2022, Brackley and surrounding area - High Speed 2](#).

Buckinghamshire County Councillor Caroline Cornell advised the new gates at the entrance to the village are on their way and should be installed soon. She provided information on a business grant available and a new household recycling centre opening in Buckinghamshire. Details of recycling centres in Bucks can be found at: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/household-recycling-centres-opening-hours-and-locations/?print=true>

The clerk asked for an update on planning application 20/00496/APP as there is still no decision noted on the planning portal. Caroline will feedback information once obtained.

16/22 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies received and accepted from cllr Vicky Webb (VW). Patrick Fealey (County Councillor) also sent his apologies. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17/22 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 12th January 2022

The minutes were approved and signed.

18/22 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

All matters are on the agenda or have been dealt with.

19/22 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None.

20/22 Finance:

a. Financial statement

Current account: £5,319.86

Business account: £22,442.99

b. To note payments received since the last meeting £

none.

c. Invoices approved

C. Knott (salary and HMRC tax)	561.63
HMRC (tax)	3.80
C. Knott (expenses)	87.49 (VAT 2.50)
Kompan (part for zip wire)	45.00 (VAT 9.00)

d. To receive an update from the internal controls' councillor

Clr KW will check the following information: bank balances; as stated in the minutes, cash book entries to agree with the items noted in the minutes and the forecast planned spend remains within our precept budget limits.

21/22 To consider new planning applications (if there are any) and to receive an update on applications outstanding

New:

Application 22/00394/APP - Kilburn House, Fulwell Road, Westbury - Installation of 2 air conditioning units in side passage.

WPC: no objection/comment **Bucks Council: Awaiting decision**

Updates:

Application 20/04002/APP: SugaRich, Biddlesden Road, Westbury; Erection of an additional storage building for raw materials and relocation of the wastewater lagoon 17/03745/APP (variation of conditions 2, 4 and 6 - reposition of lagoon). **APPROVED**

No change to information

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

Application 21/02386/APP: Beachborough School, Mill Lane, Westbury. New temporary/portable classroom, 40ft storage container and 1.8m high willow fencing.

Application 17/02835/APP: Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Westbury. Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 17/02835/APP (erection of four dwellings) to allow drawing 1703-03E to be approved.

For information:

The clerk reported that she had received an email from the agent acting on behalf of the owner of The Wilds regarding application 21/03989/ACL. They will be submitting two applications to try and resolve the situation and has invited members from the parish council to visit the site.

Regarding application 21/04043/APP, the access footpath has been partly blocked due to it being on private land and not where it should be. The clerk has written to planners asking for the path to be relocated and will contact County Councillor Patrick Fealey to request his support with this. **Action: CK**

22/22 To provide an update on the HS2 community environment fund project

The third quote for tarmacking work has been received. The clerk will circulate to councillors and organise a Teams meeting to discuss before submitting to HS2. JS will request updated quotes for the MUGA area and floodlight.

Action: CK/JS

23/22 To discuss traffic/parking issues in the village

Several emails and messages have been received from residents complaining about traffic and parking associated with parents from Beachborough School. The parish council has been liaising with the estates co-ordinator over a traffic management plan and has received a letter from the school apologising for the issues and detailing what actions they will be taking to help improve matters. This will be circulated to parishioners. Because the school has limited control when a parent/visitor is not on school property, the school is encouraging concerned residents to contact PCSO Matt Sansom (matthew.sansom@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). The clerk will also arrange a meeting for councillors KT and CY to talk to PCSO Sansom. **Action: CK/CY/KW**

24/22 To discuss planting trees for the Queen's Jubilee including a request from a resident

A resident has asked if he can plant a wild cherry and crab apple sapling in the village as part of the "big climate fightback" campaign (through the Woodlands Trust). Unfortunately, clr VW wasn't in attendance so we will discuss this further out of council. **Action: VW**

25/22 To discuss the land ownership of two areas in the village

The clerk has received updated information from the Asset Management Team at Buckinghamshire Council highlighting adopted and unadopted roads in Mill Lane, which she circulated to councillors. This has raised more questions than it has answered so the next stage is to engage with Bloor Homes and Lodge Park. **Action: JS/CK**

26/22 To provide information on the Brackley Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS)

West Northamptonshire Council & PJA held a stakeholders' workshop in January on the Brackley Local Cycling and Walking Plan and have invited Westbury PC to engage in future meetings and correspondence. They are looking at

developing local cycling and walking networks; the next stage will be to finalise the routes to audit before a further stakeholder workshop will be arranged to talk through the audit findings and the proposals.

It was agreed to ask three residents who have shown an interest in this area, if they would like to be involved in future meetings.

Action: CK

27/22 To decide on a future electricity supplier

Following a letter from OPUS advising our fixed term ends on 12th March, cllr GC has been in contact to try and negotiate a better price than the 50p/kwh they have estimated. He has also contacted E.ON and Octopus but has yet to hear back. As of today, cllr GC has negotiated a 24-month fixed contract with OPUS for between 30p/kwh and 33p/kwh which would see a c. £370 annual rise. Councillors agreed he should accept this if is still at the same/ similar price when he signs up with them.

Action: GC

28/22 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Play Park** – R.S. Haynes has removed the fences to the sides of the swings and has taken out the broken wobble boards. The part to fix the zip wire fix will be delivered towards the end of the month.
- b. **Highways** – It was noted that the “Welcome to Westbury” sign on Biddlesden Road is wonky. The clerk will report it.
- c. **Utilities** – see item 27/22.
- d. **WVHA & WCSC updates** – children’s parties are proving very popular at the moment. WVHA is holding a meeting on 23rd February and has invited residents who would like to be involved in the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations to attend.
- e. **Neighbourhood plan** (on hold until the VALP is published).
- f. **Footpaths** – Mixbury Footpath Nos. 30, 31 and 32 Modification Order 2019 has been submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation following receipt by the Authority of objections/representations. A public enquiry will be held at Westbury Village Hall between 24th to 26th August.
- g. **HS2** – see item 15/22.
- h. **Action plan** – no new updates.

Action: CK

29/22 Correspondence received

- Buckinghamshire Council updates – circulated to parishioners via Mailchimp.
- HS2 updates - circulated to parishioners via Mailchimp.
- National Highway updates - circulated to parishioners via Mailchimp.
- OPUS notice of fixed term ending 12.03.22 – see item 27/22.
- Police & Crime January bulletin - circulated to parishioners via Mailchimp.
- Messages/emails regarding issues with traffic/parking – see 23/22.
- Resident emails concerning footpaths – followed up with EKFB.

30/22 Councillor questions

CY reported that she has registered Westbury with the new community speed watch programme. Once she has completed her training, she will invite volunteers to complete their online training. The locations need to be re-registered, approved and insurance checked, then we can go ahead with speed watching in the village. WPHC has approved a grant to help with purchasing our own equipment so we will be able to buy a handheld radar gun, signage and Hi-Viz clothing.

31/22 Items for the Link

- Details of the next meeting
- The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee ideas
- Speedwatch update
- Save the date – Mixbury footpath hearing 22-23rd August
- Sheep worrying
- HS2 updates
- Information on Fix my street & joining the village mailing list and Facebook group

32/22 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*)

None received.

33/22 Close

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Signed: James Stone Dated: 09.03.22