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Minutes of the meeting of Westbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th January at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall

Present: Chairman James Stone (JS), cllr Graeme Cook (GC), cllr Vicky Webb (VW), cllr Cath Young (CY), cllr Katy Wintour (KW), cllr Pierre Jeannes (PJ) and Cathy Knott, clerk (CK)

01/22 Questions or comments from the public

None present.

02/22 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

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

03/22 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 24th November 2021

The minutes were approved and signed.

04/22 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

168/21 - the gates at the entrance of the village and the missing sign to Fulwell Road on the A422 will be replaced by Bucks Council. All other actions are being dealt with or are on the agenda.

05/22 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr JP for item 08/22 – interest in quote from Oltco.

06/22 Finance:

a. Financial statement (different from agenda)

Current account: £2,956.48

Business account: £25,442.99

b. To note payments received since the last meeting £

Bank interest (Dec)	0.21
Bank interest (Jan)	0.22

c. To note invoices paid since the last meeting (approved out of council)

C. Knott (salary and HMRC tax)	561.63
HMRC (tax)	3.80
Buckinghamshire Council (dog waste service fee)	456.26 (VAT 91.25)
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service Oct-Dec)	67.50
Scribe (annual subscription for 2022)	288.00 (VAT 57.60)
OPUS (direct debit for streetlight electricity)	29.35 (VAT 1.47)

d. To approve invoices submitted

C. Knott (salary and HMRC tax)	565.43
BALC (new councillor training fee – Richard Tredwell)	38.00
OPUS (direct debit for streetlight electricity)	31.61 (VAT 1.58)

e. To approve the budget and precept for 2022/23

The chairman circulated figures prior to the meeting. He explained the tax base for 22/23 has increased by 12.47% from 207.04 to 219.51 which brings the tax base back in line with previous years after last year's 8.8% reduction. By keeping the Band D rate at 85.62, this will be the 5th year that we've managed to keep the same rate, enabling us to increase the budget by £1,067.63 for 2022/23 without the need to increase the precept. Councillors unanimously approved the budget and the precept was set at £18,794.00.

7/22 To consider new planning applications (if there are any) and to receive an update on applications outstanding

Updates:

Application 21/02700/APP: The Old School House, Main Street, Westbury. Single storey infill orangery, single storey side extension and internal alterations.

WPC: no objection. Bucks Council: Approved

Application 21/03989/ACL: The Wilds, Brackley Road, Westbury. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for existing use of erection of two building for use as annex, incidental to the main dwelling (The Wilds) and machinery shed both within established residential curtilage.

WPC: objection with comments. Bucks Council: Refused

Application 21/04011/APP: 30 Buckingham Road, Westbury. Householder application for single storey rear extension.

WPC: no objection. Bucks Council: Approved

No change to information on outstanding applications:

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

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).

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.

08/22 To provide an update on the HS2 community environment fund project

We have received two updated quotes for tarmacking work and we are waiting for the third.

Action: PJ

The chairman will chase updated quotes for the light and MUGA area.

Action: JS

09/22 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Play Park** – KW has chased Kompan to fix the steps up to the zip wire. It was agreed to remove the fences to the sides of the swings rather than replace them; we can revisit this if needed.
- b. **Highways** – a resident has asked if the Biddlesden Road repair (by the 40mph roundel) can be investigated as it is sinking again and causing a lot of noise when lorries drive over it – the clerk has contacted TFB who have raised a job to patch the cracked surface.
Work to replace 100 metres of underground piping along Main Street will be carried out over the Easter holidays.
- c. **Utilities** – nothing to report.
- d. **WVHA & WCSC updates** – The electricity is all working outside now with no issues. The association will need to look at electricity costs going forward due to a hike in prices due. A 'caretaking' committee is currently running the hall; a meeting will be organised asap. WCSC is open again after a short break over the Christmas period. The popular Friday Night takeaway service starts again this week.
- e. **Neighbourhood plan** (on hold until the VALP is published).
- f. **Footpaths** – VW has visited the homeowners of the footpath from the A422 to the Dust Houses to discuss accessibility issues and will follow this up with a letter. **Action: VW/CK**
Regarding the the Mixbury DMMO case (Oxfordshire CC), VW is waiting for new/amended claim forms to arrive and Kelly Parker has agreed to affirm affidavits for witness statements.
- g. **HS2** – notices are circulated as and when required. It was agreed to invite Dave Butcher from EKFB to the next meeting in February.
- h. **Action plan** – it was agreed not to add grasscrete to Treebank (the green triangle on Main Street) and to mark this project as complete. It was agreed to add 'plant a tree for the Jubilee' working towards section; Cllr VW suggested two (male & female) Black Poplars. The clerk will add this to the February agenda. **Action: VW**
It was agreed to add 'Investigate land ownership' to the working towards section; again, this will be discussed at the February meeting. **Action: CK**

10/22 Correspondence received

- Buckinghamshire Council updates – circulated regularly via Mailchimp.
- HS2 updates and information - circulated via Mailchimp.
- Police & Crime bulletin - circulated via Mailchimp.
- Update on our application to the HS2 Road Safety Fund (RSF) – our application has been identified as requiring further feasibility and initial design work before a decision can be made. We should hear by the end of January whether we have been successful and to confirm the next steps.
- Local Government Boundary Commission for England – have your say on a new political map for Buckinghamshire Council by taking part in a consultation at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/29857> – circulated via Mailchimp.
- The next Community Boards meeting will take place on 15th February at 6.30pm.
- HS2 letter requesting a need to undertake surveys on our land – it was agreed to raise this with Dave Butcher (EKFB) at the next meeting if he is able to attend.

11/22 Councillor questions

The footpath between Westbury and Turweston is in some parts a mud bath and difficult to follow. Cllr CY will contact Dave Butcher (EKFB) to ask if anything can be done to help with access.

Beachborough traffic and car parking is substantially worse than ever. The clerk will chase the Estates Co-ordinator for the outcome of their traffic management plan which we can discuss at the next meeting. **Action: CK**

12/22 Items for the Link

- Details of the next meeting
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee ideas
- Main Street drains update
- Café Society information
- Speedwatch update
- HS2 updates
- Information on Fix my street & joining the village mailing list and Facebook group

13/22 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.

14/22 Close

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 8.00 pm at Westbury Village Hall.

Agendas and minutes can be found on the village website at: www.westburyvillage.co.uk

Signed: James Stone Dated: 9th February 2022