

WESTMESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7:30 pm at Westmeston Parish Hall

Present

Councillors: Rob Mills (Chairman), Cathy Mills (Vice-Chairman), Kendal Golding, Tessa Haughton and Vincent Tickner.

Officer: Nick Wiltshire, Clerk to the Council.

Public: None.

60. Apologies for Absence – Apologies had been received, and with the reasons outlined, were accepted from Cllrs Mark Clark and Clare Farrands.

61. To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th November 2019 (previously circulated)

Resolved – That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th November 2019 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

62. Declarations of Interest: None.

63. Public Forum & Questions: None.

64. Financial Matters:

(a) Cllr Cathy Mills reported on an internal audit following an inspection of the financial records.

(b) The bank reconciliation for the period 1st April to 31st October 2019 (attached) was received and approved.

Resolved – That the bank reconciliation for the period 1st April to 31st October 2019 (attached) be accepted.

(c) To agree payment of invoices.

Payment of the following invoices was approved:

NS Wiltshire – Clerk's Salary 9 weeks as per invoice: £585.00 Cheque no. 000150.

– Clerk's Travel expenses as per invoice: £19.80 Cheque no. 000151.

Calico UK – Annual fees re. anti-spam filtering & domain name: £67.20 Cheque no. 000152.

Spanglefish Plexus Media Limited – Annual website fee: £29.95 Cheque no. 000153.

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Westmeston Parish Hall Trust – Hall hire & storage costs: £175.00 Cheque no. 000154.

Lewes District Council – Election expenses: £118.25 Cheque no. 000155.

- (d) Some discussion took place regarding the draft budget for 2020/21 (copy previously circulated) including the Precept for 2020/21. Cllr Cathy Mills proposed that it be agreed, seconded by Cllr Tessa Haughton and it was approved unanimously.

Resolved – That the draft budget for 2020/21 (copy previously circulated) and the Clerk to be authorised to inform Lewes District Council of the Precept for 2020/21 be agreed.

- (e) It was suggested that approval be given for a contingency sum of £1,200 for the urgent purchase of IT equipment. Cllr Cathy Mills proposed that it be agreed, seconded by Cllr Kendal Golding and it was approved unanimously.

Resolved – That approval for the purchase of IT equipment up to £1,200 be agreed.

65. Beacon Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plan Implementation: The three parishes have been working together without formality.

66. Beacon Parishes Traffic Group. Cllr Rob Mills (Chairman) reported that the Group was taking one step at a time in its efforts. There was a concern of an increase in the numbers of HGVs using Ditchling High Street. Having improved signage would be ideal.

67. Spatham Lane Speed Limit: Cllr Rob Mills (Chairman) reported that a quiz was being held on 21st February at Mid Sussex Golf Club to raise some funds.

68. Planning Matters:

- 1. Ivinghoe Spatham Lane Westmeston BN6 8XH ([SDNP/19/05453/FUL](#))** - Replacement building incorporating holiday cottage, car port, stables and storage. To note Members' response of No objection.
- 2. Cripps Cottage Lewes Road Westmeston BN6 8RH ([SDNP/19/05884/HOUS](#))** - Erection of entrance porch and adaption of existing dormer window. To note Joint Planning Leads' response of No objection.
- 3. Land West of The Drove Ditchling East Sussex ([SDNP/19/05295/FUL](#))** - Erection of a dwelling. To note Joint Planning Leads' response of Objection, in line with previous objections, based on policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved – That these responses be noted.

- 4. Land On The East Side of Lewes Road, Lewes Road, Westmeston ([SDNP/19/04853/FUL](#))** - Change of use of land to permit the keeping of horses and

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erection of stable block with improved access to the Lewes Road. It was requested that the status of this application be checked and reported. **Action: Clerk**

69. Church Corner: Cllr Cathy Mills (Vice-Chairman) reported another successful litter-pick. Special praise was given to Cllr Tessa Haughton who takes on the dubious pleasure of litter-picking at Church Corner each month.

70. Items for information only: West Wood – Cllr Vincent Tickner will do a more detailed inspection regarding activities taking place there.

71. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

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