

WESTMESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 6.30 pm at Westmeston Parish Hall

Present: Councillors Rob Mills (Chairman), Cathy Mills (Vice-Chairman), Mark Clark, Tessa Haughton, Vincent Tickner
Paul Vidler, Clerk
No members of the public were present.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors Dudeney and Farrands.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None.
- 3. Public questions:** None.
- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th November 2021:**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the previous meeting on 9th November 2021 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Financial matters:

- (a) **RESOLVED:** Payment of the following invoices:

Payee	Reason	Amount
Westmeston Jubilee Pathway Trust	Grant	£350.00
Monday Group	Grant	£250.00
Springett & Campion Educational Charity	Grant	£200.00
Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston PCC	Grant	£350.00
Cathy Mills	Reimbursement for website anti-spam filtering	£43.20
East Sussex ALC Limited	Training – Cllr Dudeney	£48.00
Paul Vidler	Clerk's expenses October to December 2021	£33.15
Westmeston Parish Hall Trust	Hire for meetings	£125.00
Westmeston Parish Hall Trust	Hire of storage space	£25.00
Cathy Mills	Reimbursement for website domain name	£24.00

- (b) **NOTED:** The Quarter 3 Budget Report and Bank Conciliation.

6. Planning

- (a) **Development opposite Westmeston Place, east of Lewes Road and Blackdog Farm east of Lewes Road:**

NOTED: The Clerk reported the Lewes DC planning enforcement officer has undertaken site visits in connection with the building under construction and keeping of horses opposite Westmeston Place and a residential caravan at Blackdog Farm. Further comments are awaited which will be reported at a future meeting.

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(b) **To agree a response to the following applications for planning permission:**

SDNP/21/05797/HOUS & SDNP/21/05798/LIS Spatham Farm Cottage, Spatham Lane

Creation of below ground swimming pool with stone terrace.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:

No comment regarding the principles or design of this application. But in the light of the site access being to and from a fast, and increasingly busy lane, the Council considers that this aspect of the Site and Traffic Management Plan be given particular attention.

For example, if space on the site permits a proper turning circle must be created and signed. In the absence of a proper turning circle, any reversing into and from the lane should only be permitted with the use of a banksman.

Likewise, appropriate attention should be given to the routing of all traffic accessing the site.

LW/21/0881 Kidds Acre, Kidds Acre Farm, Hundred Acre Lane

Single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:

Westmeston Parish Council has no comment on this application.

LW/21/0821 The Gallops, Middleton Common Lane

Installation of solar PV array and battery system in garden.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:

Westmeston Parish Council has no comment on this application.

SDNP/21/05945/HOUS Westmeston Farm, The Street

Extend existing garage to create secure machinery store. Convert existing roof void to create dressing room and ensuite bathroom. New ground floor extension with accommodation in new roof void.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:

Westmeston Parish Council has no comment on the proposed extension and alterations to the existing house. The Parish Council has no comment on the extension to the existing garage but would have concerns if the building was converted to residential use in the future.

(c) **Inter Parish Working Group on Housing/Eton College Site/Lewes District Council Local Plan:**

NOTED: Members noted the letter from 11 parish councils in Lewes District, including Westmeston, to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities about housing development in the district and the decisions last month by Lewes DC Planning Committee to refuse planning permission for major housing developments at Rangers Farm, Ringmer and Nolands Farm, Plumpton.

7. Spatham Lane speed limit:

The Chairman reported that arrangements were being put in place with East Sussex County Council and Ditchling Parish Council for the funding, legal approvals and implementation of the scheme following the agreement of £17,500 by ESCC in October 2021. It is proposed the works will be implemented by October 2022.

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NOTED: Members noted the arrangements and implementation date and expressed their thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for their efforts in pursuing the scheme and funding.

8. Notice board replacement – Church Corner:

Following the resolution at the meeting on 5th October 2021 to gift to the village a replacement community notice board, members discussed further options for costs and materials.

RESOLVED: Members resolved for details and costings for the replacement notice board to be brought back to a future meeting.

9. Any other information for noting:

Closure of Underhill Lane on Sunday 26th June 2022 for Brighton Trail Marathon:

NOTED: Members noted the closure of Underhill Lane on this date.

Jubilee Pathway:

NOTED: Members noted the award of £15,000 to the Westmeston Jubilee Path Trust from the South Downs National Park Authority for the extension of the Jubilee Path along Spatham Lane and expressed their thanks to the Chairman for his efforts in pursuing the funding.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press were excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

10. Staff Matter:

Members considered a claim for additional salary and holiday pay from the former Clerk.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to make a payment to the former Clerk of £372.90 as full and final settlement of the claim.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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