

Westmeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 6.30 pm at Westmeston Parish Hall

Present: Councillors Rob Mills (Chairman), Cathy Mills (Vice-Chairman), Mark Clark, Joyce Dudeney, Clare Farrands and Vincent Tickner
Paul Vidler, Clerk
No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillor Tessa Haughton.

2. **Declarations of interest:** None.

3. **Financial matters:**

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

Payee	Reason	Amount
East Sussex County Council	50% costs of the Community Match 40mph Spatham Lane scheme	£16,320.00 (inc VAT)
Cathy Mills	Reimbursement for additional email storage	£24.00
Westmeston Parish Hall Trust	Hire of room for meeting 29 th March 2023	£5.00

(b) **Issuing of invoice:** The invoice for 50% costs of the Community Match 40mph Spatham Lane scheme has been issued to Westmeston PC. Half of these costs are to be paid by Ditchling PC.

RESOLVED: Members resolved to pay the full amount of £16,320 (inc VAT), reclaim the VAT and invoice Ditchling Parish Council for £6,800 (exc VAT).

4. **Planning:**

To agree responses to the following planning applications:

(a) **LW/23/0108 1 Blackbrook Farm Cottages Spatham Lane**

Single storey rear extension with tiled link roof, alterations to rear outbuilding and fenestration alterations.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:
Westmeston Parish Council makes no comment on this application.

(b) **SDNP/23/01168/CND Spatham Farm Cottage, Spatham Lane**

Variation of Condition 1 (Sole Occupation) related to Planning Approval LW/07/1182 to change the use of accommodation from "grooms accommodation" to ancillary residential accommodation.

Members noted the Parish Council had objected to the original application in 2007. Concerns were raised about the future occupation of the current grooms accommodation as a separate residential unit should the application be approved.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:
Westmeston Parish Council raises concerns that at some later stage the ancillary residential accommodation becomes severed from the main house and used for purposes not ancillary to it. It is requested that Condition 1 is worded to explicitly prevent any separation and occupation as a separate unit of residential accommodation.

5. **Date of next meeting:** 16th May 2023 at 6.30pm.
Meeting closed at 6.54pm.