

Westmeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 6.30 pm at Westmeston Parish Hall

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None.
- 3. Election of Vice-Chairman:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 4. Public questions:** None.
- 5. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 14th November 2023:**

Councillor Haughton confirmed that she had attended the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the previous meeting on 14th November 2023, with the inclusion of Councillor Haughton as an attendee, were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

6. Financial matters:

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
East Sussex ALC	Chairman Training	£48.00
Cathy Mills	Reimbursement for email anti-spam filtering	£43.20
Cathy Mills	Reimbursement for website hosting	£107.05
Westmeston Parish Hall Trust	Hire for meetings	£125.00
Westmeston Parish Hall Trust	Hire of storage space	£25.00

7. Planning:

- (a) Land opposite Westmeston Place, east of Lewes Road and Blackdog Farm east of Lewes Road:** To receive updates.

NOTED: Members noted the SDNPA planning register indicated the appeal on land opposite Westmeston Place was dismissed, but the inspector's decision was unavailable. There was no further update on Blackdog Farm.

(b) Submitted responses to the following applications:

NOTED: Members noted the responses made on the following applications since the previous meeting:

- (i) SDNP/23/04420/HOUS & SDNP/23/04421/LIS Spatham Farm Cottage, Spatham Lane**
Conversion of Stables to Golf Simulation Suite.

Westmeston Parish Council makes no comment on this application.

- (ii) SDNP/23/04422/FUL & SDNP/23/04423/LIS Spatham Farm Cottage, Spatham Lane**
New Padel Court with Legacy Planting Plan: to include Orchard and Replacement.

Westmeston Parish Council makes no comment on this application.

- (iii) SDNP/23/04774/FUL Westmeston Parish Hall, Lewes Road**

Installation of 12no 435-watt solar panels to roof and tesla Powerwall battery to outside of South Elevation, with associated wiring works.

Westmeston Parish Council makes no comment on this application.

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

NOTED: Councillors Farrands and Tickner had attended workshops and consultation events on the Lewes District Council Local Plan and South Downs Local Plan. Consultation is also being undertaken on the East Sussex Transport Plan. Members considered that at the present stage of plan preparation, whilst it is unlikely there would be significant new development in the parish, there could be significant impact on the parish from development in the wider locality, including traffic generation and pressure on infrastructure, such as water supplies, power supplies and community facilities. Councillor Tickner will draft comments on the Lewes District Council Local Plan for circulation to members by 20th January, to enable a response to be submitted by the consultation expiry on 8th February 2024.

8. Ditchling Parish Council Traffic Committee:

NOTED: The Chairman was unable to attend the last Traffic Committee meeting on 12th December 2023. The draft minutes are awaited.

9. B2116 Lewes Road potential extended 40mph speed limit:

NOTED: Progress will be reported at the next meeting.

10. Immediate Justice Grant Funding for Providers:

NOTED: Members noted this initiative had been raised at a meeting with the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner attended by the Chairman.

11. Any other information for noting: None.

12. Date of next meeting: 12th March 2024 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.