

**P A R I S H O F W E S T O N I N G**

**MINUTES of the Meeting of**

**Westoning Parish Council**

**held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7.30pm**

**In the Village Hall, Westoning**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Rayment (Chairman), R Botterell, P Ellis, P Kelly, E Leftly,

C Luff, B Rogerson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 1 member of the public was present

Agenda published on the noticeboard and on the website

**7517 Apologies for absence** – Cllr J Nethersole, Cllr E Bhasin

**7518 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 were amended and approved. Cllr Luff proposed, seconded by Cllr Kelly the approval of the minutes as a true record. All agreed by those present and the minutes signed by the Chairman.

**7519 Declaration of interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**7520 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**7521 Chairman’s actions**

The Chairman said that he met with Anesco regarding the Solar Farm during the last month and has arranged a meeting with Countryside Properties regarding the site on land east of Flitwick Road and the application for 148 new homes.

**7522 Reports and representations**

7522.1 Central Beds Councillor J Jamieson

CBC Cllr Jamieson was not present.

**7523 Public Participation**

Cllr Kelly said that the Chequers have set up a library and they are happy to deliver books to residents if need be. Donations of books are welcome.

**7524 Finance**

7524.1 Bank balances and finance report:

The Clerk supplied a finance report prior to the meeting.

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|  | **£** |
| TSB Community Account | 51,511.63 |
| TSB Instant Access Account | 66,518.33 |
| **TOTAL** | 118,029.96 |

7524.2 Cllr Rogerson proposed, seconded by Cllr Botterell the approval of the following payments, agreed by all present. The cheque for Idverde for the playing field maintenance was signed and the Chairman agreed to check with the football club when the Parish Council will be reimbursed if this is paid. (**Action Chairman**)

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| **Cheque Number** | **Payee** | **£** |
| 000503 | Clerk – salary | 492.93 |
| 000503 | Clerk – expenses | 38.61 |
| 000504 | HMRC – Clerk tax | 2.40 |
| 000505 | Parish Warden – village tidying | 275.00 |
| 000506 | D J Granger – inv 022021 – village, playing field | 604.54 |
| 000506 | D J Granger – inv 022006 – playing field | 189.60 |
| 000506 | D J Granger – inv 021966 – village, playing field | 604.54 |
| 000506 | D J Granger – inv 021943 – playing field | 189.60 |
| 000506 | D J Granger – inv 021915 – village, playing field | 604.54 |
| 000507 | E.on – electricity bill | 102.50 |
| 000508 | Westoning Village Hall – September hall hire | 18.00 |
| 000508 | Westoning Village Hall – October hall hire | 18.00 |
| 000509 | Andy Muskett Ltd – light maintenance 2nd quarter | 130.20 |
| 000510 | Idverde – fertilizer, weed killer – playing field | 2,088.00 |
| 000511 | Barbara Osborne – payroll | 67.50 |
| 000512 | E.on – electricity bill | 108.25 |
|  | TOTAL | 5,534.21 |

7524.3 Other finance matters:

7524.3.1 Precept – 2nd half received £21,426.00

Noted by the Parish Council.

7524.3.2 2021/22 budget – half yearly review

Cllrs held a discussion about capital projects and agreed there would be no change to the budget at present. The Chairman said that CBC will be carrying out the consultation on the yellow road lines and it is unclear whether the Parish Council will be expected to contribute to this. He said that there may therefore be some money available in the Traffic Regulation Order budget. The Chairman asked Cllrs to consider whether there is anything in the village that money needs to be spent on up to a value of £4,000. (**All Cllrs**)

7524.3.3 Budget/Precept 2022/23

The Parish Council to agree a date for a finance meeting at the November meeting.

**7525 Highways**

7525.1 Highways Issues reported to CBC - update

The Clerk confirmed that most items identified on the village walk and reported to CBC had been inspected by CBC and cases closed apart from the finger sign near the Church and ‘No through road’ sign at Sanderson Road which are scheduled to be corrected. The metal sign in the grass verge in Church Road to be re-reported as CBC were unable to find the sign but Cllrs said it is still there. (**Action Clerk**)

7525.2 Traffic Management/Parking Control (yellow road lines)

Nothing to report. Remove from the agenda.

**7526 Recreation Ground**

Maintenance of the playing field has been carried out by Idverde.

**7527 Village Matters**

7527.1 Flower Planters

Cllr Russell said that the advice from the planting committee is to now wait until Spring to do any more planting.

7527.2 Rock Snake

The stones have not yet been put in place on the wall and this will be done shortly.

7527.3 Littercam

Remove from the agenda.

7527.4 Christmas Event

The Chairman agreed to place the order for the fairy bell tree as agreed at the last meeting. Cllr Kelly said that there will be a real Christmas tree at the Chequers and they are happy for it to be used to hang the baubles on from the bauble competition. Cllr Russell said that the Chequers will be supplying mulled wine and mince pies, the PTA will be providing stalls and a Santa’s grotto for the Christmas event. The best Christmas lights competition will also go ahead. (**Action Chairman**)

7527.5 Tree for the Platinum Jubilee

The cost of £1,340 for the purchase of an Oak Tree for the Village Green was accepted and proposed by Cllr Leftly and seconded by Cllr Ellis and agreed by all present. The Chairman agreed to place the order. (**Action Chairman**)

7527.6 Festival of Britain sign

The Chairman said that he has not heard anything from the Signs of the Times, they were awaiting backing material.

7527.7 Salt bag scheme ½ or 1 ton bag

The Parish Council agreed to request a free 1 ton salt bag to be delivered to Sampshill Road, half way up the hill on the left hand side. (**Action Clerk**)

7527.8 Land East of A5120

The Chairman confirmed that he had been contacted by MPC who are working on behalf of Countryside Properties to provide community consultation support for their site on land east of Flitwick Road, Westoning. The site is allocated in the emerging Local Plan and Countryside Properties are looking to bring forward an application for 148 new homes in the next few months. They will shortly be beginning their programme of community consultation. The Chairman said that MPC were invited to attend the Parish Council meeting but had a clash of meetings and that he will be meeting with them next week. He said that they need to be aware that a new burial ground is needed in the village as well as at least one junior football pitch.

7527.9 Tree on Village Green

Cllr Rogerson said that the tree on the Village Green needs lopping. The Clerk was asked to contact the Arboriculturalist to ask them to look at the tree to give some advice.

(**Action Clerk**)

**7528 Play Area**

7528.1 Play Area Inspection report

The play area inspection was noted. There were no urgent repairs required.

7528.2 Picnic Bench

The Clerk said that the cost of a picnic bench would be at least £305 and she suggested that the Parish Council should wait until the Spring. Cllrs agreed to give further consideration as to whether a picnic table is needed.

7528.3 Litter Bins – play area

The Clerk said that the cost of a new litter bin from Glasdon with a lift off lid would be at least £168 plus VAT and they come in various colours. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Luff to purchase two new bins at a cost of no more than £400 plus VAT, agreed by all present. Cllrs agreed to look at the options offered by Glasdon and confirm their choice to the Chairman. The Clerk to set up an account with Glasdon in readiness of the order

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**7529 Planning**

7529.1 Planning Applications:

7529.1.1 CB/21/02583/FULL – Sampshill Solar Farm, Land off Greenfield Road – construction of a temporary 43.45MW Solar Farm to include the installation of solar panels with transformers, a 132KV substation, a DNO control room, a customer substation, GRP comms cabin, security fencing, landscaping and other associated infrastructure – amendments. The Parish Council noted the amendments. The Chairman was asked to request an increase in the amount per M/W or for it to be indexed annually. (**Action Chairman**)

7529.1.2 CB/21/04043/FULL - Lakewood House, 16 Lovett Green, Sharpenhoe - erection of flat roof dormer windows to rear elevation and alterations to roof to facilitate loft conversion. The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

7529.1.3 CB/21/03312/FULL - 1 Oak Close - erection of brick wall and automated gates to front and side of property (Retrospective). The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

7529.1.4 CB/21/04306/FULL - 39 Church Road - rear single storey extension. The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

7529.2 Other Planning Matters:

There were no other planning matters.

**7530 Committees/Sub Groups/Representatives - Reports**

There were no reports.

**7531 General correspondence:**

There was no correspondence

**7532 Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.30pm**

**In the Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Approved: ………………………………………………. Date: ……………………………………………………….