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**Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Public Services Committee which took place on Thursday 25 March 2021 at 7.00pm. The meeting was held remotely using Zoom video conferencing.**

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Richard Hitchcock, Cllr David Mack and Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Council.

Meeting chaired by Cllr Mack. No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence: None.

2. Declarations of interest in the items on the agenda: None.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2020: The minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed as such by the Chair.

4. Issues and updates from the minutes of 19 November 2020: None.

5. Update on projects around the Parish: Members made the following comments.

- VE Day 75 commemorative bench: Members noted that the newly installed bench in The Square was being well used. The cycle stands would be reinstalled in the next week once Longmeadow's generator was repaired.
- Village gateways: Cllr Hitchcock agreed to contact Mr Marshall to identify locations for the gateways in Aldsworth. These locations would then be discussed with WSCC Highways to find out if they were appropriate. It was discussed that residents in Woodmancote should be consulted to see if they would like gateways at the three entrances. It was noted that both projects would need to be recommended to Full Council for approval.
- CCTV: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the public consultation on CCTV for The Square in Westbourne should be carried out in May after the County Council election. It was discussed that the costs would need to be considered again, a discussion with Sussex Police was required to find out about the rules and regulations, and discussions with businesses was needed to see if they would still like CCTV. It was noted that although the Council had agreed to go ahead with the consultation in late 2019/early 2020, it was over a year since it was last discussed. The Clerk advised that the Council should be clear on the work involved before the consultation started. The Clerk said that she was concerned about additional administration as she was already working to capacity.
- SIDS It was noted that Cllr Magill was in contact with WSCC Highways to install the posts for the SIDs in Aldsworth and it was hoped the work would be

completed in the next few months. Cllr Mack said the SID on Monk's Hill was not working and he was looking into this.

- Community Speedwatch Group: It was discussed that with the easing of lockdown restrictions, the group could start working from 29 March but some of the members preferred not to start work until later in the year.
- Highways issues and parking in The Square: It was discussed that the petition for a speed limit reduction on Monk's Hill had received roughly 400 signatures. Members would like to try and increase this number and it was discussed that more could be done to encourage people to take part as Covid restrictions are eased. This could include putting copies in village businesses and speaking to people using the recreation ground.
- Trees and tree champions: It was discussed that the newly planted trees in Edgel, Churcher and Homefield Road needed to be regularly watered over the summer months to help them survive. It was agreed that Greening Westbourne would support with this by helping to find residents who lived nearby who would water the trees. It was noted that there were vacancies for Tree Champions and information had been put on the website and Facebook and an article included in the Westbourne Magazine to encourage people to apply.
- Defibrillators: There was no further update on the defibrillators in Westbourne. Cllr Pearcey agreed to speak to Woodmancote Residents' Association to check that their defibrillator was being well looked after.
- Westbourne's buses: No further update.
- Noticeboards: Cllr Briscoe said he had spoken to the landowner of the grass triangle in Woodmancote and he was happy for a noticeboard to be placed on it. The Clerk asked members to let her know what sort of noticeboard they would like (as they ranged in styles and prices) and the Council could consider this.
- Fingerposts and street lights: It was agreed that the fingerposts were looking dirty and a work party of village volunteers could be held to clean the fingerposts. The Clerk said she had contacted Tim Ralph about the Council's ongoing programme of work to the fingerposts but she had not received a reply yet.
- Flooding: It was discussed that there was still flooding on Long Copse Lane.
- Grit bins: No further update.

6. New issues for the Committee to consider: It was noted that the footpath next to The Shire still did not have a signpost and the Clerk said she would contact WSCC again about this.

7. Announcements and items for the next meeting: None.

8. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday 17 June 2021 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8pm.