

Minutes



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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Public Services Committee which took place on Thursday 24 March 2022 at 7.00pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Jane Gould, 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. Declarations of interest in the items on the agenda: None.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lade Barker and Cllr Nigel Ricketts.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 18 November 2021: 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 18 November 2021:

Item 4.7: It was agreed not to form a business association as this time, unless businesses showed more interest. The Clerk said that the aerial photos from Compass Photography would soon be available on the website and there was the option of putting markers on the photos to show the location of businesses, which could be developed to include virtual tours or links to webpages. The village website was discussed as there had been some comments that it was out of date. Members discussed hosting the community and business pages on the Parish Council website and it was agreed that a conversation with Anna Tonkin about this was needed.

Item 5: The final proof of the information board to go outside the Co-op had been circulated to the Parish Council and it was agreed that it was ready for print. Members thanked Daniel Tidbury for his help and support in delivering the project which would be a good focal point for the village.

5. Highways issues in Aldsworth: Cllr Hitchcock reported that the SID on Emsworth Common Road was working and recording data, and the ditch and culvert on Aldsworth Common Road had been cleared by WSCC but the drains were still blocked outside Aldsworth Stud. It was discussed that the overgrowth on the pavements in Aldsworth needed to be cleared and that this was the responsibility of WSCC, not the Parish Council or District Council. The matter would be brought to Cllr Andrew Kerry-Bedell's attention to take forward with Highways who had suggested that volunteers could be covered under the Parish Council's public liability insurance. However, as highways is not part of the Parish Council's duties, it was unlikely that the insurance could be used. It was noted that the village gateways and horse signs for Aldsworth still needed to be progressed. It was discussed that there were a frequent number of accidents at the bends in Aldsworth, but because there were no injuries, they were not reported to WSCC who were consequently unaware of the issues.

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6. Update on projects around the Parish: Members discussed the following:

Village gateways: It was agreed they needed a clean and it was discussed that a window cleaning company, or similar, could possibly help. Cllr Mack said he would speak to a company to see if they could help.

SIDS: No further update.

Community Speedwatch Group: It was discussed that more volunteers were needed and the group would continue to look for more helpers.

Highways issues and parking in The Square: Cllr Briscoe said that work was underway to see if HGVs could be prevented from driving through Westbourne. He explained that Foxbury Lane was a designated lane and needed to be 5.5m wide to allow safe passage of vehicles. However, some sections were only 4.1m wide and this information needed to be passed to WSCC Highways. If an HGV restriction was put in place, delivery vehicles would still be able to access local businesses but everything else would be prohibited. It was discussed that traffic counters may be required to identify how many HGVs travel through the village at a cost of around £600. It was agreed that photos and videos from residents and letters of support would be helpful for a TRO application. It was discussed that a petition could be made with hard copies available in local businesses.

Trees and tree champions: It was noted that new trees were being planted at Monk's Hill following funding from CDC for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Hitchcock said the trees on Edgell Road were doing well and that a letter may need to be sent to those who adopted a tree to remind them to keep looking after them.

Defibrillators: No further update.

Westbourne's buses: It was noted that Cllr Andrew Kerry-Bedell was progressing the new community minibus service.

Noticeboards: Cllr Briscoe agreed to look at suitable noticeboards for Woodmancote.

Fingerposts and street lights: The Clerk needed to speak to Tim Ralph, Ralph Restorations, about the damaged fingerpost sign at Aldsworth and the continued programme of renovations.

Flooding: It was discussed that Woodmancote Lane regularly flooded and it had been reported to Highways for investigation. It was noted that Long Copse Lane still flooded with run off from the nearby development and local fields.

Grit bins: No further update.

Benches: No further update.

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 16 June 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8pm.