

## Minutes



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**Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Public Services Committee which took place on Thursday 21 November 2019 at 7.00pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.**

Present: Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Richard Hitchcock, Cllr David Mack, Cllr Ann Pearcey, and Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Parish Council

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lade Barker and Cllr Mike Magill sent their apologies.

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

3. Minutes of the meeting on 27 June 2019: 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 27 June 2019:

**Item 7, parking in The Square:** The Clerk confirmed that WSCC Highways have not given permission for a sign to be placed on the railings opposite the art framing shop in The Square. They have said that: "The public highway is there to be used and if a sign of this nature was erected it would cause confusion and would likely generate complaints for us which means we would likely have to take some action. If there is a particular issue at a location which affects the wider community, the Parish Council should consider making a TRO application to introduce waiting restrictions".

Members agreed to leave this issue until plans to reconfigure the layout of The Square are progressed.

**Item 7, gateways:** Cllr Briscoe confirmed that WSCC Highways are responsible for cutting the grass around the gateways. The Clerk will inform them that the grass needs cutting

**Item 7, fingerposts:** Cllr Hitchcock reminded members that the cycle stands in The Square have been secured and the works were paid for by Greening Westbourne.

**Item 7, dog fouling:** Cllr Briscoe said that there is just one dog officer at CDC who is also responsible for animal welfare and as a result is unlikely to be able to provide much support in tackling the issue. It was agreed that the Parish Council would do all it could to promote the issue to residents through its communications.

5. Update on projects around the Parish: Members discussed the following updates.

**Parking in The Square:** Parking notices is an ongoing issue which has been discussed recently at Parish Council meetings. The Clerk will be contacting PCSO Reed to find out that the police, who have overall responsibility for enforcement, are happy for the Council to place parking notices on vehicles.

**Westbourne's buses:** The Parish Council has received good feedback from residents who use the taxibus. It is running well and providing a good service to

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those who would like to use public transport to get to Havant. With regards to the number 54 bus service, members agreed that it was not in the financial interest of the Parish to contribute towards the service as the additional services would not stop in Westbourne. It was discussed that it is not the Parish Council's responsibility to provide public transport and that the County Council is best placed to do this. Members agreed to ask WSCC again about the school bus from Westbourne to Bourne Community College, which was recently cancelled, to see if the service from Thorney Island could stop in the village to pick up students. This would also provide additional revenue for the service.

**CCTV:** In principle members were in favour of installing CCTV in The Square. Cllr Mack has received quotes from three companies. A number of businesses have offered to link the system to their power supply and put cameras on their buildings. Cllr Mack said that he has allowed for five cameras which would cover the whole of The Square and he would like to know if members think more are needed. This will be taken to full council for further discussion and agreement.

**Village gateways:** No further update.

**Noticeboards:** Cllr Briscoe will speak to the landowner of the grass triangle in the centre of Woodmancote for permission to put up a noticeboard.

**Fingerposts:** No further update.

**Traffic Regulation Order for Monks Hill and Aldsworth:** No further progress has been made for the TRO on Monk's Hill and discussions are ongoing with WSCC and Gillian Keegan MP. It was recommended that Cllr Roger Elkins may be able to help progress the issue with support of the new county councillor. Cllr Mack will bring it up at a meeting he is attending with Chief Inspector Jon Carter and Katy Bourne, PCC.

**Community Speedwatch Group:** A number of members on the group are unwell which has meant that they have not been able to monitor the traffic for a few months. New volunteers are required to help give more support. Cllr Mack has downloaded data from the SID on Foxbury Lane and from 28 August, when it was installed, to 13 November the following information has been collected:

- The maximum recorded speed was 74 mph on 13 October 2019
- 11.1% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit.
- The average speed over the three month period was 34.3 mph.
- The average speed over a week was 38.7 mph.
- The total number of vehicles coming into the village over the three month period is 105,918 (this is just one way).
- The average number of vehicles on each day of the week are as follows:
  - Mondays: 1487 vehicles
  - Tuesdays: 1630 vehicles
  - Wednesdays: 1831 vehicles
  - Thursdays: 1869 vehicles
  - Fridays: 2141 vehicles
  - Saturdays: 1826 vehicles
  - Sundays: 1463 vehicles

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Cllr Mack said he will collect the data once a month and will put the information into a graph which could be published on the website and on Facebook to highlight speeding. It was agreed that the data is useful information when in discussion with other organisations about traffic calming measures.

**Tree Wardens:** Members have agreed at Full Council to pursue the issue of planting more trees on the verges of Ellesmere Orchard with the new county councillor. The Council will continue to look for more places to plant trees. Cllr Mack will be speaking to the Cricket Club about planting new trees on the edges of the Cricket ground at The Common on Monk's Hill.

6. Winter maintenance plan: The Clerk has worked on the document to make it into the Council's Emergency Plan, listing the contact details of organisations responsible for issues in case of emergency. The communications channels are all listed so that information can be sent to residents quickly. The contact details of all of the councillors have also been updated.

7. New issues for the Committee to consider: None.

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

9. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday 19 March 2020 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8pm.