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Westley Parish Council minutes

12th November 2020

Present: Chris Anderson (CA); Colin Clayton (CC); Alan Green (AG); Mike Spenser-Morris

(MSM); Jim Sweetman (JS); Steve McClellan (SMc); Gary Smith (GS)

Christine Mason (CM, Clerk)

Apologies: SCC Karen Soons

Meeting held via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic

A thank you was given by the Chairman to MSM and SMc for working together with SCC on the drainage/ditch/village issues.

22/2020 Declarations of interest: None declared.

23/2020 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2020 were approved and will be signed as a true record at a later date.

24/2020 Public session: For the record, it was asked to be noted the agenda is posted on both notice boards and the website. Additionally, if anything significant for the village is to be discussed, extra efforts would be made to ensure residents were informed.

There were no members of the public present.

25/2020 Reports from District/County Councillors: Karen Soons report was previously circulated. JS asked whether Suffolk's 'Healing Wood' initiative might be considered. With lack of available land, it was suggested the old churchyard site might be an option. Contact to be made with those responsible for the churchyard. CC to progress.

26/2020 Finance authorisation of payments: The balance in the bank is £3,824.35. The following payments were authorised: CM Sept/Oct/Nov salary £250.89; Community Action Suffolk website renewal £60.00.

27/2020 To receive a report relating to the Local Plan workshop: At this stage in the process, the Parish Council will not be making a formal response to the new Local Plan proposals. A draft information article to be circulated to councillors prior to sending to Westley News. SMC/JS to action.

28/2020 To receive a report relating to the West Suffolk Parish Forum: Notes when available from West Suffolk Council to be forwarded to Councillors.

29/2020 Urgent business: Reason for the electricity works at the end of Old Church Lane - the relocation of the old transformer sitting on top of the telegraph pole. Power to be switched off on Thursday 26 November between 10.00am and 3.00pm. A reminder to be sent to villagers. Overgrown footpath – KS to be reminded. An agenda item for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 14th January 2021