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| **Westley Parish Council Minutes 20th January 2022**  **Present:** Chris Anderson (CA); Colin Clayton (CC); Alan Green (AG); Jim Sweetman (JS); Steve McClellan (SMc)  Christine Mason (CM, Clerk)  **Apologies:** Gary Smith (GS); Mike Spencer-Morris (MSM) |
| **44/2022 Declarations of Interest:** None declared |
| **45/2022 Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2021 were approved and signed as a true record. |
| **46/2022 Public participation:** No members of the public were present. |
| **47/2022 Reports from County and District Councillors:** Report from KS was noted. Key points included: Suffolk County Council has outlined how it plans to spend money on public services in 2022/23. More money to support children with special educational needs and disabilities; extra resources for adults in need of care; additional funds to prevent flooding, road signage, verge cutting, drainage, footpaths, upgrading streetlights to LED. Under the proposals, the council’s budget for 2022-23 would rise by 4.5% (from £598.2 to (625.4m). This additional money is generated by a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, and an increase in grants received from the Government. The proposals will be presented at a scrutiny meeting in January, then put forward for approval by councillors in February.  Despite CA reporting three non-working street lights more than once since Christmas, there has been no response. CA to email KS the location of the three faulty street lights to ascertain why they have not been repaired. |
| **48/2022** **Finance - authorisation of payments:** The following payments were authorised: Clerk’s salary x 6 months £501.90; The Saxhams £103.00; Westley Club £240.00. Bank balance as of 2nd December 2021 stands at £3713.71. |
| **49/2022 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee June 2022:** Initial meeting on 7th February. Insurance company to be contacted for clarification of additional cost if a partial road closure is in place. The sum of money the Parish Council will be donating towards the party will be determined once a decision is made on what is being planned. Further discussion at the next meeting. |
| **50/2022** **Closure of Westley Middle School:** Out for public consultation. Unanimously agreed the decision to close both Westley and Horringer Middle School is not acceptable. JS to draft a response to the questionnaire and circulate to councillors prior to returning the document. |
| **51/2022 Community Governance Review:** No implications as far as Westley is concerned.No further action required. |
| **52/2022 Meeting dates for 2022-2023:** Third Thursday, alternate months. A list of dates to be  confirmed at the next meeting. |
| **53/2022 Correspondence:** A letter has been received from a resident in relation to the school closure.No comment necessary from the Parish Council. |
| **54/2022** Date of next meeting: 17th March 2022 at 7.30pm.  There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.03pm. |