



**Minutes of the
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
West Dean Parish Council
Thursday 15 December 2022 7:00pm, King George's Hall**

Councillors present: Harry Urquhart (HU) – Chair, Bill Seabrook (BS), Ben Rowe (BR), Derek Howland (DH), and Cllr Richard Britton (Wiltshire Council)

Others present: Melanie Camilleri (MC) – Clerk/RFO, No members of the public attended.

- 70/22** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Jane Higgins and Yasmin Taylor. PC Peter Jung.
- 71/22** **Declarations of interest:** None
- 72/22** **Minutes:** the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **13 October 2022** were approved.
- 73/22** **Public Forum**
- 74/22** **To receive a report from Cllr Richard Britton (Wiltshire Council)**
- WC end of Q2 £3M deficit. Not as severe as other counties who may need to be placed in special measures
 - Council Tax – likely to rise:
 - Gvt cap on Council tax raised to 3%.
 - Adult Social Care levy being raised from 1% to 2%
 - Police & Crime Commissioner consulting on a 6.1% rise
 - Gvt 5-year land supply targets: WC waiting for further guidance
- 75/22** **Planning**
- i) To consider planning applications and treeworks:-
22/02913: 1 Rectory Hill
Proposal: Single storey rear and side extension
Noted WTPC determined 'No Objection' to this application.

PL/2022/09426: THE LAURELS, RECTORY HILL, WEST DEAN, SALISBURY, SP5 1JL
Proposal: (T1) Yew - Reduce by up to 2.5m from extremities
No objection

PL/2022/09427: Junction At Dean Road And Grimstead Road East To Rectory Hill, West Dean, SP5 1JB
Proposal: (T1) Maple - Reduce by up to 2m from extremities
No objection
- ii) Noted WTPC reported TVBC's public consultation of the following Planning Policy Documents have no impact upon the Joint NDP.
 - Statement of Community Involvement in Planning
 - Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document
- 76/22** **Finance**
- i) RESOLVED to note the 2022-23 National Salary Award and new pay scales retrospectively applied to 01 April 2022. MC back-pay calculated and S/Order for salary will be amended.
- ii) MC reported that NDP Funds must repay £279.79 to Groundworks for unused Grant (grant received July 2018). WDPC share is £139.89. WTPC's cheque sent to

WDPC in October 2022 for residual amount £37.82 therefore incorrect. That cheque has now been destroyed so WDPC net repayment via WTPC is £102.07.

iii) **RESOLVED:** The Cashflow Report and payments were approved

Bank balances

Treasurers Account 30 Nov: £9,432.51

Business Bank Instant 22 Nov: £3,822.63

Payments

Payee	Detail	Amount £ (incl vat)	Method
West Dean Playground Committee	West Dean Wildlife Group grant	500.00	BACS
Julie Rowe	River clearance refreshments	14.49	BACS
King George's Village Hall	Reimburse VH for microwave (use of SSEN Grant funds)	1,566.21	BACS
M Camilleri	Gross Salary + offices expenses	743.47	S/O
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath Remembrance Sunday	25.00	714
Clive Francis	Grass Cutting x 1 Oct	270.00	BACS
Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA inspection	100.80	BACS
M Camilleri	Reimbursement LED lamps (use of SSEN Grant monies)	447.92	BACS
Clive Francis	Grass Cutting x 1 Nov	270.00	BACS
M Camilleri	Back pay NALC + stationary	399.47	BACS
Total debit		£4,337.36	

iv) **RESOLVED:** the 2023/24 Precept will be **£19,000**.

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SSEN Grant and Emergency Plan

- i) MC delivered a progress report on Grant Monies spent and outstanding actions
- ii) To receive a report on the West Dean Emergency Plan: deferred to 16 Feb meeting in Cllr Higgins' absence.

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West Dean Rec Grd and Play Park

- i) The RoSPA safety Inspection report was reviewed. One urgent matter requiring attention is to dismantle a swing (chain broken). Cllr Rowe will ask Cllr Taylor for one of the dads in the community to kindly help out. All other maintenance matters raised in the report to be discussed at the 16 Feb meeting.

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Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters

- i) Noted Cllrs Rowe's resignation with immediate effect. All thanked Cllr Rowe for his invaluable contribution during his time on the Council and wished him luck with the West Dean Wildlife Group project which will get underway in 2023.
- ii) Holding virtual meetings (zoom) with Cllrs and members of the public was discussed, and generally welcomed as a positive route for communication.
- iii) HU read out an email from Cllr Hook who was informing him of her resignation from WTPC and expressing her thanks to WDPC Councillors for the warm welcome she'd received.

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Date of next meeting

The date of the next Meeting for **West Dean Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 16 February 2023 at 7:00pm** in the **King George's Hall**

Being no further business, HU closed the meeting at 8:40pm.