



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

## **Agenda: Committee Meet Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm**

Attending: Jo Astor, James Croft, Paul Goddard, Magesh Ramakrishnan.

Apologies: Nick Lund & Jane Betterton,

### **Agenda:**

1. Apologies – see above
2. Review of minutes for meeting 11/3/26 and any comments or updates or actions arising - All
3. Planning applications – discuss any of note – JC/PRG
4. Resident queries list - JB
5. WNDP – status - JA
6. Updates from Members on any other matters not covered elsewhere - All
7. 2026 AGM preparation – reports and accounts & Committee Candidates – All
8. 2026 / 27 objectives to be written into Annual Review – ideas / thoughts?
9. AOB

### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:**

#### **Agenda Item 2**

- Write to the Electoral Services MVDC contact to ask how and when MVDC will confirm the next steps in setting up a Parish Council.  
Action: PRG – Done. Reply o/s
- Still outstanding – to progress the CIL application for the electrical supply and sleeve for the Xmas Tree. Action: PRG
- Other planning items discussed fully at the meeting. No notes required. Note
- School Lane pot holes conclusion tbc Action: JB
- Recent WVA communications on the cycle path refurb. shared with SCC. Comments in reply noted for the future. Note
- Litter Pick to be held am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Quorum of Committee can attend. Kit to be reserved with MVDC – Action: PRG. Comms to progress later in year.
- To reassess how to identify monies to refurbish the Dovecote and Bus Stop which are badly in need of attention. Could this qualify for CIL funds? Action: MR

### Agenda Item 3

- No comments raised in relation to the latest MVDC information
- Weekly Review to be handled by James. Action: JC

### Agenda Item 4

- Nothing noted

### Agenda Item 5

- JA shared a timetable recently issued by MVDC to the Village Forum as follows:

Milestone	Fast Track
Receive Examiner's Report	30 April
LPA +WVF make post-examination changes (this assumes no consultation is required)	14 May
LPA publishes its decision (this must be within 5 weeks of the Examiner's report)	14 May
Latest date for notice of Referendum (at least 25 working days before poll)	21 May
Referendum (within 8 weeks of decision date)	25 June
Make Plan (within 8 weeks of positive referendum)	21 July

- This will be subject to change if further consultation is required.

### Agenda Item 6

- JA and PRG attended a meeting set up by others to specifically look at what solutions might be available to help offset at least the reduction in parking spaces available to Residents as a result of the WVHT proposals to sell the Hut site for housing development. The meeting was constructive and cordial. Actions have been circulated for urgent progress. Magesh agreed to pursue those allocated to the WVA. Action: MR
- There was some discussion about the existence of Private Road Committees in Westcott. Whilst not wanting to get involved directly, it might be worth establishing which roads are public and which are private in the Village. Action: PRG to ask SCC if they can list Private roads

### Agenda Item 7&8

- Holy Trinity Church is booked for the 24<sup>th</sup> June AGM
- Draft Agenda to be circulated to Committee to include as a last item the implications for the WVA - & its funds / funding - of establishing a Parish Council in Westcott. Action PRG

- Formal papers – Annual review ( PRG) and Annual Trustee Report & Accounts (MR) to be circulated to Committee by COP 22<sup>nd</sup> May for sign off at the Committee Meet on 28<sup>th</sup> May.
- Appropriate slides then to be prepared by JA/JC
- A general discussion took place on 26/7 objectives. The consensus was to limit them as follows:
  1. To continue to support the Village Forum as required to complete the updated WNDP and then to assume responsibility for administering the final plan
  2. As one of the stakeholders in the village, to actively support the implementation of the Parish Council
  3. To prepare the WVA as necessary for that implementation
  4. To support requirements for the 2026 Village Xmas Tree
  5. To deal with matters arising from Residents where possible
  6. To try to encourage more Residents to join the WVA Committee especially if they were thinking of putting themselves forward for election as Parish Councillors.

#### **Agenda Item 9**

- Next meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM

PRG

29th April 2026