

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 5th December 2011 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair: Cllr R Appleyard (7.20 pm)
Vice Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Councillors: R Baber, A Clarke, S Hamilton, R Moss
(7.20 pm), E Newman, T Pack S Russell
and P Wilkinson

In Attendance: Mrs L J Welch (Parish Clerk)
Mrs B Burridge (Administrative)
Chris Collins (Treasurer, Radstock PCC)

Vice Chair: Cllr G Fuller Chaired the start of the meeting.

Public Comments

Mr Collins from Radstock PCC spoke regarding the upkeep of Radstock Churchyard which is used by the Community. They were struggling with funds and asked the Council if they could agree to paying the remainder of the grant agreed by Norton Radstock Town Council.

Chair: Cllr R Appleyard took over the Chairing of the meeting. (7.20 pm)

116. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received

117. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

118. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 7th November 2011

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7th November 2011 be signed as a correct record.

119. Matters arising from the minutes for reporting only

There were no matters arising.

Minutes are draft until agreed at the next meeting.

Signed Dated

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120. Committee Reports

- Resolved:**
- a) That the Minutes, Confidential Minutes and Recommendations contained therein of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 14th November 2011 be noted;
 - b) That the Minutes and Recommendations contained therein of the Environment and Development meeting held on 28th November 2011 be noted.

121. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported that plans for the landscaping in front of the shops at Westfield were being drawn up by Bath and North East Somerset Council and the formal consultation will take place after Christmas. Once this is in place it can be added to by the Parish Council over the next few years and the Council may want to be involved in the In Bloom competition.

Work is in progress by Norton Radstock College on the noticeboard and logo.

122. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' report

Cllr Moss reported that Bath and North East Somerset Council had taken the decision last month not to roll out the superfast broadband scheme. Fourteen Councillors had said this was wrong and they took evidence from eighteen different people and organisations and told the Cabinet to look at it again. A number of businesses were being restricted by the slow broadband speeds and also BT were giving no indication when the fibre optic broadband would be available. The Cabinet will now look at it again.

Cllr Appleyard reported that the Bryants development is well on the way to being completed and some of our residents could be moving in by January/February. The revised application for Alcan is in the process of being looked at and information on the new road layout in Radstock is available and there is another meeting being held on Wednesday night for the Traders to discuss the plan.

123. Budget 2012-13

Members discussed the proposed budget for 2012-2013.

- Resolved:** That the Budget be agreed as a template for Officers to calculate the precept.

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124. Core Opening Hours for the Parish Council

Members were asked to agree the core opening hours for the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the core opening hours for the public be 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday. Members of public are welcome to telephone before visiting to ensure an appropriate member of staff is available to see them.

125. Radstock Churchyard

The Finance and Personnel Committee asked Members to consider a request from Radstock PCC for another £1,414 contribution for the upkeep of the churchyard.

Resolved: That no further contribution be made this year.

126. Calendar of Meetings

Members were asked to consider the Calendar of Meetings for 2012.

Resolved: That the Calendar of Meetings be agreed and a Public Meeting be set for the end of April 2012.

127. Data Protection

Data protection and the individual's rights were discussed. Members were asked to let the Officers know, on an individual basis, if there were any personal details that should not be available to the public.

The Meeting finished at 8.50 pm.

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