

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 8th April 2013 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr R Appleyard (Vice Chair, in the Chair),
Cllrs A Butcher, D Cooper, B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Cllr A Clarke, Cllr R Moss (who arrived at 8pm), Mr Ian Gegg and colleague Emily from Luckington Carnival Club, one member of the press.
Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk)

Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

140. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Fuller who is unwell and Cllr Newman who had a family appointment.

141. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

142. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

143. Westfield Fun Day – 16th June 2013

The Committee deferred this item pending the arrival of members of Luckington Carnival Club.

144. Planning Applications for Consideration

144.1 There were no objections to the following application:

13/00835/FUL	Provision of a section of raised roof following removal of existing lower section.	44 First Avenue
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144.2 13/00717/FUL Erection of a detached three bedroom dwelling, 40 Bryant Avenue: The Committee objected to this application on the grounds of over development and parking concerns.

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Signed **Dated**

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144.3 13/00847/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension to no.1 Fosseyway (Ground and First Floor flats) – The Committee objected to this application on the grounds of over development.

145. Planning Decisions

The Committee noted the recent planning decisions in the Parish.

146. Planning Appeal - 12/04848/FUL Erection of a single storey extension to rear of garage and a first floor extension over garage, 3 Lincombe Road

The Committee had no objection when the application was considered on 10th December 2012. The appeal was noted.

147. Area of hard standing next to the tennis court at Norton Hill Recreation Ground

The Committee further discussed the potential use of the area of hardstanding next to the tennis court at Norton Hill Recreation Ground. There was a discussion on the recent consultation and consideration to neighbours in terms of noise.

RESOLVED that Councillors Diane Cooper and Anne Clarke should research ideas such as a petanque ring, draughts or chessboards painted on the ground and concrete table tennis tables, which would bring variety to recreation in the parish.

148. Designated Public Places Order

The Committee received a request from the Community Safety Officer of B&NES for more information about the location of alcohol related problems in Westfield.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council keeps a watching brief at this time.

149. Parking in Wesley Avenue

The Committee noted the consultation from B&NES on the No Waiting at Any Time sign.

150. Neighbourhood Planning

The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan and how this might work alongside the Community Plan for Westfield.

RESOLVED that Cllrs A Butcher and B Wallbridge form a small working group to formulate a route to initiating a Neighbourhood Plan and bring this back to the Committee.

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151. Westfield Fun Day – 16th June 2013

The Committee welcomed Ian Gegg and Emily of Luckington Carnival Club to discuss the Westfield Fun Day on Sunday 16th June. Mr Gegg reported that the majorettes, marshall arts, brass band, barbecue, ice creams, cake stall, tractor display, fire brigade and police had all been approached for an input on the day.

- RESOLVED** (1) that Luckington Carnival Club would apply for a Temporary Events Licence.
(2) that no driving on the football pitch should again be implemented.
(3) that Luckington Carnival Club should apply for all relevant permits for the provision of food to the public, and health and safety requirements.
(4) that the Clerk should respond to the Silver Band asking for two or three fifteen minute time slots of uplifting music near the start of the event which runs from 10am until 4pm.
(4) that the Carnival Club should meet the Clerk for any further updates and discussion on the publicity material.

152. Litter Picking in Westfield

The Committee expressed its disappointment at the lack of information from B&ANES and asked the Clerk to write accordingly, copying in the B&ANES Councillors for Westfield, who would follow it up.

153. Request for a Fun Fair

The Committee discussed a request for a fun fair at Westhill Recreation Ground in May.

- RESOLVED** (1) that the Clerk approaches the Police for their view.
(2) the Clerk responds to the applicant stating that the view of the Police is being sought and the matter would be put to the Parish Council in May. In terms of timing, if the proposal is agreed, it might not allow sufficient time for the fun fair in May, but plans might at least be put in place for the following year.

154. Planting Scheme for Flowers in Public Places

The Committee received a suggestion from the Parish Council's contractors, GreenSward, for the planting in public places.

- RESOLVED** that Cllrs R Appleyard and A Clarke be given delegated authority to work, within budget, with the contractors for a co-ordinated planting scheme for Westfield.

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155. Items for the next agenda

There were no specific items raised.

It was agreed to exclude the press and public on the grounds that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

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