

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs A Butcher (Chair), D Cooper, G Fuller, Bryan Wallbridge and Phil Wilkinson.

**Attending:** Cllr E Newman  
Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk)

**136. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Appleyard who had a work commitment.

**137. Declarations of Interest and dispensations**

Cllr Fuller declared an interest in item 4 Planning Applications, namely 14/00417/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, 1 The Leaze and 14/00217/FUL Construction of a new dwelling, 40 Bryant Ave, since he was acquainted with the occupants.

**138. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**139. Planning Applications for Consideration**

**139.1** There were no objections to the five planning applications below.

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| 13/04700/FUL | Erection of first floor extension above the existing ground floor extension   | 15 Inner Elm Terrace      |
| 13/05520/FUL | Erection three single storey dwellings with access, garages, landscaping, screening and associated works on land to the rear of 'Lynton' and 'Roman Orchard'. | Roman Orchard, Wells Road |
| 14/0388/FUL  | Restrospective permission for change of use of part of domestic garden to parking for existing shop   | Wellesley, Wells Road     |
| 14/00417/FUL | Erection of single storey rear extension  | 1 The Leaze               |

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| 14/00439/FUL | Single storey rear and side extension. Erection of 2m fence to boundary | 70 Waterford Park |
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**139.2 14/00217/FUL Construction of a new dwelling, 40 Bryant Ave** – The Committee had no objections to the application and requested that it goes to Committee for decision.

**139.3 14/00280/FUL Regularisation of new building used as annexe and change of use to residential dwelling (retrospective)** – The Committee objected to the application on the grounds of the access and queried whether consent for the dropped kerb had been obtained in advance of the work having been executed. In addition it requested that the Planning Officers look at the ownership of the access as it appears to have been made across land which might not belong to the applicant. The Committee expressed its strong concern that this has been built without planning considerations in advance.

**140. Planning Decisions**

The list of Planning Decisions was noted.

**141. Mendip Local Plan**

The Committee noted that the Parish Council’s comments relating to proposed housing just outside its boundary, in Mendip, are to be heard along with others at the Examination Hearing Sessions commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 at Kilver Court, Shepton Mallett.

**Resolved** (1) That Cllr Fuller contacts Cllr Paul Myers to discuss the possibility of a joint submission of concerns; and  
(2) The Clerk contacts Mendip District Council for information about how to make a verbal comment at the meeting.

**142. Road Naming**

The Committee considered a road name at the residential development off Wells Road at the site of the former Elm Tree Pub. It was noted that ‘Elm Tree’, ‘Briar’ and ‘Orchard’ were names which were already in use. The Committee felt that the Ward Councillors’ suggestion of The Brow was not relevant since it was not next to a hill. However the site was next to the old slaughter house and the local Butchers who have been serving the community for over 100 years and given the proximity of ‘Tanners Close’ and ‘Cobblers Way’ to mark the former Clarkes factory, it was felt that ‘Butchers Close’ would be a fitting name.

**Resolved** That Butchers Close be recommended as the road name.

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**143. 30mph speed signs**

The Committee noted that Stefan Chiffers would look at putting in 30mph signage on the A367 Fosseyway approaching from the south between the entry to Westfield by the Centurion roundabout and Westfield Primary School, in the next financial year.

**144. Gap in the yellow lines at St Peters Road**

This item to be put on the next agenda.

**145. Noticeboard**

The Committee noted that costings had not yet been received from Norton Radstock College for the noticeboard at the local shops. The Committee discussed its exact location.

**Resolved** that its preferred location was along the fenceline next to the letterbox because it would not block any views from the shops at that position. Cllr Fuller would visit Martin Reeves for clarity on the cost.

**146. Westfield Flag**

The Committee received the artwork for the Westfield Flag.

**Resolved** (1) that the artwork was good and that 10 flags 3'x2' be ordered @ £25 each and 2 flags 5'x3' be ordered @ £45 each; and (2) that a flagpole for Nightingale Way goes on the next agenda.

**147. Proposed area of hard standing next to the living Christmas Tree and time capsule stone at the top of Elm Tree Avenue**

The Committee discussed an area of hardstanding and a bench going from the living Christmas Tree fence past the time capsule stone in a cone shape with two paths leading in and out of it.

**Resolved** That permission is sought from CURO and that a specification is drawn up to enable the Clerk to go out for quotes.

**148. Goal Posts at Norton Hill**

The Committee received the report of the Clerk and noted that funding from the FA Facilities fund was for applications over £10,000 only.

**Resolved** That the Clerk queries whether they can reduce the installation charge if the diameter of the fixings is the same as those which

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are being taken out. The matter to be brought back to Committee at the next meeting.

**149. Signage at Westhill BMX Track**

**Resolved** That the proposed wording for a sign at the BMX Track be agreed.

**150. Community Centre at Westhill with changing rooms**

The Committee discussed the strong will for a Community Centre at Westhill, grounded in the views expressed via the Westfield Questers and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Resolved** that the BANES Councillors be asked to clarify whether s.106 funding might be obtained from the Towerhurst development towards the Community Centre.

**151. World War 1 Centenary 2014**

The Committee received correspondence from BANES outlining intentions to celebrate the World War 1 Centenary, which were noted.

**152. Front Garden Competition**

The Committee discussed setting up a House Frontage Competition to include hanging baskets, patio pots, front gardens etc.

**Resolved** that plans be put in place for such a competition and brought back to the Committee.

**153. Proposal for a signalised pedestrian crossing where the Five Arches cycle route meets Silver Street**

The Committee received the proposal for a signalised pedestrian crossing where the Five Arches cycle route meets Silver Street.

**Resolved** that this is a good idea and that the Clerk is asked to confirm that the new no waiting restrictions cover and extend beyond the old no waiting restrictions which are to be revoked.

**154. Items for the next agenda**

Community Centre at Westhill to include Changing Rooms.

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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**155. Electrics for the proposed Christmas Tree at Nightingale Way**

The Committee discussed the quotations

**Resolved** (1) that this be put to the full Council for a vote in April; and  
(2) that a quote for providing the electrics to light one of the trees at Jubilee Green be sought, with the advice of Tony Denning.  
(3) that the Clerk makes enquiries as to the ownership of the land on the corner of Nightingale Way to site the hanging basket tree.

**156. Petanque Court and tarmacking quotes for the former tennis court at Norton Hill.**

Quotes for a petanque court and tarmacking were received.

**Resolved** (1) To go ahead with the quote from Lazy Days in the amount of £2,150 for the petanque court, funded from the £4,000 to be transferred from the Trust fund towards this project.  
(2) The Clerk to chase a response from the grant funding application to the Police Commissioners Community Fund and the item put back on the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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