

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 10th March 2014 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Vice Chair, in the Chair), A Clarke, D Cooper, G Fuller, and Phil Wilkinson.

Attending: 1 member of the public
Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk)

Comments from the public

Mr Hopkins said that he was grateful for the opportunity to talk to the Council the previous week. Since then he had talked on about eight occasions to BANES, who had attended the site to examine the sign. In the meantime the College had taken to flyposting again, with five new signs on the fences. The Committee asked the Clerk to report this to BANES. The reply from BANES regarding advertising of planning applications in the Bath Chronicle was noted.

157. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Butcher who had another commitment.

158. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

159. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

160. Planning Applications for Consideration

160.1 There were no objections to the two planning applications below.

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| 14/00478/FUL | Erection of garage with home office attached. Erection of one storey rear extension to create utility. | 1 Fosseyway Gardens |
| 14/00563/FUL | Erection of first floor side extension over existing single storey garage, conversion of workshop into living accommodation and demolition and replacement of existing | Chez Nous, Wells Rd |

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| | conservatory with new garden room. Erection of front porch. | |
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161. Planning Decisions

The list of Planning Decisions was noted. It was further noted that a consultation on the proposed Fossey Gardens development was to be held on 18th March at 12 noon at the Centurion.

162. Pit Path – Footpath CL24/41 Pit Road/Radstock (Temporary Prohibition of Use by Pedestrians) Order 2014

The above Order was noted. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the boardwalk, identified as an alternative route, was open yet.

163. Parking at No. 3 Ruskin Road

The Committee discussed the fact that this house previously had no parking or access, yet the residents now drive across the grass regularly and as a consequence it has become churned up mud.

Resolved that the Clerk contacts BANES to rectify this problem and restore the grass.

164. Gap in yellow lines at St Peters Road

In the absence of Cllr Butcher this was moved to the next agenda.

165. Former Tennis Court at Norton Hill

It was noted that the Parish Council was successful in being awarded £3,000 from the Police Commissioner’s Community Fund for tarmacking the former tennis court. It was further noted that work had commenced on the petanque court. Don Grimes, President of the Bath Petanque Court had attended the site to advise on the construction and they were willing to help with the opening event and encouraging a Westfield league.

The Committee looked at the table tennis table and felt that the rounded edges, full size, green table tennis was preferable. This to be discussed further in Part 2.

166. Goal Posts at Norton Hill

The Committee noted that the fixings of the new goal posts would not fit those of the old.

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Resolved: to order round, full size, goalposts via Greensward at a cost of £863.08 for two, plus £98.07 delivery, plus £300 to install the new and remove the old ones.

167. Christmas Fair

The Committee noted that the full Parish Council had been supportive of the Committee's suggestion for a Christmas Fair to accompany the Christmas Lights Switch on event this year and that a working group should be set up to progress the work.

Resolved: That a working group comprising Cllrs Fuller, Wilkinson, Cooper and Clarke be set up to progress this work and bring it back to Committee.

168. 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 and received a draft plan and specification.

Resolved: That given that funding had not been set aside for this work, that this matter be deferred pending clarification at the next meeting by the BANES Councillors.

169. In Bloom

The Committee considered taking an entry in the In Bloom competition this year. However, given that the Parish Council is taking on a new contractor for flowers this year it was felt to be a little too soon to take this step.

Resolved: Not to enter the competition this year, but to look seriously at entering the pennant part of the In Bloom scheme next year.

170. Front Gardens Competition

As requested at the last meeting, the Committee received draft information about a Front Gardens competition, prepared by the Admin Assistant. The Committee thanked the Admin Assistant for the lovely presentation of the documentation for this competition.

Resolved with some minor amendments to go ahead with the competition, using the documentation supplied, with some minor amendments.

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171. Community Centre at Westhill with changing rooms

The Committee discussed the feedback relating to the possibility of CIL or s.106 funding being obtained for a community centre.

Resolved: To invite David Trigwell to a Committee meeting at his earliest convenience so that this item may be progressed as soon as possible.

172. Noticeboards

Cllr Fuller reported that he had visited the College six times to ascertain the progress of the noticeboard, without success.

Resolved that the Clerk writes to Martin Reeve of Norton Radstock College to state that, given the time lapse the Parish Council will start looking for another supplier for the noticeboard, to be decided at the next Parish Council meeting. The Committee asked that Cllr Appleyard be copied into the letter.

173. Items for the next agenda

Noticeboard, Former Tennis Court.

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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