

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 11th November 2013 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs A Butcher (Chair), A Clarke, D Cooper, G Fuller and B Wallbridge (Vice Chair)

Attending: Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk)

89. Election of Chair and, if necessary, election of Vice Chair

Cllr Butcher was elected Chair and Cllr Wallbridge was elected Vice Chair of the Committee.

90. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Wilkinson who was unwell.

91. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

Cllr Fuller declared an interest in item 6 Planning Decisions, no. 13/03590/FUL erection of 3 bedroom dwelling at 40 Bryant Avenue, since the applicant was known to him.

92. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

93. Planning Applications for Consideration

There were no applications for consideration.

94. Planning Decisions

The Committee noted the recent planning decisions in the Parish and asked the Clerk to query with BANES' Planning Officer the decision to refuse application 13/03590/FUL erection of 3 bedroom dwelling at 40 Bryant Avenue. Some information about the reason for refusal, whether a site visit was made and how this fits with other similar applications which were accepted, such as one at Waterside Way would be appreciated.

95. Placemaking Plan

The Committee discussed the requirements of the Placemaking Plan in depth.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed Dated

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RESOLVED

(1) to divide the work as follows:

- (i) Waterside Valley, Disused Railway route and 1960's and 70's housing together with current and former CURO properties, shops – Cllrs G Fuller and B Wallbridge, to include the two volunteers from the Westfield Questers.
- (ii) New housing developments and Nightingale Way and Trading Estate – Cllr D Cooper
- (iii) Miners' Cottages, Churches and Trust Land – Cllr A Butcher
- (iv) Schools and colleges – The Clerk

(2) Settlement Assessments and any work on site assessments to be undertaken by 25th November and e mailed to the Clerk who would collate all information into the Placemaking Folder. A further meeting to assess the data would be called thereafter.

96. 30mph speed limit in Westfield

RESOLVED

That the Clerk consults Stefan Chiffers of BANES about the possibility of a few more 30mph signs along Fosseway as a means of slowing the traffic entering Westfield before it reaches Westfield Primary School.

97. Westfield Hub

The Committee received the Westfield Hub minutes of 24th October 2013 and noted that a feedback meeting had been suggested for 6.30pm on 2nd December, immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting.

98. Westfield Fun Day

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

99. Westfield Warbler

The Committee received and discussed a variety of different types and styles of Parish newsletters, including A4, newspaper style and A5 booklets.

RESOLVED

That, budget permitting, the Westfield Warbler should remain A5 in size but expand with another page to allow more community content.

100. Norton Hill Recreation Ground

The Committee discussed developments at Norton Hill Recreation Ground and noted that the changes to the fencing were in progress.

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Signed **Dated**

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RESOLVED

(1) that the total cost of £1,786.15 to supply, install and remove the old goalposts and install one further three quarter size goal post be noted and an application to the new Premier League and FA Facilities Fund be made when the fund opens in January.

(2) that the play providers' displays of play equipment, as shown to the Committee, to the value of £20,000 be shown to the children of Westfield Primary School and Fosse Way School and that the order be placed with the most popular play provider, once final grant funding of £10,000 is confirmed.

(3) that verti draining takes place at both Westhill and Norton Hill football pitches at a cost of £275.00 per pitch.

101. Parish Council presence at the Carnival on 14th November 2013

The Committee discussed arrangements for the Parish Councillors' presence at the Carnival Reception on 14th November.

102. Westfield Christmas Lights Switch On – 28th November at 6.30pm

The Committee received an update on the arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch on event.

103. 2014 15 Budget

The Committee discussed its requirements for the 2014 15 budget.

RESOLVED

(1) that the costs associated with the increase in size of the Westfield Warbler was put forward for consideration in the next budget.

(2) If a volunteer Snow Warden for the Waterside Park area comes forward in December then consideration for a third gritter to the value of £1,000 should be considered for the budget.

104. Items for the next agenda

- Westfield Fun Day

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Signed **Dated**