

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Tuesday 13th November 2018 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper, G Fuller, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson and P Williams.

Absent: Cllrs K Docherty and A Butcher

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Asst.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

No apologies were received

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in item 4 – Planning applications for consideration as the proposed development at the Co op backs on to his property.

90. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

18/04663/TCA	Endersley, Welton Road	Goat Willow – trim by 2m all over, 11 Lawson Cypress firs – reduce the number by at least half and those that remain reduce the height by approx. 2m Lawson Cypress Pine – remove Goat Willow – remove dead branches and trim by 2m Ash – take the top 1m off the tip Lawson Cypress Pine – remove approx. 2m of topgrowth
18/04986/FUL	Lilliput House, Wells Road	Creation of a pitched roof for the provision of a 1no. bedroom apartment

18/04958/OUT – Midsomer Norton South Railway station, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton

The Committee objected to this application on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment of the site
- No ecology report available, showing what the effect would be on the

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nature reserve

- Amount of pedestrians crossing Silver Street – a very busy main road into Midsomer Norton
- Reduction of car parking on site
- To note that if South Road car park is to be the main parking for the site, then there is still the possibility of development of this site – further reducing the availability of car parking

Feedback was given on the presentation on 8th November by RADCO for development of their site.

Resolved: to write to RADCO to make sure that Westfield Parish Council is involved in the development process throughout.

92. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

Planning appeal 18/00087/RF was discussed.

Resolved: To contact the Planning Inspectorate to reiterate the Parish Council's objections. This sets a dangerous precedent and goes against the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan which highlights green spaces in the housing context as integral to the design of the estates.

93. PLANNING TRAINING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Resolved: Cllr Hopkins to attend with a member of staff.

94. RECREATION GROUNDS – NORTON HILL

Resolved: to accept the quote from Greensward of £310 to replace the basketball backboard and hoop .

95. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

Resolved: (1) to accept the quote from Office Furniture online for two 4 person premier benches of £357 each
(2) to accept the quote from Greensward of £155 for installation of both benches

96. ACTION PLAN 2018

The Action Plan was noted.

Resolved: (1) to remove the wooden fort around the slide as it is constantly being damaged and is rotting slightly.

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(2) To replace with a metal multi play unit to be funded by earmarked reserves, obtaining quotes to come back to Committee and consultation with young people.

The lack of response on the request for grit bins was noted.

Resolved: Cllr Hopkins to follow up with BANES.

97. EVENTS

Christmas lights

An update was given on the arrangements for the Christmas Lights switch on evening, which is to take place on Thursday 29th November.

The damaged toucan crossing, and the estimated repair date of mid December was noted.

Resolved: to compose a letter to Ashley Ayre, Chief Executive, BaNES, to be hand delivered by Cllr Hopkins highlighting the danger of lack of lights and adequate signage.

98. TAP AND WATER SUPPLIES BEHIND ELM TREE AVENUE SHOPS

Committee was advised of a letter from Bristol Water, Water Regulations office, stating that consent is not granted for a new supply.

99. HANGING BASKETS BY SHOPS AT ELM TREE AVENUE (Cllr Fuller)

It was suggested that at the shops on Elm Tree Avenue there were to be free standing t-bars installed with hanging baskets and containers at the base, instead of the hanging baskets above the shops, as it was felt that the safety of the basket was diminishing each year due to the age of the premises.

Resolved: Not to install hanging baskets on the shops, instead to get quotes for four hanging basket structures and their installation.

100. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Feedback on the Church's Remembrance service in Westfield

To resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

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