

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 commencing at 7pm**

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

**Attending:** 3 members of the public  
Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk)

**Comments from the public**

One member of the public expressed her deep dissatisfaction with the parking situation at Larch Court. The top end of Larch Court has garages and allotted parking spaces, but some people park in the road anyway, which is part of the problem. There are cars on pavements and the grass area and some driving over the footpath and across the bottom of gardens to park on the grass. She would like to see the cars stopped from parking on the grass and pavement. She would like to see the car parking situation sorted out, but not parking provided on the grass. There followed a discussion on whether the grass area at the back was possible for parking but it was felt that access was not wide enough and even if it was, it was not certain whether people would leave their cars there.

Another member of the public also expressed his deep concerns over the parking situation however he would like to see the grass area at the front converted in part where it juts out to parking, with spaces allotted to certain houses, to help relieve the problem. The Chair thanked everyone for their comments and said that they would be conveyed to BANES for consideration. It was noted that BANES had acknowledged receipt of the petition and conducted a search of the land in question and found that it belongs to Taylor Wimpey. They had therefore forwarded the petition and the concerns to them.

**177. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Clarke who had another engagement and Cllr Wilkinson who was unwell.

**178. Declarations of Interest and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest.

**179. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**180. Community Centre at Westhill**

The Committee noted that David Trigwell of Bath and North East Somerset Council had arranged for his colleague, Simon de Beer, to attend the June

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E&D meeting to talk about the Community Infrastructure Levy and the possibility of obtaining such funding for a community centre for Westfield.

**181. Larch Court**

The Chairman noted receipt of the petition addressed to Bath and North East Somerset Council requesting that parking provision be made for residents, and the fact that BANES had passed it to Taylor Wimpey as the landowner.

**182. Planning Applications for Consideration**

**182.1** There were no objections to the planning application below.

14/01017/FUL	Erection of two storey rear extension.	10 Bryant Ave
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**182.2** ***14/00643/CON SLT Consultation request from Mendip District Council regarding outline planning application for residential development at land SE of A367 Westfield*** – The Committee objected on the grounds that this development, when combined with the adjacent proposed housing development, would create 225 new plots and a care home, thus putting huge pressure on the already over stretched road infrastructure through Westfield. In addition, facilities such as doctors surgeries and schools would not accommodate such an increase in local housing.

**182.3** ***14/01070/FUL Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of detached garage, 17 Waterford Park*** – There were no objections to the application however the Committee asked that neighbours' comments be taken fully into account.

**183. Planning Decisions**

The list of Planning Decisions was noted.

**184. Consultation request from Mendip District Council in respect of outline planning permission for residential development of land S.E of A367 (14/00643/CONSLT)**

This item had been considered in minute 182.2 above.

**185. Appeal – Mendip District Council re land at New Tynning Farm, Waterside Lane**

The Committee noted the appeal at the above land and reiterated its previous objections.

**186. Land north of Fosseyway Gardens**

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The Committee noted the report from BANES outlining exactly how deficient Westfield is in terms of green space.

**187. Flagpole in Nightingale Way**

The Committee discussed the possibility of a flagpole in Nightingale Way in detail and agreed not to pursue this.

**188. 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 the proposed area of hard standing next to the living Christmas Tree and time capsule stone and agreed to defer this item.

**189. Christmas Fair**

The Committee received feedback from the Working Group about the proposed Christmas Fair. The Group had agreed not to seek a road closure but, with the assistance of the Carnival Association to have a Father Christmas in the Carnival Coach. The Parish Council itself would have a gazebo with mince pies and possibly mulled wine. The next meeting of the group would be on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm immediately prior to the E&D meeting.

**190. Former Tennis Court at Norton Hill**

The Committee received a verbal update on work at this site. Cllr Cooper was purchasing some sports equipment to the value of £26 for the open day which looked as if it might be in the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> May and she asked if the Fun Fair might be arranged for that week.

**191. Noticeboards**

It was noted that the noticeboard would be ready in late May and the Council had agreed that it should be located next to the post box, so as not to block the view from the other side. Its cost was between £350 and £400.

**192. Gap in Yellow Lines at St Peters Road**

Cllr Butcher reported that Stefan Chiffers was aware of the problem and it was awaiting consideration.

**193. Items for the next agenda**

Former Tennis Court; Noticeboard; Dropped kerbs – to seek support from the BANES Councillors for a reduction in fees for dropped kerbs given that the drives are built without dropped kerbs and many people are in social housing and the fees put this work out of reach.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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