

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 9th March 2015 commencing at 7pm

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

Absent: Cllrs Appleyard, Clarke and Wilkinson.

Attending: Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk), Mrs T Stephens (Admin Asst), 4 members of the public

Comments from the public

A representative from the surveying company Point Cloud gave a presentation on the development 15/00392/OUT – 8 dwellings on land next to Aviemore, Wells Rd

164. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Clarke and Wilkinson who were unavailable.

165. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest

166. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

167. Planning Applications for consideration

167.1 There were no objections to the planning application below:

15/00209/FUL	Mr K Lewis	Fairhaven, Wells Rd	Creation of new driveway access and 1.8m high wall
15/00691/FUL	Mr Wayne Gay	4 Lincombe Rd	Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension
15/00917/FUL	Mr John Bridges	Romway, Wells Rd	Erection of detached house on overgrown land at Romway
15/00960/FUL	CFH Docmail	St Peter's Factory	Lengthening of existing external staircase and installation of edge protection to the factory roof

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Signed **Dated**

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167.2 Planning Application 15/00392/OUT. There were no objections to development on the plot of land in principle, but concern was raised about the number of properties, leading to an unacceptable level of increased traffic. It was felt that 6 properties instead of 8 would suffice.

168. Planning Decisions

The Planning Decisions were noted

169. Designation of Green Spaces

The Committee noted the applications for the designation of green spaces in Westfield as submitted by the Working Group set up at the last meeting with delegated authority to make a response to BANES, (attached as Appendix 1).

170. Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee received information on funding and also advice from Julie O'Rourke on using a Consultant to co-ordinate the process.

- Resolved:** (1) To prepare the briefing for circulation to the Committee and then to go out tender to appoint a consultant
(2) The Clerk to prepare the application for funding ready in April

171. BANES Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) rates and Revised Planning Obligations

The Committee noted the CIL rates and Revised Planning Obligations from BANES.

172. Somer Valley Forum

The Committee noted the Somer Valley Action Plan

173. Improvements to Westhill Play Area

The Committee received the report of the Clerk and discussed the potential improvements to play at the site.

- Resolved:** To consult with residents on the improvements discussed.

174. Items for the next agenda

The Fun Day and the Funfair to be items for the next agenda

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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175. Flowers in Public Places Contract

It was felt that there wasn't enough time for WAGS to prepare the hanging baskets and have them grown in time for season.

Resolved: Norton Green Garden Centre to make up baskets and WAGS to maintain them. WAGS to take control of planters and coal trucks. WAGS to be given the opportunity to do the hanging baskets next year, giving them more time to prepare.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm

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