

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 11th April 2016 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr D Cooper (Vice Chair, in the chair), A Butcher, K Docherty, G Fuller, R Hopkins, E Jackson, R Moss.

Also attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs A Seaman-Moss, B Wallbridge and P Williams.

199. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Seaman Moss who had another commitment, Cllr B Wallbridge who had work commitments and Cllr P Williams who was unwell.

200. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

- Cllr Fuller declared an interest in item 11, Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations, as an employee of Midsomer Norton Rugby Club.
- Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item 9 Red Phone Box at Charlton Lane since she knew the resident who highlighted the state of the phone box.
- Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 4 Planning Applications as a member of the Development Management Committee of BANES.

201. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

202. Planning Applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following applications.

Date Rec'd	App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
22.03.2016	16/01269/TPO	M Reed	37 Nightingale Way	G1-2no Ash – crown lift to 6m G2-14no Ash stems - fell
05.04.2016	16/01492/FUL	M Edgell	Mg Edgell Motors, Fourth Ave	Erection of detached workshop for servicing motor vehicles

16/01025/FUL Erection of Construction Skills Centre with replacement parking, Bath College, Wells Road – There were no objections to this

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application, but the Committee queried whether the existing footpath into the site might remain after the works.

The Committee noted the application for a Temporary Event Notice at the Railway car park on 1st May.

The Committee discussed the development proposals at both the White Post Mendip site and the opposite side of the Fosse Way. The huge impact this will have on road congestion, child safety, OAP's, shops, access to medical facilities etc was discussed and the importance of setting up a dialogue with the planning officers of Mendip DC and BANES in relation to s.106/CIL funding and requesting a traffic infrastructure survey which takes account of both potential developments.

Resolved: To set up a meeting with BANES and Mendip Planning Officers where the Parish Councillors may outline the particular impact on Westfield and to inform Midsomer Norton Town Council, Kilmersdon Parish Council and Chilcompton Parish Council of the meeting as other local councils whose boundaries border the site.

203. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted. Cllr Jackson also updated the Committee on the outcome at Development Control in BANES of the applications relating to Fourth Avenue Motors and Hazel Terrace, both of which had been permitted.

Resolved: That Oval Homes be contacted with a view to taking part in a tree planting project to help screen the industrial estate from the homes at Upper Court. The Forest of Avon Trust might provide the trees.

204. Planning Changes

The Committee discussed the consultation on planning changes and its impact at a local level.

Resolved: That, using the response from ALCA, the Clerk highlights some of the important aspects for Westfield in a draft response to be circulated to Councillors before the deadline of 15th April.

205. Recreation Grounds

Fencing at Norwest Bowling Club car park – As requested at the last meeting, the Committee received a quote for the fencing works to include concrete posts and a metal strap along the whole length of the fence.

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Resolved: To accept the quote in the amount of £2,682 from C&R Fencing as the contractors of the other fencing at the site.

206. Flowers in Public Places

The Committee received an update from Cllr Cooper and the spreadsheet outlining spending to date against budget for the Flowers in Public Places.

The Committee also received the draft specification against which to go out to tender next year.

Resolved: (1) with some amendments, the draft specification was agreed and would be taken out to tender later in the year.
(2) that CURO be contacted regarding the extended scaffolding around the local shops and when it will come down due to the hanging baskets going up in the second week of May and the flags going up to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21 April.

207. Bench at the Bus Stop at Elm Tree Avenue

The Committee welcomed Cllr Jackson's offer to use Ward Councillors Initiative funding to replace the broken bench next to the Bus Stop. It was suggested that this might be different from the standard BANES benches and include a memorial plaque to those who had fallen in the wars.

Resolved: That the Ward Councillors Initiative funding to come to the Parish Council for this purpose, with the siting/positioning of the bench to be agreed at the Parish Council's discretion.

208. Red Phone Box at Charlton Road

The Committee discussed the disused red phone box which sits just within its boundary at Charlton Road. The following resolution was made by a vote with 4 for and 2 against.

Resolved: To offer the red phone box free of charge to the local schools and college and via the Journal to any other local organisations. If by the next meeting there has been no interest in the phone box, then it should come back to the next meeting with a view to selling it via Cooper and Tanner.

209. Remembrance Day Memorial

The quote for the Remembrance Day Memorial had not yet been received

210. Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations

The Committee received an update on the event from Cllr Fuller who agreed to check that the Rugby Club had informed its insurance company and

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undertaken the risk assessment. The Clerk gave an update on the shuttle bus.

Resolved: That the joint press release be put on the website and a poster formed to go on the noticeboards and in the local shops.

211. Fun Fair in Westfield

The meeting with the Fun Fair operators had not yet taken place.

212. Items for the next agenda

- Joint meeting with Mendip DC and BANES Planning Officers
- Phone Box at Charlton Road

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

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