

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 13th February 2017 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Wallbridge (Chair), Cllrs A Butcher, K Docherty, G Fuller, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, P Williams.

Apologies: Cllrs D Cooper (Vice Chair)

Also attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

153. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr D Cooper who was unwell.

154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Williams declared an interest in item 4 on the agenda – Planning applications for consideration, reference 17/00332/FUL as she knows the applicants

155. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There was an amendment to item 140. Cllr Jackson reported that applications for CIL money are to be made via an application form detailing a project that would benefit from funding.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 were agreed as a true record, with this amendment, and signed by the Chair.

156. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee had no objections to the following planning applications:

17/00265/FUL	Mr Craig Haskins	Techniglaze Ltd, Units 1-2 Fourth Avenue	Change of use from storage to a children's soft play area (D2) and cafe
17/00332/FUL	Mr Matthew Doughty	25 Kingsley Road	Erection of a two storey side extension

The Committee objected to the following applications on the grounds that the driveways will access from a major highway and will therefore be dangerous. They also objected on the grounds that it destroys the historic character of the conservation area.

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16/06246/FUL	Mrs Angela Mills	9 Wells Square	Creation of access and parking area onto a classified highway (retrospective)
17/00555/FUL	Miss Hayley Johns	25 Wells Square	Addition of vehicle access onto existing adjoining rear gardens (retrospective)

The appeal reference 17/00021/NONDET, for application 16/04424/FUL, Erection of 3no three bedroom dwellings at Upper Court, was discussed. The Committee supported the response from the Landscape Architect that “the proposed scheme is not acceptable in its current format as it appears as overdevelopment”. This reinforces the committee’s original objection on the grounds of overdevelopment. There was also concern about an increase in the volume of traffic coming onto the A367.

Resolved: (1) To reiterate the Parish Council’s comments to the appeal;
(2) To write to the Planning Officer advising that there are several projects in Westfield that are awaiting s106 funding and that if there were to be any s106 money arising from this development then the Parish Council would appreciate being considered for receipt of the funds.

Cllr Butcher left at 7:30pm as he had another appointment.

157. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

158. INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE B&NES PLACEMAKING PLAN

The invitation was noted and Councillors were invited to comment individually.

159. B&NES NEW LOCAL PLAN – A CALL FOR SITES

The call for sites was noted.

160. CONSULTATION ON B&NES PARKING STRATEGY

Resolved: To write a letter to Miss Singh asking her to liaise with Kelvin Packer, Highways Service Manager, after his meeting with Councillors in Westfield, as the parking needs in Westfield had been conveyed at the meeting.

161. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The planning enforcement was discussed in item 156, Planning Applications for consideration, relating to 16/06246/FUL and 17/00555/FUL

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162. PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON THE A367 THROUGH WESTFIELD AND ANY UPDATE FROM BANES ON THE GAP IN THE CHURCH WALL

Feedback was given on the meeting with Kelvin Packer, Highways Enforcement Manager. Councillors advised Mr Packer of concerns regarding the safety of roads on and around the A367 corridor in Westfield.

163. S.106 IN WESTFIELD AND SHAKESPEARE ROAD PLAY AREA

Feedback was given on a meeting with Radstock Town Council about s106 money in the area.

164. RECREATION GROUNDS – NORTON HILL

An email from Mr Moore was noted with a request to move the steel bins from the border with his property and remove some concrete posts along the edge of his fence, removing the temptation for access over the fence into his property.

Resolved: to contact Mr Moore and propose that he arranges the cutting down of the concrete posts (to retain the boundary line) and offering the stone stored in the steel bins.

165. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

Westhill Sports and Social Club had advised of a lack of water pressure in the club, affecting the showers. The engineer from Bristol Water advised that it is probably the boiler that is malfunctioning. The situation was noted and will be monitored sympathetically.

166. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of road closures for this year's event and the extension of the lights on lampposts along Wells Road and the Fosseyway.

Resolved: (1) to get costings for the equipment and personnel needed to close the top of Elm Tree Avenue
(2) to get costings and feasibility for the extension of the lights

167. INSTALLATION OF BENCHES IN WESTFIELD

A further quote for the installation of the benches being purchased with Cllr Jackson's Ward Councillor's initiative was brought to committee. It was noted that the cost of installation has taken the project over budget.

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- Resolved:** (1) To accept the quote from Daniel Herrington for £1025 with paving .
(2) To write to Cllr Jackson asking for further funding from the Ward Councillors initiative fund to meet the extra costs.

168. DEFIBRILLATORS FOR WESTFIELD

The committee noted the three positions that had been suggested for defibrillators. Mardons and Westfield surgery had responded positively to a request to install one outside their premises.

Resolved: to establish if the police station or fire station have a defibrillator on site and if not to ask if they would be prepared to have one installed at the premises.

169. CO OP DELIVERIES

Cllr Williams reported that several people had complained to her about the parking of lorries during deliveries to the Coop. It was pointed out that this has been reported to Dan Morris of the Coop and he has asked delivery drivers to park responsibly. It was advised that if someone wants to report any instances they should report the time and the registration number of the vehicle.

170. GRIT BINS IN WESTFIELD

It was noted that there is just one grit bin in Westfield. Councillors were asked to think about where they think new bins should be sited and bring a list to the next meeting.

Resolved: to establish sites for the request for new bins at the next meeting

171. HERITAGE WALK

The Committee received quotes for the artwork and creation of two signs for the heritage walk. Instalation costs would be extra.

Resolved: to accept the quotes from Sarah Westell of £577.23 for the artwork and Colourstudios for £155.00 each for the manufacture of the signs.

172. AUTOMATIC WATERING SYSTEM

The quote from Pipeline Services to place automatic watering systems at the planters and the bed at Jubilee Green was noted.

Resolved: to accept the quote for £728.47 from Pipeline Service Ltd

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173. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Defibrillator; Grit bins; Towns and villages greens and centres (Cllr Jackson); Hanging basket at Radstock Baptist Church, Can we pay for the basket at the church?; Pollution on the A367 (Cllr Hopkins); Christmas lights switch on;

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

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