

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the SWALLOW Meeting Room,
Old Pit Road, Westfield on
Tuesday 3rd January 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: K Docherty, J Honess, E Jackson, L Mansell,
B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson and P Williams

Attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Asst

Apologies: Cllrs A Butcher, D Cooper and R Hopkins

132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs A Butcher, D Cooper and R Hopkins.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

134. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5th December 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of 5th December 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

135. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 12th December 2016

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting, held on 12th December 2016, be noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 14th December 2016

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting, held on 14th December 2016, be noted.

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136. APPROVAL OF ANY ITEMS OF £5,000 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY VIREMENT

Resolved: That, in accordance with the decision of the Finance and Personnel Committee and the Environment and Development Committee that the following payments be authorised: (1) £5719 for fencing from Norwest Bowling Club gate to Fosseway; (2) £13,284 for tennis court fencing at Norton Hill Recreation Ground.

137. WESTFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

The date of the next Neighbourhood Planning group meeting, 23rd January, was noted.

138. BUDGET

The proposed budget was discussed and it was noted that the tax base had just been received and therefore a precept report would go to Finance and Personnel Committee in January, prior to the Parish Council in February.

Resolved: To agree the budget in principle.

139. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

The feedback from BaNES regarding the complaint about the delay on installing the Christmas lights was noted.

Resolved: (1) To follow up the complaint; and
(2) To add to the next E&D agenda to discuss extending lights for next year

A discussion was held regarding the allocation of CIL and s.106 funding which was raised through development in Westfield. A meeting with Radstock Town Council was being arranged with the Chair, Vice Chair and BANES Councillors.

Resolved: (1) Cllr Mansell to write to John Wilkinson and ask what has happened to the Economic Forum, which used to allocate some funding; and
(2) The Clerk to contact Land Registry to establish who owns the land below Shakespeare Road, and to bring this matter back to Council.

140. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Cllr Jackson reported on a very successful Christmas fair and Victorian day at Radstock museum with over 500 people attending both. On 11th January she is attending a meeting at the museum with regard to the Westfield exhibition.

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141. CHAIRMANS' REPORT

Cllr Fuller advised of the new vicar at St Peter's Church welcome evening on 30th January at 7pm. All Councillors are welcome. He attended the welcome evening for the new vicar at St Nicholas church in December.

142. BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Jackson reported that the hole in the wall by the Methodist church is to have a spring loaded gate installed by BaNES.

It was reported that there is to be a meeting with Kelvin Packer to review all of the pedestrian crossings in Westfield.

The 82 bus service has been restored, with Saturday service between Waterside and Tynning.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

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