

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,  
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on  
Monday 3rd October 2016 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: D Cooper, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, L Mansell,  
B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson, and P Williams

**Attending:** Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Clive Maggs of Westfield Sports and Community Centre questioned why the Club had been turned down by the Parish Council for a firework display, giving reasons why it should take place. Cllr Wallbridge outlined safety concerns in a crowd of people and issues such as training, consultation with the Fire Brigade and suitability of the ground were discussed. Mr Maggs to provide the Council with a copy of the report from a Bristol Company outlining the suitability of the ground for a firework display.

### 92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Butcher who was unwell and Cllr Docherty who had another appointment.

### 93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 94. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

**Resolved:** That Minute 90 Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' Report, first line be amended to read "Cllr Jackson reported that the preferred bidder for the healthcare contract, currently held by Sirona, is Virgin Healthcare". With this amendment the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were signed as a correct record.

### 95. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Resolved:** To add Cllr Honess to the Environment and Development Committee.

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Signed ..... Dated .....

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**(a) Environment and Development Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Minute 72 – Phone Box in Charlton Road** – It was suggested that a diorama of a working mine be displayed in the Phone Box. This would be considered at the E&D meeting the following week along with other suggestions.

**Minute 73 – Hanging Baskets** – Following the falling down of one of the hanging baskets, there was a discussion on the load bearing capacity, which would be tested before the baskets go up next year.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, be noted.

**(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting, held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, be noted.

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

There were no items over £5,000.

**97. WESTFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September were distributed and noted. Cllr Hopkins stated that the Group would welcome some help in order not to lose momentum. Clive Maggs had just agreed to work on this group.

**98. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY**

It was noted that the identity of Westfield is growing with an Estate Agent commenting that people are requesting houses in Westfield, and good feedback from local residents.

**99. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**

The vacancy on the Radstock Museum Society was noted. All Councillors to give this some thought and let the Clerk know if they are interested.

**Mardons Club** – Cllr Cooper reported that the parking situation had not changed and that the footpath from Woodpecker Avenue to Linton Road had still not improved. The Club was keen to become more of a community facility and if anyone knew of any groups which might be interested in hiring it during the day, please let Cllr Cooper know.

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**100. THE SHAMBLES, WELLS ROAD**

The Council discussed the deteriorating state of the Shambles. It was suggested that retaining the historic outer shell of the building and creating niche shops with flats above as part of the regeneration of the area was preferable.

**Resolved:** The Chairman to write to the Chief Executive of BANES stating that further delay is unacceptable and that urgent action is required.

**101. CHAIRMANS' REPORT**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the ALCA meeting at 10.30am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Midsomer Norton Town Hall. It would be good if Councillors could attend.

**102. BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Jackson reported that BANES was consulting on the Joint Spacial Plan. 13,500 houses had been assigned to BANES, 3,000 of which were for this area. They were also working on the Placemaking Plan in regard to specific sites and green space designations.

The Park and Ride sites in BANES were currently under debate.

Issues of houses being given planning permission but not being built had been raised. And also the proposed new housing development and school at the White Post.

Health provision was discussed. Mental health provision was highly unsatisfactory. There are inadequate resources for people in acute mental crisis.

On Friday at 3pm there was to be a site meeting at Mardons to consider the parking.

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.

**103. WATER SUPPLIES AT THE LOCAL SHOPS**

**Resolved:** To accept the quote from Pipeline Service Ltd in the amount of £3,776 + VAT

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

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