

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 7th November 2016 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

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

Attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Asst.
Cllr Robin Moss, BaNES Ward Councillor
10 members of WAGS for 'Comments from the Public'.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Flowers were presented to Margaret Bridges to thank her for all her voluntary work on the flower display in Westfield this year.

The Its Your Neighbourhood 'outstanding' certificate was presented to WAGS.

The WAGS representatives have been given the opportunity to have a grant from an insurance society called 'One Family'. The grant is for £5,000 and can be won by people voting for them. They will send the details to the office who will help publicise it.

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 6 Grant Recommendations as a trustee of Radstock Museum.
- Cllr Butcher declared an interest in item 6 Grant Recommendations as he knows the manager of Whitehaven Care Home.

106. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd October 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of 3rd October 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

107. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 10th October 2016

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Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting, held on 10th October 2016, be noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 19th October 2016

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting, held on 19th October 2016, be noted.

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

There were no items over £5,000.

109. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolved: (1) With the exception of the Carers Centre, to award the grants as recommended by the Grants Sub Committee circulated with the agenda, including the £1,500 for the Silver Band.
(2) To hold the decision on the grant for the Carers' Centre, pending an answer to the question that has been put to them.

110. WESTFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 24th October were noted. Council was advised that Mr Clive Maggs has joined the working group.

Resolved: To commission the feasibility study for a Community facility.

Cllr Moss arrived at 7:10pm

111. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

This is a rolling item on the agenda. Nothing for discussion on this occasion

112. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Mardons - The signage for Mardons still hasn't been completed. Cllr Jackson visited the site with Ashley Ayres, Chief Executive of BaNES who noted the issue.

113. CHAIRMANS' REPORT

Cllr Fuller reminded everyone of Remembrance Sunday on 13th November and advised that the Union flags will be put up in Westfield

114. BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Jackson visited Longfellow Road with Andy Dunn, Head of Highways to

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bring BaNES attention to the need for restrictions on parking in the area. He made note of the situation and agreed areas that lines would be replenished or increased on Longfellow Road and surrounding roads.

Cllr Jackson also spent some time with Ashley Ayres, the Chief Executive of BaNES, showing him around Westfield and pointing out some issues of concern for residents.

There is an amendment in place to delay the decision on awarding community health and social care services to Virgin Care. At present there are two public meetings on Thursday 10th November to present the detailed document to BaNES Full Council and CCG Board.

115. WESTHILL SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Part of the discussion at the Neighbourhood Planning meeting was about the feasibility study for a community centre in Westfield. It was put forward that Westhill Sports and Community Centre would be an ideal place to have such a centre. Cllr Wilkinson proposed that a meeting is set up with the Committee of the club and move forward with discussions. Cllr Hopkins seconded.

Resolved: to organise a meeting with members of the Committee of the Westhill Sports and Community Centre

116. s.106 SPENDING IN WESTFIELD

Cllr Moss has been in discussion with Cllr Tim Warren and Mr Ashley Ayres, Chief Executive of BaNES about s106 or CIL money that should be available to be spent in Westfield and is to raise it at Cabinet and Council meetings. It is a point of principle that s106 money is available to recognise the effect on a community of a large development. North East Somerset subsidises Bath with its town and parish precepts, if s.106 spending takes place outside of our community then this is a double hit. Had any consultation on Midsomer Norton Town Park taken place outlining the fact that s.106 funds in Westfield were to be diverted to this facility, then the Parish Council would have strongly objected. BANES has a policy on children's play areas. Diverting funds to a park which can only be accessed by car goes against their policy. The Parish Charter puts an onus on BANES to inform the towns and parishes – this has not happened in respect of s.106 spending in this area. Therefore BaNES' action appears to breach the Parish Charter and their own Policies.

Resolved: (1) To investigate the possibility of a judicial review;
(2) to arrange a meeting with the Chair and Catherine Parker and Lisa Bartlett of BANES.

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117. YOUTH PROVISION IN WESTFIELD

Cllr Fuller and the Clerk met with Sam Plummer and Katy Roberts, Youth Workers, to discuss the provision of youth services in Westfield. It was felt that the provision of the service in Westfield since August has been very positive. There was some concern about the availability of funds to continue into next year.

The young people would like to set up a Youth Council and have some questions to ask of Councillors.

Resolved: Cllrs Fuller and Hopkins to meet with the young people to discuss issues concerning them and to investigate the possibility of setting up a Youth Council.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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