

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 11th March 2013 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair: P Wilkinson
Councillors: R Appleyard, A Butcher, A Clarke,
D Cooper, S Hamilton, R Moss
E Newman

In Attendance: Mrs L Welch, Parish Clerk
Mrs B Burridge, Administrator
6 Members of the Public

123. Chair of the Meeting

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, the Council voted Cllr P Wilkinson to preside as Chair of this meeting.

Cllr Wilkinson voiced the concerns and best wishes of the Council to Cllr Fuller, who was in hospital.

Comments from Members of the Public

Richard Hambledon spoke on behalf of the Residents Association, he asked why the two B&NES Councillors had leafleted the area on the 27th February and why only part of the Estate had received them.

Cllr Appleyard assured them that further leaflets were being printed and that the rest of the Estate would have them. The leaflet had been produced to get residents suggestions about what can be done regarding the parking situation.

124. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted with the reasons given from:

- Cllr Geoff Fuller who is in hospital;
- Cllr B Wallbridge who is on holiday;
- Cllr S Russell who had work commitments.

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125. Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Hamilton declared an interest as two family members work for CFH re item 9 Superstore Planning Application.

Cllrs R Appleyard declared an interest as Chair of the Westfield Allotment & Gardening Society in respect of Item 6 Westfield Allotment Fencing.

126. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 4th February 2013

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 4th February 2013 be signed as a correct record.

127. Committee Membership

Resolved: That this to be deferred until the next Council Meeting.

128. Committee Reports

- Resolved:**
- 1) That the Minutes and recommendations contained therein of the Environment & Development meeting held on 11th February 2013 be noted;
 - 2) That the Minutes and recommendations contained therein of the Finance & Personnel meeting held on 25th February 2013 be noted.
 - a) Cllr Moss reported that our current financial fund was good and the money would be re-invested in a Fixed Rate Deposit Account for a further six months.
 - b) There could be a potential issue with Norwest Bowls Club as the building had been damaged by water coming through the roof.

129. Fencing at the Allotments

- Resolved:**
- 1) To allow Full Parish Council to consider the fencing at the allotments in order that the decision may reflect the views of the Full Council;
 - 2) To undertake the fencing of the lower part of the Allotments for security purposes at a cost of £3,400 or lower if a more cost effective solution can be found, similar to the fence around Fosseway Cottages.

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130. Grant Funding – Second Round

Three Grant applications had been received, one from Radstock Baptist Church, one from Total Movement and another from Churches Together. Cllrs Fuller and Moss had spoken with Mr Green of Total Movement to advise him that as this was a business we would be unable to help at this stage and advised him of where he might get financial help. The application from Churches Together was missing some paperwork so a decision could not be made at present.

Resolved: A Grant of £360 was agreed for Radstock Baptist Church.

131. Landscape Contract 2013

Resolved: In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council to appoint Cllrs Moss, Newman and Hamilton to open the tenders at the conclusion of the meeting, which would be suspended for 10 minutes for this purpose and report back in Part 2.

132. Superstore Planning Application No 12/05418/FUL

- Resolved:**
- 1) That Standing Order 11a be suspended for this item, to allow the Full Parish Council to make a decision on this Planning Application.
 - 2) That the Planning Application No. 12/05418/FUL be agreed in principle with reservations and negotiations needed with issues relating to a) traffic, b) the need to support local businesses and c) proper landscaping to protect local residents.

133. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Moss reported that the Big Local had held a public meeting and over 60 people had turned up. They will consult with residents with ideas how the money should be spent. It is anticipated that the consultancy will end by August then the Plan will go to the Lottery to be signed off and by October the first of the money should be able to be released.

Resolved: That the Council would act as a Bank Account for Steering Groups funds for the Big Local.

134. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's report.

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135. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' report

Cllr Moss reported that the big issue in B&NES was adopting the Core Strategy, which had now been done, although it had yet to be agreed by the Planning Inspector.

136. Draft LTP Capital Programme 2013/14

The Council noted the inclusion of £5,000 for speed reduction purposes on the A367 in Westfield in the B&NES LTP Capital Programme. This serves to encourage our community to come forward with their issues on their roads.

137. Road Naming

Resolved: That it be recommended to B&NES that Somer Close and Somer Mews were rejected due to the association with the former name of the local housing association and that the new road be named Orchard Close.

138. Planning application No. 12/05563/VAR – Barratt Homes Bristol - referred from the E&D Committee

Resolved: That there was no objection to this Planning Application.

The meeting was suspended for 10 minutes to enable the Landscape Tenders to be opened.

139. Tenders Opened

Resolved: That Greensward quote was the lowest and it was left to the Parish Clerk to check references and invite them to a meeting to ensure all aspects had been covered before signing the contract.

The Meeting finished at 8.45 pm

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