

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 3rd June 2013 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Councillors: A Clarke, D Cooper, S Hamilton, R Moss,
E Newman, S Russell, B Wallbridge and
P Wilkinson (Vice Chair)

Also Present: 2 Members of the Public

In Attendance: Mrs L Welch, Parish Clerk
Mrs B Burridge, (Administrative)

Mr Perrett, Chair of Radstock Residents Association, wished to approach us concerning the maintenance, (grass cutting) at St Nicholas Church, Radstock. The Rector, Sue Greatorex asked his Association for help. There is a shortfall in funding. The impression was that the support last year and the year before from Radstock and Westfield Councils was not assured. £6,000 would keep the place ship shape and the Church has a shortfall of £4,000. The Church is used by Radstock and Westfield Residents and if they cannot get funding they would have to raise charges which they want to avoid doing. At present they pay two gardeners for 10 hours a week although they work a lot more than 10 hours.

The Chair recommended that a Grant form be sent to him for the current year and thanked Mr Perrett for attending the meeting.

26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Appleyard who had another meeting and Cllr Butcher who had another appointment.

27. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

28. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 7th May 2013

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2013 be signed as a correct record.

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Cllr R Moss informed Members that he advised Bath and North East Somerset Council the reason why the Parish Council were dis-affiliating from the Somer Valley Partnership and they are looking at revamping how it works. Once this has been done we can look at it again and think about re-joining.

29. Committee Reports

Resolved: a) That the Minutes and recommendations contained therein of the Environment and Development meeting held on 13th May 2013 be noted.

The quotes for a Petanque Court will be in for the next meeting. Cllr Cooper will be putting in an application to Sport England for funding. She was having a rethink on the layout. Her conversation with some 17 year olds playing tennis at the Norton Hill Court demonstrated an enthusiasm for these plans.

b) That the Minutes and recommendations contained therein of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 28th May 2013 be noted.

30. Year End Accounts 2012/13

Resolved: That the Year End Accounts for 2012/13 as submitted be agreed.

31. Annual Return 2012/13

Resolved: 1) The Accounting Statements at Section 1 of the Annual Return for 2012/13 as submitted be agreed;

2) The Annual Governance Statement at Section 2 of the Annual Return for 2012/13 as submitted be agreed.

32. Grass Verges to create parking at Wesley Avenue

Cllr Cooper had been contacted by a resident of Wesley Avenue about the parking there. Her car had been vandalised and she had contacted the Police on several occasions. She was asking if the grass verges could be tarmacked to allow parking.

Resolved: That these concerns be logged.

33. Noticeboard

Cllr Newman voiced his concern regarding the fact that the Parish Council still did not have a noticeboard after two years and asked what was happening about it. A double sided noticeboard was required. This was being paid for out of B&NES Councillors initiative allowance.

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Resolved: That Cllr Moss would look into why the noticeboard had still not materialised.

34. Outside Bodies Reports

Cllr Clarke advised the Members that she would be attending a meeting at the Radstock Museum the following week.

35. Code of Conduct

Resolved: That the Standing Orders be amended with the deletion of items 7, b,c, and d since they are no longer relevant.

36. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported that he and the Parish Clerk had met with Stefan Chiffers, from Highways in B&NES. We will now be getting a smiley speed sign which will be going up by Westfield School in due course. The sign will be able to turn both ways. Whilst walking around with Stefan he indicated that he would put lines in the turning circle at Elm Tree Avenue and appropriate signage. He was asked if a hardstanding could be put in on the side of the road by the Christmas tree for a mobile speed camera.

The flags above the shops will be going up tomorrow.

Before the meeting Lesley, Robin and the Chair had photos taken receiving a defibrillator for Westfield which is sited outside the Chemist in Elm Tree Avenue. It cost a lot of money and this will be a great asset for the community. It has to be checked on a weekly basis which will need a rota system. A Press Release regarding the defibrillator will be sent out shortly thanking all those involved.

The grass has now been cut and gravel placed around the Christmas tree.

37. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' Report

Cllr Moss thanked Geoff and the Clerk for their help in letting Radstock Town Council borrow Westfield's St George's flag. He believes that Radstock have now been donated a flag.

Nothing has been heard from Sainsbury's so it looks like they are not going to appeal.

Cllr Hamilton asked if any progress has been made regarding the different owners of the Pit Path as it was looking a mess. Cllr Moss felt that the Parish Council should take responsibility for writing to B&NES and the other owners

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to sort it out in its entirety. However it was noted that Cllr Appleyard had been in discussions with B&NES about their adopting it as a cycle route. This would be put as an item on the next Agenda. He reported that at a B&NES meeting he attended they were going to write to Parish Councils advising them that Community Pay Back is available at £100 per day which includes a Supervisor and 10 men. He will look into this.

The Meeting finished at 7.50 pm.

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