

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,  
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on  
Monday 3rd March 2014 commencing at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller  
Councillors: A Butcher, A Clarke, D Cooper, S Hamilton,  
R Moss, B Wallbridge and P Wilkinson

**Also Present:** Three members of the press and public

**Attending:** Mrs L Welch, Parish Clerk

### Comments from the public

Mr Hopkins raised the signage put up by Norton Radstock College which impacted on him and six or seven of his neighbours either side. BANES Solicitor General had visited the site when 23 signs had been up on the fence outside. Now a sign approximately 4.2m tall had been put up. Local people had not been consulted directly in the planning process, although they were informed that a notice went into the Bath Chronicle. This is a residential area and the signage in its current form is not appropriate. The Chairman commented that whilst the Parish Council's role does not involve informing residents of Planning applications, this is an issue which it can raise with BANES.

Mr Corbett thanked the Council for its support of residents relating to the parking issue at Fosse Way School. He understands the matter is to be decided by Committee at BANES and requested that some members of the Parish Council attend that meeting and possibly say a few words in support of the residents. He asked that a condition be considered that no further development takes place at the school until a sustainable solution to the parking has been achieved.

Mr Eastman highlighted inconsiderate and sometimes hazardous parking on the Nightingale estate by students, teachers and contractors. This has been going on for 18 months to 2 years and the school is using the estate as an overflow for their parking. Whilst the building works on the former Mardons estate were going on there was no consideration for larger machinery which needed to go through. PCSO's had arranged for cones, which disappeared after some weeks. The School, PCSO's and Cllr Appleyard had been made aware of the situation. Mr Eastman also asked if there were plans for traffic lights at Nightingale Way / Charlton Road. Cllr Moss agreed to talk to the school accordingly. The Chairman mentioned that Stefan Chiffers of BANES's traffic department would also be informed of the situation.

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**129. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Newman and Russell who were unwell.

**130. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**131. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**132. Committee Reports**

**Environment and Development Committee – Monday 10th February 2014**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be noted.

**Finance and Personnel Committee – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be noted.

**133. Fixed Assets**

**Resolved** that the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee for the acceptance of the Fixed Asset list be agreed.

**134. Fun Fairs**

The Council considered allowing a fun fair from 5.30-8.30pm for one week either commencing 27<sup>th</sup> July or 2<sup>nd</sup> August at either Westhill or Norton Hill Recreation Grounds and /or for one of the first two weeks in June.

**Resolved:** (1) that Mr Stokes be invited via the Fun Day Committee to bring a small fun fair to the Fun Day on 29<sup>th</sup> June.  
(2) that Mr Rogers be invited to bring the fun fair to Norton Hill Recreation Ground on the first or second week of June for one week, 5.30-8.30pm. Parking at that time of day would be available on the trading estate. A financial penalty for not finishing on time should be incorporated into the agreement.  
(3) that the Bowls Club be informed accordingly.

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**135. Local Trust**

Further to the Finance and Personnel Committee's decision in October 2013 to take on the role of administering the Dragon's Den scheme for Big Local, the Council considered taking on the role of Local Trusted Organisation in order to act as banker for the approximate £13,000 left in the Big Local. The Terms and Conditions of such a role were considered in detail.

Cllr Moss as Chair of the Big Local Steering Group outlined the fact that the Steering Group had appointed a paid Community Worker to ensure due diligence in investigating the groups to which grants are made and the use to which the grants are put. They would then inform the Parish Council of the monies which needed to be paid out.

**Resolved:** that, taking the above issues into account, the Parish Council agrees the terms and conditions to act as a Local Trusted Organisation.

**136. Petition relating to housing developments in the area**

The Council considered showing support of a petition relating to the housing developments in the area, by putting it on the website. It was noted that the wording of the original petition had changed slightly, and was circulated at the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the new petition be put on the on website.

**137. Carnival Route**

The Council discussed the location of the end of the Carnival route.

**Resolved:** that a letter be sent to the Carnival Association expressing the fact that the Parish Council is unhappy with the end position of the Carnival which is shown as the Westfield Methodist Church. In light of the support the Parish Council has demonstrated over the past years, it strongly urges the Association to ensure it ends at Westfield School.

**138. Outside Bodies Reports**

Cllr Moss reported that 21 applications had been received for the Dragon's Den and the event would take place on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at Prattens Club. The evening would consists of 90 second presentations and one question from the dragons. There would be free food and drink, a band and local residents were invited to attend the evening and cast a ballot. The results would be declared at 9pm. Cllr Moss urged local residents to attend what was likely to be a very good evening.

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The Big Local Steering Group was working towards becoming a Partnership with a legal constitution.

**139. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the consultation on the Fosseyway Gardens housing development on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon at the Centurion. Thanks to Cllr Clarke for this information.

It was good to see the smiley face speed indicator working again in Westfield and a press release had been sent out accordingly.

**140. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' report**

Cllr Moss reported on a 0% increase in the Council tax by BANES. There were slight increases by the Police and Fire authorities. There were no cuts to the Childrens Centres next year, but potential substantial cuts for 2015/16.

It was understood that a consultation was to take place on the possible closure of the Westfield/Radstock Police Station. The Fire Authority had confirmed that it did not intend to move from the area.

The hard standing outside Highfields has been set up to accommodate speed cameras.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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