

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 1st September 2014 commencing at 7.00 pm

- Present:** Chair: Cllr R Moss (Vice Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors A Butcher, D Cooper, S Hamilton, B Wallbridge and P Wilkinson.
- Absent:** Cllrs R Appleyard, A Clarke, G Fuller, E Newman, S Russell.
- Attending:** Four members of the public.
Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk

Comments from the public

Three members of the Management Committee of Westhill Sports Club attended to raise serious concern at the effect of the adjacent construction work on the takings of the Club. August for example was £1000's down on what they would have expected. Halsall is storing skips and building materials in the car park, extending beyond their agreed two portacabins and two car parking spaces. In addition the Club had not realised that the entire road was to be closed for up to six months, and questioned the need for a full closure.

Cray McDonald at CURO had been contacted about the situation, without any success. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Halsall to remind them of the agreement, with the expectation that they either adhere to the agreement or pay compensation to Westhill Sports Club. Cllr Moss would contact BANES Planning Enforcement about why the road should be fully closed for such a long period of time, and raise concern about the blocked disabled access and the fact that emergency vehicles would not be able to access the field. Cllr Moss and other Councillors would visit the Club on Wednesday evening to see the situation first hand.

48. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Newman who was unwell, Cllr Russell who had a work engagement and Cllrs Clarke and Fuller who had personal engagements.

49. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Moss declared a non pecuniary interest in item 7 Big Local/Dragons Den Feedback Report, as the Chair of the Big Local Steering Group.

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Signed Dated

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50. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7th July 2014**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

51. **Committee Reports**

(a) **Environment and Development Committee – 14th July 2014**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 14th July 2014, including the confidential minutes, be noted.

(b) **Finance and Personnel Committee – 16th July 2014**

Resolved That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 16th July 2014 be noted.

52. **Approval of items over £5,000 and consideration of any virement**

There were no items over £5,000 requiring the approval of the Council.

53. **Health and Safety Policy**

Resolved: That the Health and Safety Policy, as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee, be approved.

54. **Big Local / Dragons Den Feedback Report**

The Council received the report of the Clerk. The Chairman stated that membership of the Big Local Partnership was open to all residents and involved a couple of meetings a year and approval of the Management Committee. He urged people to consider membership. There were also vacancies on the Management Committee.

Resolved: (1) That the Parish Council invoices the Big Local in the amount of £253 in respect of officer time and postage for the administration of the Dragons Den.
(2) That the Parish Council is agreeable to being considered for continuation in the role of banker, with an agreement that should this tip the Parish Council into a higher audit bracket then the costs be shared accordingly with the Big Local.

55. **Outside Bodies Reports**

Somer Valley Forum – Cllr Wallbridge reported on a recent meeting and debate on the role of the Forum.

Radstock Museum Society – Cllr Hamilton reported on a recent meeting.

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Chamber of Commerce – It was noted that Cllr Cooper would liaise with the Chamber of Commerce about a representative role for the Parish Council and whether membership fees were appropriate.

56. Chairman's Report

In the Chairman's absence it was noted that the basket ball fence has now gone up at Norton Hill Recreation Ground. Also any suggestions for free trees from the Woodland Trust were requested by the deadline of 4th September 2014.

57. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' report

Cllr Moss reported that he had spoken to residents on the Janes Estate and Longfellow Road regarding traffic issues and was inviting comments about the difference the school holidays make to the traffic situation at this location.

Cllr Hamilton raised the amount of kerbside weeds and queried the quantities of topsoil over the grass on the side of the Pit Path, which would soon turn to mud. Cllr Moss agreed to follow up both items with BANES.

Cllr Butcher raised concern about the design of the new crossing outside Norton Hill School and the projection on the far side, which Cllr Moss agreed to take up with BANES.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

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