

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,  
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 commencing at 7.00 pm

- Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller (Chair)  
Cllrs A Butcher, D Cooper, S Hamilton, R Moss and B Wallbridge.
- Absent:** Cllrs R Appleyard, A Clarke, E Newman, S Russell.
- Attending:** One member of the public  
Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk

### 125. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Russell who had a work commitment and Cllrs Clarke, Newman and Wilkinson who were unavailable.

### 126. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

### 127. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 128. Committee Reports

#### (a) Environment and Development Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015, be noted.

#### (b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be noted.

### 129. Approval of items over £5,000 and consideration of any virement

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

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**130. Report on the Consultation on the Fun Fair**

The Council discussed the analysis of responses on the Fun Fair consultation.

- Resolved:** (1) In agreement with the majority of responses, to specify a maximum of five days operating period and a 9pm finish at the latest each day;  
(2) Other comments such as keeping dogs on leads would be highlighted to the Fun Fair operator, together with the importance of ensuring the posters reflect the agreed operating days and finishing time and that they are all removed after the event;  
(3) If the Fun Fair Operator is still open to a Charity Day, then Dorothy House is to be the Parish Council's suggestion.

**131. Naming of the development on Cobblers Way**

The Council considered the recommendation of the Environment and Development Committee that the suggestion of St Peter's Glad be accepted.

- Resolved:** that St Peter's Glade be recommended to BANES as the proposed name of this development.

**132. Naming of South Wansdyke Sports Centre**

A local resident raised the question of whether Westfield Parish Council will be consulted on the potential change of name of the South Wansdyke Sports Centre, adventure park and skate park. It was suggested in the press that the name would be Midsomer Norton Leisure Centre but a local resident pointed out that it would be more inclusive if it were named Somer Valley Sports Centre. The Parish Council discussed this view and also the fact that 'Midsomer Norton Leisure Centre' would at least give users an indication of where the Centre is geographically.

- Resolved:** Not to make any comments about the name.

**133. Neighbourhood Planning Workshop**

The Council received an invitation from ALCA to a free workshop on Neighbourhood Planning on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

- Resolved:** To convey the comment that a Monday day time workshop is not ideal for this Council since, unlike many Councils, the vast majority of Westfield Parish Councillors are not retired. To request notes of the workshop for circulation.

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**134. Sky Lanterns**

The Parish Council considered a request from the Avon Fire Authority to ban the use of Chinese style Sky Lanterns in public areas.

**Resolved:** that sky lanterns be banned from Norton Hill Recreation Ground and Westhill Recreation Ground.

**135. CCTV Cameras at Norton Hill Recreation Ground**

The Council noted that the CCTV system was now installed and was to be handed over to the Parish Council on Wednesday. The CCTV policy proposed by the Finance and Personnel Committee was considered in detail.

**Resolved:** To agree the CCTV Policy.

**136. Outside Bodies Reports**

**Somer Valley Forum:** Cllr Wallbridge reported that the BANES Care Commissioning Authority had given a presentation about how community care is provided in this area. Also, there was an update on Police checking of cars.

**Arts Grant:** Cllr Wallbridge reported that he attended a meeting with Cllr Paul Myers and Geoff Fuller, following which a grant for Arts events had been obtained for this area. This initiative is not Council –led and is therefore reported as an outside body. Arts events might take the form of Battle of the Bands or an event linked to the Fun Day.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Cllr Cooper reported that at the AGM this Thursday there was a resolution to change the name to the Somer Valley Chamber of Commerce, to encompass the whole area.

**Radstock Museum:** Cllr Hamilton reported that she had missed the last meeting.

**Radstock and Westfield Development Agency:** Cllr Butcher reported that he had attended a meeting where an alternative proposal for the land at Norton Radstock College had been raised, which might remove the possibility of housing at the site.

**137. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that a handover of the CCTV system was to take place on Wednesday.

The noticeboard at the local shops is up and running. Something is needed to tidy up the back, possibly powder coated metal.

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

Cllr Moss reported that the BANES budget meeting had agreed a 0% increase in the Council tax and £50,000 for Westfield Primary School. Westfield Sports and Community Centre had received advice about their status, as well as £500 from the Big Local. The Youth Services had had a conversation with the Big Local as one of the Big Local targets is to improve youth services in this area.

**139. Flowers in Public Places**

No tenders had been received, despite advertising this work. Cllr Cooper suggested splitting the contract as follows:

- (1) Purchasing the 25 16" wire moss lined baskets from Norton Green Farm Nursery at £25 each. These would be ready to go up at the end of May;
- (2) Inviting WAGS to maintain the Coal Truck planters, raised beds around the local shops and Methodist Church and the small beds around the trees in Jubilee Green;
- (3) Inviting Fosse Way School to maintain the square planter below the hanging basket tree at Ruskin Road/Wells Road.
- (4) Asking Greensward if they would put up and take down the hanging baskets, and do the feeding/ operating the automatic watering systems for the baskets.

**Resolved:** To work towards providing the flowers in public places as outlined above.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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