

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Boardroom, The Oval Office,
Cobblers Way, Westfield on
Monday 7th January 2019 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: D Cooper, J Honess, R Hopkins (Vice Chair), E Jackson, B Wallbridge, P Williams and P Wilkinson

Attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk; Tracey Stephens, Admin Asst

Also attending: Mr Dave Norris and Mr Chris Wilson on behalf of RADCO

Absent: Cllrs: A Butcher, K Docherty and L Mansell

134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Mansell.

135. PRESENTATION BY RADCO ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION

Mr Chris Wilson and Mr Dave Norris gave a presentation on behalf of RADCO on the plans for development of the RADCO site.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in item 4 – Presentation by RADCO on the planning application – as he lives on the boundary of the site.

137. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd December 2018

Resolved: the minutes of 3rd December 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

138. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 10th December 2018

It was noted that in minute item 114 the Co-op in question was on the Fosseway, not RADCO.

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Councillors had been informed of the modifications to the restrictive covenants on the land at Larch Court for the new allotments.

Resolved: to accept the modifications and go ahead with the transfer.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 10th December 2018 be noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 12th December 2018

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 12th December be noted.

139. APPROVAL OF ANY ITEMS OF £5,000 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY VIREMENT

As the role of LTO for the Big Local comes to a close the return of in the region of £6,000 was approved.

140. AMENITY LAND AT RUSKIN ROAD

Councillors were advised that we are awaiting a response from Traffic Management at BaNES

141. YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION IN WESTFIELD

A verbal report stated that numbers are increasing and that the service will be continuing in its interim measure until the end of March, when Youth Connect Mutual hope to continue the service.

128. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Cllr Fuller reported that no residents approached them at the Councillors' Surgery on 4th January. There will be no further surgeries until after the elections in May.

A request from Ignyte had been received to increase the publication numbers of the Warbler.

Resolved: to increase the numbers published by 100 to 2,900

Resolved: to prepare a Westfield article to be sent to the Journal

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129. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Cllr Jackson reported favourable comments regarding the display of Westfield Parish Council's Christmas tree at the Trinity Methodist Church in Radstock.

130. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Fuller reported on his visit with Cllr Hopkins to BBC Somerset Radio to record a conversation with Westfield Massachusetts. The conversation was broadcast on 28th December on the Breakfast show in two parts. It was agreed that it would be good to continue this relationship with Westfield MA.

He advised on a grass cutting working group meeting that had agreed that Westfield Parish Council would not be inviting residents to a meeting as we are still looking for a way forward.

Resolved: to set up a meeting with BaNES to discuss further.

Cllr Fuller thanked everyone for their support over the festive period and thanked any Councillors that attended events on his behalf that he was not able to get to.

131. B&NES COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jackson reported:

- New Rights of Way officers at BaNES. She would like to invite them to Westfield to show our aspirations for our footpaths
- Radstock Town Council have purchased the land at the Batch – could we find a way of connecting our land and creating a walkway?
- There is a meeting in Paulton Methodist Church regarding maternity services at Paulton Hospital on Saturday 12th January at 2pm.
- She is still working on the provision of 'community equipment' – aids that people receive once they have left hospital

The meeting closed at 8:21pm.

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