

Westfield Parish Council

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6th April 2021

TO: (a) All Members of the Environment and Development Committee
Cllrs Brian Wallbridge (Chair), Diana Cooper (Vice Chair), Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins, James Honess, Eleanor Jackson, Pat Williams

(b) All other Members of the Council for information

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Environment and Development Committee** of Westfield Parish Council on **Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.00pm**, online via Zoom.

Westfield Parish Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 967 6863 1321

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Or dial in by phone 0203 481 5240, using the Meeting ID and Password above when prompted.

The meeting will consider the items set out below.

Ms L J Close
Parish Clerk

Before the meeting there will be a 15-minute public session to enable residents of Westfield to ask questions, and make comments.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**
Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to approve the reasons given.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS** - Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items, in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct. The Parish Council may consider agreeing a dispensation, providing the request is put in writing and the dispensation is allowed on the grounds set out in s.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – To agree the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 8th March 2021 (**Pages 1-3**)
4. **INSPIRING SPORTS AND ARTS IN WESTFIELD** To welcome Ellis Grubb, Olympic Torch Bearer and George Saunders of Youth Connect South West
5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Page 4)**
6. **PLANNING DECISIONS (Pages 5-6)**
7. **B&NES PLANNING CONSULTATIONS** Strategic Local Housing Assessment - sites proposed for housing by the land owners. Then there is a transport consultation. And the third is the Local Plan Update. (Cllr Jackson)
8. **RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL**
9. **RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL**

Buddy Board - In Jan 2021 the play inspection report highlighted a low risk issue with the spring mechanism of the buddy board. Quotes received had indicated that repair of this would be £1017, This is not thought to be a popular item and the Committee resolved not to repair the item, but to use it until it becomes medium risk. This item has now been highlighted as medium risk. The quote to remove it from the site and make good the grass is £135.00.
Hopscotch - low risk on the play inspection but the numbers are looking very faint - £734.63 to repaint by Wicksteed who created it.
Request from Youth Connect to put a double decker bus in the car park once a week for 6 weeks as part of a youth project.
10. **SOMER VALLEY REDISCOVERED INITIATIVE OF POSTERS IN EMPTY SHOPS** Feedback on progress.
11. **EVENTS - 10th ANNIVERSARY OF WESTFIELD (1)** To make this the focus of the May Warbler (2) To consider any other means of marking the event.
12. **WEST OF ENGLAND MASS TRANSIT PROJECT** Information circulated 10/3/21
13. **DRESSING OF WAR GRAVES (Pages 7-8)**

14. **ALLOTMENTS DRAIN COVER IN THE ORCHARD** (verbal update)
15. **WESTFIELD WARBLER** To consider increasing the distribution fee from £375 per issue to £400 per issue due to the fact that it has not been raised for many years and there is significantly more housing.

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**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 8th March 2021 commencing at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper, G Fuller, J Honess,
R Hopkins, E Jackson and P Williams

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin
Assistant. 1 member of the public

Mr Ellis Grubb spoke to the committee regarding the Olympic Torch that he was awarded after having carried it for the Games in 2012. He said he was honoured to have been chosen for his work with young people in sport over many years. He said that he wants to use it in projects in Westfield to encourage young people to be active and engage in sports and creative arts. Committee replied that there would be an item on the next agenda to discuss how that could be achieved.

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were no apologies for absence.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

117. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th February 2021 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

118. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

21/00615/FUL	19 Highfields	Erection of porch to front door entrance
21/00843/CLEU	24 Westhill Gardens	Removal of a garden wall. Lowering current level of the hard standing driveway. Erection of a 7x4 metre flat roof garage with the height of 2.5 metres (Certificate of lawfulness of existing use).
21/00977/FUL	70 Waterford Park	Erection of single storey side extension

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed **Dated**

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21/00564/FUL - 16 Linden Close – Erection of two storey detached dwelling on land adjacent to 16 Linden Close

Committee objected to this application on the grounds that the access to the property would be difficult due to congestion of vehicles parked in the area and that the ground would be unstable, with local knowledge indicating that a massive amount of concrete was poured there during the initial construction of neighbouring properties. Committee also was keen to see the hydrology report as the area is renowned for springs, the water table is high and drainage in the light of all the concrete deposits is unknown.

21/00514/FUL – 16 May Tree Avenue – Erection of an attached 2.5 storey dwelling

Committee objected to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.

21/00875/FUL – 43 Welton Road – Erection of a single storey rear flat roof extension (Retrospective)

Committee asked that an adequate set of plans was provided before being able to make comment on this application.

119. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

120. MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART II

The update was noted.

121. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

It was noted that a vehicle had recently crashed through the fence and caused considerable damage. Committee was advised that the insurance company have been notified and that a temporary fence had been erected at a cost of £47 per week, while waiting for quotes to permanently repair the fence.

122. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

Resolved: to accept a quote from Greensward for a post-winter clean up of the gym equipment of £85 plus VAT.

123. SOMER VALLEY REDISCOVERED INITIATIVE OF POSTERS IN EMPTY SHOPS

Committee was advised that the Chemist at Elm Tree Road had given permission for the posters to be displayed on the outside of their side windows.

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Signed **Dated**

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Resolved: once the draft posters had been distributed to Councillors and the Chemist to contact Miriam Woolnough to advise of positioning.

124. LITTER BINS AT FIVE ARCHES CYCLE TRACK AND SALT BOXES ON THE PIT PATH

Cllr Fuller had been approached by residents who were asking for more rubbish bins on the pit path as the ones there are regularly overflowing.

Resolved: to write to B&NES requesting sight of the emptying schedule and to ask for more bins, suggesting use of s106 money from the RADCO development copying Midsomer Norton Town Council.

125. GOOD FRIDAY WALK

There was no further action required.

126. MAY WESTFIELD WARBLER

Resolved: to include an update of the Business Directory giving free advertising to Westfield businesses at a cost of £395 plus VAT.

127. FLOWERS IN PUBLIC PLACES CONTRACT FOR 2021-22

Resolved: to accept the quote of £5362 from Rob Wicke

128. EVENTS

- **Request for a Fun Fair at Norton Hill Recreation Ground in May**

Resolved: to respond to this request advising that due to government restrictions there will be no fun fair possible in Westfield in May.

- **Closure of Trinity Methodist Church in Westfield or Radstock**

Resolved: to request more time for consideration of the question of how the Parish Council would use the facility in Westfield

The meeting closed at 8:38pm

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed **Dated**

Westfield Parish Council Planning Applications – APRIL 2021

Date Rec'd	App No	Applicant	Location	Case Officer	Proposal	Response By
17.03.21	21/01201/FUL	Mr Alex Morgan Smith	The Vicarage, 13 St Peters Road 16 Glebelands	Rebecca Robinson Hayden Foster	Erection of lean-to side extension and first floor rear extension Conversion of a loft, erection of rear dormer and installation of roof lights (Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development)	7th April - extension requested 15.04.21
25.03.21	21/01370/CLPU					



Indicates application received since agenda printed

Westfield Parish Council Planning Decisions – APRIL 2021

Date Rec'd	App No	Applicant	Location	Case Officer	Proposal	BANES Decision
11.03.21	18/05623/OUT	The Radstock Cooperative Society	Wells Road	Tessa Hampden	Hybrid planning application for the mixed-use redevelopment of the Co-Operative store and associated car park in Radstock comprising - 1. Full planning permission for the demolition of existing store and construction of 1795sqm retail floorspace including replacement store (Class A1), 722sqm office floorspace (Class B1) and 28 dwellings (Class C3) with associated car and cycle parking, works to existing access, landscaping, public realm, drainage and infrastructure. 2. Outline planning permission for 26 dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure (access, scale, and landscaping determined, all other matters reserved).	PERMIT
15.03.21	21/00167/FUL	Westfield Surgery	Waterford Park	Chloe Buckingham	Extension and alteration to existing doctors' surgery to provide additional consulting rooms, a wheelchair accessible toilet and improvements to the parking area	PERMIT

15.03.21	21/00318/FUL	Mr Daniel Cornish	19 Westfield Terrace	Ben Burke	Erection of single storey garage following demolition of existing	PERMIT

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Fri, 19 Mar, 09:59 (3 days ago)

to Carol, Charlotte, David, David, Esther, Ian, James, Liz, Matthew, Olga, ROB, Stephen, tonygr, Brian, Christian, Gordon, Lynne, Michael, Mike, Richard, Steve, Sue, Anne, David, Gail, Graham, Hugh, Linda, Micheal, Terry, Zoe, Andy, Audrey, Barbara, Conor, Gavin, Jo, John, Jonathan, KAREN, Kathy, Les, Mandy, Ray, Richard, Sam, SARAH, Simon, Tanya, Adrian, Bruce, Chris, Colin, Elizabeth, Gary, Matthew, Mike, Nick, Robert, Rupert, helenmlear, Janet, Jenna, Peasedown, John, Bryan, Diana, Eleanor, Geoff, James, Lesley, Lesley, Pat, Phil, Robin, Ron, Vincent, David, jonathan.pike, Kulwarn, Malcolm, Marlene, Paul, Peter, Philip, Richard

Good day to you,

I am writing to you for HELP which we feel you can give us, There are graves of service men and women in your community churchyards and cemeteries, who are there because they died whilst in military service to the Crown and the Nation.

They were called to do their duty for us, and we now find them abandoned and alone and forgotten they were all residents of the community in which they were laid to rest.

They were born, raised, schooled, and grew up into men and women who walked the same streets as you and me, they prayed in the same church's and chapels and drank in the same pubs, and they all had families and friends, aims and goals in life just as we do.

Their family are still living within the community today and are walking the same streets.

Please read the attached.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Graham Jagger

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The Royal British Legion
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The Dressing of Graves Tradition

The dressing of graves is a tradition of saluting the fallen who died whilst in the service of the Nation's armed services, who are buried in local graveyards and cemeteries across our area.

It began during the first world war, wounded, gassed and invalided service men came home from the hell of the trenches for hospital treatment in the UK, many died whilst under treatment or on convalescent leave at home.

For those who died the Military contacted their families and asked where would they wanted their Husband, son, father, or brother to be buried (which now includes service women). There were usually two choices, in the Military Cemetery where they died or in their local Churchyard or cemetery nearest to home, although over 700,000 families didn't have the choice of bringing them home, many did choose to bring their loved one's home.

The military transported the coffin home by train and or motor hearse with a military escort and buried the serviceman with full military Honours, Last Post, Reveille, Volley salute and with a military style headstone or they could have a private headstone at their own cost. The family had their loved one home at last, cared for the grave and went to the grave as often as was their need.

In 1920 the first war memorials were built and the focus of the remembrance moved to the cenotaphs and memorials across the country a focal point for the ones who never returned, slowly over the years the graves were over grown and forgotten.

Last year we, the members of Midsomer Norton & Radstock Branch Royal British Legion, said 'we are not letting them be forgotten any more', we cut back the brambles and overgrowth and brought them back into the sunlight. We held a short remembrance Service in each site, sounded the Last Post and reveille then dressed their graves with poppies.

We are now asking you and your community to help us carry on this re activated event, Last year was the first year since 1920 we dressed the graves in our area. Nine sites with 40 graves last year, this year our area has grown in size to cover the Paulton, Stratton on the Fosse and Downside Abbey with ten more graves.

The Royal British Legion Branch have made this event self-financing with the sponsorship along with the war grave cards in place, and the Branch will supply the poppy spray's, grave headstone garlands (to identify each grave involved) an operational plan, service sheet and risk assessment for each event site, and full RBL Branch support, all that needs to be done by you is the limited organisation and involvement of the community's Parish or Town Councils and Churches, to select youths from the schools, Scouts, Guides, and Cadet detachments to lay the poppy sprays at each grave on the day.

The "Dressing of Graves" team are ready to meet you and discuss any questions you may have, at any time that suits you.

