

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 13th July 2020 commencing at 7pm**

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

Absent: Cllrs V Cox and J Honess,

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin
Assistant. Richard Daone of B&NES Planning Department

Mr Daone talked to Councillors about the Mendip Local Plan Examination that is due to take place in September, with specific regard to the plan for 505 properties on the Westfield boundary. He outlined how the hearing would work and advised that B&NES officers will be attending. He also said that they were happy to share their preparation work with the Parish Council on the lead up to the hearing date.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were no apologies for absence.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

23. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th June 2020 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

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| 20/02063/FUL | WATERSIDE FARM | Erection of new single storey extensions to replace the existing on the side and rear elevations following demolition of existing single storey structures to the East (side) and North (rear) elevations |
| 20/02204/TPO | 21 Robin Close | 2no. Ash (T1 and T2) remove due to extensive signs of dieback |
| 20/02245/FUL | 50 Glebelands | Erection of a single storey rear extension |
| 20/02297/FUL | 21 Robin Close | Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing |

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Signed **Dated**

25. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AT SILVER STREET, MIDSOMER NORTON

Resolved: To respond to BANES indicating concern at the loss of green space, the impact on infrastructure and the fact that 45 houses should be the absolute maximum, highlighting concerns that the Care Home has been included at planning stage but will be followed by a change of use to enable more housing. The Clerk to draft a response.

26. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

27. MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART II EXAMINATION

Resolved: Cllr Jackson to attend the hearing to represent Westfield Parish Council.

28. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Correspondence from Norwest Bowls: The Committee received the email from Norwest Bowls which it discussed in detail and agreed that it could not meet the requests for the raising of the fence and the moving of the youth shelter. The Clerk to draft a response to include reference to the rent.

Quotes for work at Norton Hill:

Resolved: (1) to accept the quote of £55 for Greensward to repair the fence along the driveway to the Bowls Club
(2) to accept the quote of £180 from Greensward to repair the timber edging of the boules pitch.

29. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

● **Fitness Track**

Cllr Fuller reported that the track is finished and he has walked the perimeter with a representative from the contractors. There is a section of around 15m that needs relaying and Northavon have committed to doing so when they lay the tarmac around the gym equipment.

● **Motorised vehicles**

There was concern around the issue of motor vehicles – particularly motorbikes and electric scooters – being on the grounds and using the track as a race track.

Resolved: (1) to put signs at the entrances to the recreation ground with the words “The use of powered vehicles of any kind is strictly not allowed on site”
(2) to obtain copies of risk assessments for similar facilities for Cllr Wallbridge to consider in relation to any other safety precautions at the site.

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- **Benches**

A complaint from a resident was circulated regarding people using the benches situated very close to their back gardens and the anti-social behaviour of those people.

Resolved: to review the seating arrangements at Westhill and respond accordingly to the local resident.

- **Hole in the fence**

Resolved: to accept the quote of £165 to repair the hole in the fence.

- **Hazardous wall update**

It was noted that the hazardous wall was being repaired by the owner.

- **Pavilion funding update**

Most funding providers are still not accepting new applications. However an application for £5,000 has been submitted to the Sperring Trust.

30. EVENTS

Christmas Lights Switch on event:

The likelihood of the Switch on event going ahead was discussed, with Councillors being advised that organisation starts at the very beginning of September.

Cllr Jackson proposed to cancel the Switch on of the Christmas lights event in the form that it has been but to investigate the option of a virtual event. The vote was three for and two against. The proposal was carried.

Resolved: (1) Cllr Wallbridge to investigate the possibility of having a virtual lights switch on event.

(2) to put an article in the August Warbler advising that the event has been cancelled.

Front Garden competition:

It was reported that the competition had been judged that morning and that there had been a record number of entries.

Remembrance Day:

Cllr Jackson reported that the normal event had been cancelled but that wreaths would be laid by designated organisations and it was confirmed that Westfield Parish Council would arrange representation as usual.

31. WAGS CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Committee was pleased to receive the update.

32. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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Youth Connect – what is there for the young people of Westfield (Cllr Jackson)

The meeting closed at 8:42pm

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Signed **Dated**