

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Homes car park, Cobblers Way, Westfield on Tuesday 13th July 2021 commencing at 9:30am

A consultation meeting was held on Zoom the previous day on Monday 12th July with Cllrs Cooper, Honess, Hopkins, Jackson, Wallbridge and Williams in attendance. Also in attendance were 4 members of the public.

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

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

Mr Matt Bridges and Mr Chris Langdon gave a presentation regarding item 4 Planning Application 21/02891/FUL. The application was for Bridges Electrical to move their business to the Dickies site.

Mrs Rachael Liddiard gave information to the committee about item 6 Norton Hill Recreation Ground. She advised that she and a friend were hoping to provide a community café using the kitchen at the Pavilion at Norton Hill. She wanted to offer refreshments to users of the recreation ground, eg dog walkers, football supporters and families.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were apologies from Cllrs Fuller, Honess, Pritchard and Wallbridge.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest

33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th June 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

21/02585/FUL	28 Birch Road	Erection of wooden gazebo in rear garden (retrospective)
21/03067/TCA	23 Wells Square	Tree 1 - Acer Pseudoplatanus/Sycamore - fell and stump kill.

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		Tree 2 - Prunus spp/Spring Flowering Cherry - fell to below ground level, repair the hole left by the tree and grass over.
21/02473/TCA	Scout Hall, Wells Road	Sycamore (T43287) - fell; Ash (T828) - fell; Cypress (T885) - remove branch that has become detached from canopy; G5 - fell Ash and coppice old Sycamore stump; G4 - fell 2No. Sycamore, Alder and Ivy covered stem; G6 - thin by 30%

21/02891/FUL Dickies, 2nd Avenue Change of use from historic permission for factory/warehouse with ancillary offices to B2 and B8 uses with ancillary offices

The committee had no objections to this application and are delighted to support it as it promotes employment in Westfield.

21/01871/FUL Street Record, Linden Close Change of use of grass behind garages to parking space

Committee had no objections to this application provided the following items were addressed:

- Use of grasscrete, rather than tarmac, due to the water run off
- Check that the street drainage had capacity for any extra run off
- To establish that the owners of the garages had given consent for the use of their land

35. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

36. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Barbeques

Resolved: To take no further action at the present time.

Cutting back the trees overhanging the roadway from A367 to Bowling Club gate and incidence of people on the Bowling Club roof Community Café

Resolved: (1) to accept the quote from Greensward to cut back the overhang from the trees of £575

(2) to write to NorWest Bowls club to let them know that advice is being taken from NALC to establish liabilities and to ask that they contact a safety / security expert for a report on how to address the issues raised.

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Community Café

Councillors were supportive of the plans of Mrs Liddiard to offer a community café service to users of the Recreation Ground. Cllr Honess said that he has experience in this field and, as there were many regulations to consider, he was happy to meet with Mrs Liddiard and offer advice.

Resolved: some councillors to meet with Mrs Liddiard and discuss further.

37. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

It was noted that a further meeting with the Trustees of Westhill Club is to take place on 26th July.

38. WESTHILL CLUB FACILITIES FOR FOOTBALL

Resolved: to write to the football clubs advising that Council is currently not able to offer any solutions to the situation with the changing rooms but that discussions with the club were continuing.

39. ANNUAL KEY REVIEW

The annual key review was noted.

40. WESTFIELD HERITAGE TRAILS

The email from a resident regarding the signage on the Miner's Trail was noted.

Resolved: (1) Cllr Cooper to walk the trails picking up any amendments to signage that are needed.

(2) Cllr Jackson to establish any funding available from B&NES

41. BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN

Resolved: to investigate further the possibility of adding the Waterside Valley to the list of sites for bio diversity enhancement and to invite a representative to the next meeting in September.

42. EVENTS

Queen's Platinum Anniversary

Resolved: to add this item to the next Parish Council agenda on 6th September

To resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of

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Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

43. LEGIONELLA AND WATER SAMPLING QUOTES

The acceptance of the quote from Legionella Control International was noted.

44. TREE WORKS AT THE RECREATION GROUNDS

Resolved: to accept the quote of £5210.00 from CT Samler and DJ Wyatt

The meeting closed at 9:42am

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