

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the car park of the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 16th December 2021 commencing at 10:30am.

Present: Cllrs Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson and Pat Williams

Attending: Lesley Close, Clerk

Cllr Jackson proposed and was seconded by Cllr Hopkins that all the decisions recorded below at the consultation meeting on Zoom on Monday 13th evening be agreed. This was agreed unanimously.

Decisions made at the Zoom meeting held at 7pm on Monday 13th December 2021:

Present: Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Geoff Fuller, James Honess, Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson,

Absent: Cllrs Diana Cooper, Steve Pritchard and Pat Williams.

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

87. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cooper and Pritchard and accepted.

88. Declarations of interest and dispensation

There were no declarations of interest.

89. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th November 2021 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

90. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following application:

21/05045/FUL	19 Fosseyway Gardens	Erection of a single storey rear extension
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21/05150/FUL – 13 St Peter’s Road – Erection of dwelling

The committee objected to this application on the grounds that:

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- It was not in keeping with the street scene.
- It is overlooking and significantly overshadows the neighbouring property, meaning loss of residential amenity for the neighbour.
- It does not comply with Policy 1 of the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan in that it does not reflect the character of the surrounding area and protect the amenity of neighbours. It does not reinforce the uniformity of the street by reflecting the scale, mass, height and form of its neighbours.

91. Planning application outside the Parish boundary at Beauchamps Drive.

The Committee objected to this application on the grounds that it would severely overload the infrastructure of Westfield – roads, doctors, dentists and schools and that it was an urban encroachment of housing onto open countryside and would be damaging to the environment. The impact on bio diversity, including swifts and hedgehogs had been highlighted by a local resident.

92. Planning Decisions

The Planning decisions were noted.

93. WECA consultation on the A367

The consultation was discussed

Resolved: to ask WECA for a full professional survey on the whole of the A367, taking into account access for public transport, commercial transport, cyclists and pedestrians and safety of crossings, particularly the crossing close to the industrial estate. Further, pages 71 and 72 of the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan outline the very many public comments and concern about safety issues on the A367.

94. Request for a lights crossing at the Pedestrian crossing where the trading estate meets the A367

This was discussed within minute 93.

95. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

An email had been received from a resident advising that the lights had been left on in the pavilion on several occasions.

Resolved: to investigate the cost of sensor lighting.

The same email requested that something was done about footballs being kicked around on the tennis court and often going over the fence into private gardens. It was noted that there are signs barring the use of the courts for anything other than tennis.

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Resolved: to improve the signage at both entrances to the court.

The results from the legionella audit had been circulated. Recommendations from the survey were:

- The first relates to having a policy of WRAS approved materials in the site water system only.
- The second recommends we change the flexible pipework in the accessible toilet to rigid pipework, in line with the rest of the building.
- And finally, the third recommendation ask that pipework be adequately insulated. I had thought it already was, but when we arrange the work to the accessible toilet we can ask that the contractor looks at all pipework insulation at the same time and brings it all up to standard.

Resolved: to accept the results from the survey, adopt a policy of WRAS approved materials only and obtain quotes for the work.

96. Recreation Ground - Westhill

Resolved: to commission Harris and Harris to undertake the legal work in respect of the lease of Westhill Club.

Resolved: to accept the quote from Greensward of £797 for junior goalposts

An email had been received from a user of the recreation ground regarding dogs often being out of control on the site. A discussion was held around the possibility of having a dog enclosure.

Resolved: the Clerk to investigate by contacting the Clerk at Peasedown St John for information on their enclosure.

97. Trees on unadopted land

The tree report was noted.

Resolved: to get a quote for the work suggested and build it into the budget next year.

98. Westfield Heritage Trails

It was noted that one of the trails had changed slightly and that the waymarker signs needed updating.

Resolved: Cllr Honess to walk the trail with waymarker signs, replacing those that had changed.

99. Waterside Valley Risk Assessment

Resolved: to accept the quote from RoSPA for £450 plus VAT for a full inspection.

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It was noted that the stakeholders meeting had been cancelled due to the upsurge in covid cases in the area. Discussion was held around whether to have a stakeholders' meeting on Zoom or wait until we were able to do it face to face.

Resolved: (1) to wait until it was possible to meet face to face for the stakeholders meeting. This would push the Management Plan back for a few months, but it was felt that it was important to engage with people who had offered help.

(2) to keep all interested parties informed of the delays.

100. Mobile CCTV and Mosquito device

It was noted that the Clerk was meeting with PC Mark Graham at Norton Hill tomorrow to discuss the best position for the mobile CCTV.

101. Update on Westfield in Bloom

Cllr Jackson gave an update on Westfield in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood. There had been an initial meeting that was well attended, which will be followed by a more formal meeting to appoint officers.

102. Events

Christmas Lights Switch on

It was noted that the Christmas lights switch on had been very successful and feedback was excellent.

Youth Basketball

A resident had contacted Cllr Fuller regarding setting up a youth basketball club in Westfield, comprising predominantly Westfield young people, asking for a location to meet.

Resolved: Cllr Fuller to meet with Prattens to investigate the use of their hall.

Tree Planting

An email from a local resident suggesting locations for community tree planting was received and was being investigated via contact with Mark Cassidy of B&NES.

The meeting closed at 8:18pm.

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