

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Homes car park, Cobblers Way, Westfield on Tuesday 15th June 2021 commencing at 9:35am

A consultation meeting was held on Zoom the previous day on Monday 14th June with Cllrs Cooper, Honess, Hopkins, Jackson, Pritchard, Wallbridge and Williams in attendance. Also attending for item 4 – Dressing of War Graves – was Graham Jagger of the Royal British Legion

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper and E Jackson

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

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were apologies from Cllrs Fuller, Honess, Hopkins, Pritchard and Williams.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest

16. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

17. DRESSING OF WAR GRAVES

Mr Jagger outlined the dressing of war graves event on 13th November and asked that Council has a presence at the event.

18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

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%
21/02561/FUL	26 Nightingale Way	Erection of two storey rear extension

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21/02586/TCA	11 Welton Road	Multi stemmed Ash – remove stem

21/01499/FUL – 4 Highfields, Erection of three bedroomed detached dwelling

The Committee objected to this application as it was in direct contravention of Policy 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan.

21/02117/FUL – 1 The Leaze, Remove 3m high 1m thick hedge from boundary and install 2.2m block and render wall

The Committee had concerns about the height of the wall being out of character with the rest of the area. There were no objections provided the wall was in keeping with the height of those in the immediate vicinity.

21/05479/ODCOU – The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Prior approval request for change of use from offices (Use class B1) to 13no. Flats (Use class C3)

Westfield Parish Council declared an interest in this item as its office is based in this building.

The Committee highlighted to the Planning Officers, as it had previously, that it contravenes Policy 12 of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was requested that this application is sent to the B&NES Committee for decision.

21/01770/VAR - Jewsons Builders Merchants, Unit 1, St Peter's Park, Variation of condition 33 of application 05/01926/FUL (Redevelopment of St Peter's Factory and Jewson sites, comprising 107 new dwellings, commercial development, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure)

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The Committee highlighted to the Planning Officers, as it had previously, that it contravenes Policy 12 of the Neighbourhood Plan

19. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

20. SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION AND RETRO FITTING/HISTORIC BUILDINGS SPD – PARISH ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR ON 22ND JUNE

It was noted that Cllr Jackson would be attending this event and would report back to Committee.

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21. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Disable parking signage

Resolved: To purchase 3 signs with the words “Please show respect. These spaces are for blue badge holders only” at a cost of £174 plus VAT and to accept Mr Moore’s offer of installing the signs once his wall had been renovated.

Barbeques

Resolved: to purchase one metal bin for the disposal of single use barbeques at the cost of £264 plus VAT from Glasdon.

Slabs removed from wall at tennis court:

It was noted that the repair work was in hand.

Vandalism reported by NorWest Bowls:

The report of vandalism was noted.

22. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

There were no items to discuss at Westhill

23. WESTHILL CLUB FACILITIES FOR FOOTBALL

Feedback on this item had been give at Parish Council on 8th June.

24. DOG MESS AT RECREATION GROUNDS

The clerk reported on a meeting with the dog warden. Signs have been erected advising that the dog warden patrols the area.

25. BIO DIVERSITY NET GAIN/SOMER VALLEY

Resolved: to attend a meeting between Karen Renshaw and the Waterside Valley Working Group

26. B&NES TREE AND WOODLAND DELIVERY PLAN AND ETHOS

Resolved: to establish whether this funding would be available to purchase trees to replace the Ash Trees at Norton Hill that have to be removed.

27. NEW GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO INVEST IN SKILLS, LOCAL BUSINESS, COMMUNITY AND PLACE

It was noted that the deadline had passed to apply for this funding.

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28. WESTFIELD IN BLOOM

Cllr Jackson reported that she had several people interested in helping to prepare Westfield in Bloom for entry in March next year. She would start meeting them when restrictions allowed.

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

29. LEGIONELLA AND WATER SAMPLING QUOTES

Resolved: to delegate authority to the Clerk to consult Greensward regarding collecting the water samples and picking an appropriate testing agency.

30. CCTV AT NORTON HILL

Resolved: to accept the quote from Apex Alarms for a new unit at the cost of £358 plus VAT.

The meeting closed at 9:40am

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