

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 8th June 2020 commencing at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper, J Honess,
R Hopkins and E Jackson.

Absent: Cllr P Williams, V Cox and G Fuller

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

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were no apologies for absence. Cllr Fuller had problems accessing the meeting.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2020 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

20/01633/FUL	1 ASH TREE COURT	Erection of two storey side extension
20/01665/FUL	35 Waterside Way	Erection of two storey side extension
20/01866/FUL	5A Orchard Close	Erection of a single storey rear extension

16. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

20/01017/OUT – 4 Highfields, Erection of a new dwelling. Cllr Hopkins reported that the resident of number 3 claimed that she had not been contacted with regard to this application and that work was starting on the

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property. B&NES Enforcement Officer had checked but work had not yet commenced, though builders had been on site preparing.

17. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Resolved: to accept the quote from Signefex of 7 signs at £14 each plus VAT, with the wording “Keep at a safe distance – please wait and allow others to pass”, but to change the silhouette image if possible.

It was reported that the Elm Tree that was planted for the Queen’s Golden Jubilee had died of Dutch Elm Disease.

Resolved: to investigate the possibility of getting a disease resistant tree to replace it.

18. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

It was noted that work is moving on well with the running track. The request was made by Northavon that £30,000 is paid on or around 15th June, halfway through the project.

Resolved: to make the payment providing approximately at least half of the work is done.

19. HANGING BASKETS

The weight testing results were noted and found to be safe. There were some recommendations which would be actioned at the appropriate time.

Cllr Jackson asked Councillors to think of spaces around Westfield that could be designated areas that didn’t need grass cutting in order to preserve the wild insect population and enhance the natural beauty. B&NES were asking for recommendations and for thoughts on community gardens and allotments.

Resolved: to consider allowing the outer edge of the fitness track to the perimeter of the field to be unmown, thus encouraging biodiversity.

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no items requested.

The meeting closed at 7:33pm

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