

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the  
Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 commencing at 7pm

**Present:** Chair of the Committee: Cllr E Newman  
Councillors: Cllrs A Butcher, G Fuller, S Russell,  
B Wallbridge and P Wilkinson

**In Attendance:** Mrs L J Welch (Parish Clerk).

**57. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Appleyard, who had another engagement.

**58. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**59. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**60. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**61. Planning Applications for Consideration**

61.1 There were no objections to the following application:

12/03489/FUL	Single storey side extension to replace existing garage.	64 Waterford Park
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**62. Planning Decisions**

The Committee noted the recent planning decisions in the Parish.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk seeks the outcome of planning application 12/01454/FUL erection of 11 dwellings and 2 detached garages at Towerhurst, Wells Road, which had been considered by BANES' Development Control Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

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**63. Time Capsule and Plinth**

**63.1 To brainstorm any final items for the time capsule**

It was noted that there was significant space left in the time capsule and it was agreed to add a tribute to Ted Pack and Chris Cray, as well some pictures from the 1908 Westfield mining disaster. Cllr Russell would also mention this at the next Radstock Museum meeting.

**63.2 Progress of the plinth and commemorative stone**

It was noted that Co-op Funeralcare might fund the engraving of the commemorative stone and the Clerk agreed to contact them to co-ordinate this.

The concrete casing for the time capsule was complete and required a hole 2'6" deep and 2'square, which BANES had agreed to dig. Over the casing there would be a piece of metal, the plinth and stone. It was hoped this would be complete by the end of November.

**64. Flags**

The Committee noted that the 10 Westfield flags had been delivered and that Gary Maundrill had kindly offered to put up the Union Flags again for Remembrance Day.

**RESOLVED** (1) to place the flag pole next to the time capsule plinth and Cllr Fuller to ask G Maundrill if he could make any necessary alterations to make it vandal proof.  
(2) to purchase one 5'x3' Union Flag and one 5'x3'Westfield flag for the flagpole.

**65. Events**

**65.1 Carnival – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

The Committee noted the arrival of the gazebo, which Cllr Fuller would transfer to his house immediately before the Carnival, making it easier to transport to the Carnival on the day, together with a borrowed tressle table.

**RESOLVED** that all Councillors be encouraged to congregate at the gazebo to meet the public.

**65.2 Christmas Lights Switch On – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm**

The Committee noted that a portion of the Silver Band had been arranged, together with the Westfield Ladies Choir, who had kindly agreed to lead the

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Carols. Revd Andrew Pottage had agreed to arrange the carols and some words to those gathered there. Insurance for the event had been confirmed.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) Publicity would be arranged through the Westfield Warbler and press releases.
  - (2) Letters would be sent to the two schools inviting them to put forward children to switch on the lights.

### 66. Gateway signage

It was noted that BANES was kindly replacing the missing Welcome to Westfield sign at the Centurion roundabout, making it slightly larger and including the logo. Unfortunately they could do nothing in response to the Parish Council's request for clarity on the misplaced 'Welcome to Midsomer Norton' sign at the junction of Charlton Park and Fosseyway.

### 67. Review of Play Areas

The Committee discussed the progress of the contract with BANES for the play area and landscape maintenance at the Trust Grounds. It was noted that the Clerk had a meeting with Andrew Chard of BANES on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9am to review the contract and Councillors were invited to attend or send comments. The contract would go back out to tender in January for the next financial year.

### 68. Items for the next agenda

- Neighbourhood Speed watch
- Carnival on 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas Lights Switch On 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Time Capsule – update

There was a minutes silence in respect of Cllr Ted Pack who sadly died in hospital on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**The meeting closed at 7.45pm.**

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