

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 8th February 2021 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper, G Fuller, J Honess,
R Hopkins, E Jackson and P Williams

Also attending: Cllrs L Mansell and P Wilkinson, Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and
Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant.

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were no apologies for absence.

99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

100. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

21/00318/FUL	19 Westfield Terrace	Erection of a single storey garage after demolition of existing
21/00167/FUL	Westfield Surgery, Waterford Park	Extension and alteration to existing doctors' surgery to provide additional consulting rooms, a wheelchair accessible toilet and improvements to the parking area

21/00068/VAR - Variation of condition 7 (Plans list) of application 19/01114/FUL (Erection of two storey, 3 bed dwelling attached to existing property at 12 Milton Road)

The committee reiterated its objection to the original planning application 19/01114/FUL on the grounds that it contravenes Policy 1 of the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan - Residential infill and backland development. It was felt that there was overdevelopment of the site, it was out of keeping with the surrounding area and there was loss of amenity for neighbouring properties.

102. PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions to note.

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Signed **Dated**

103. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

There were no items to note.

104. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

There were no items to note.

105. LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Discussion was held about a response from the Parish Council to the consultation. Councillors wanted to avoid more commuting traffic and, as B&NES had declared a Climate Emergency, it seemed to make sense not to increase emissions.

Resolved: to respond to the consultation to say that economic development should go hand in hand with housing development and that no new housing should be added to the area without the jobs to go with them.

106. JUBILEE GREEN

The Committee discussed the potential transfer of land at Jubilee Green.

Resolved: To recommend to the Parish Council that a working group is set up for the negotiations with B&NES.

Waterside Valley –

- Resolved:**
- (1) to appoint Crossmans as Conveyancing Solicitors at £550 plus disbursements and £170 per hour to research and report on the anomalies relating to the land.
 - (2) to appoint Cooper and Tanner as surveyors at a cost of £600 for a valuation and basic survey.
 - (3) to recommend to the Parish Council that a working group is set up to oversee the negotiations.
 - (4) to ask the Finance and Personnel Committee to consider the funding of the purchase at its next meeting.

107. DAMAGE TO GREEN SPACE AT 3 RUSKIN ROAD

It was noted that Highways of B&NES were investigating solutions.

108. SOMER VALLEY REDISCOVERED INITIATIVE OF POSTERS IN EMPTY SHOPS

The feedback of the meeting on 19th January was noted, with sites in Westfield for the poster being investigated.

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109. WESTFIELD IN BLOOM

Cllr Jackson proposed that Westfield Parish Council enters South West in Bloom, Cllr Cooper seconded.

Resolved: to enter South West in Bloom and to recommend to the Parish Council that a working group is set up.

110. LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Cllr Jackson advised that this is a B&NES initiative and proposed that the Parish Council moves to explore the possibilities of achieving funding for some projects in Westfield. Cllr Honess seconded. Vote was 6 for, one against.

Resolved: Cllr Jackson to contact B&NES to explore working towards liveable neighbourhoods in the Westfield ward.

111. WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Cllr Hopkins proposed that the Parish Council advertises heavily in the press and the Westfield Warbler that it is the 10th anniversary of the council this year, but that due to COVID the celebrations will be held back to a future date. Cllr Fuller seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Resolved: to put pieces in all areas of local media and social media to let people know about the anniversary.

112. WESTFIELD FUN DAY

Resolved: to postpone this year's Fun Day due to the covid pandemic and uncertainty of how soon restrictions will be lifted.

113. WESTFIELD SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

Councillors were given an update on the condition of gritters for snow wardens

Resolved: to accept the offer of a volunteer to repair one of the gritters held in the pavilion.

114. RENEWAL OF THE YOUTH CONNECT CONTRACT 2021/22

Resolved: to sign the contract for 2021/22 in the budgeted amount of £10,462.17.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm

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