

Westfield Parish Council

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

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

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant. 1 member of the public

Mr Ellis Grubb spoke to the committee regarding the Olympic Torch that he was awarded after having carried it for the Games in 2012. He said he was honoured to have been chosen for his work with young people in sport over many years. He said that he wants to use it in projects in Westfield to encourage young people to be active and engage in sports and creative arts. Committee replied that there would be an item on the next agenda to discuss how that could be achieved.

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were no apologies for absence.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

117. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th February 2021 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

118. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

21/00615/FUL	19 Highfields	Erection of porch to front door entrance
21/00843/CLEU	24 Westhill Gardens	Removal of a garden wall. Lowering current level of the hard standing driveway. Erection of a 7x4 metre flat roof garage with the height of 2.5 metres (Certificate of lawfulness of existing use)
21/00977/FUL	70 Waterford Park	Erection of single storey side extension

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21/00564/FUL - 16 Linden Close – Erection of two storey detached dwelling on land adjacent to 16 Linden Close

Committee objected to this application on the grounds that the access to the property would be difficult due to congestion of vehicles parked in the area and that the ground would be unstable, with local knowledge indicating that a massive amount of concrete was poured there during the initial construction of neighbouring properties. Committee also was keen to see the hydrology report as the area is renowned for springs, the water table is high and drainage in the light of all the concrete deposits is unknown.

21/00514/FUL – 16 May Tree Avenue – Erection of an attached 2.5 storey dwelling

Committee objected to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.

21/00875/FUL – 43 Welton Road – Erection of a single storey rear flat roof extension (Retrospective)

Committee asked that an adequate set of plans was provided before being able to make comment on this application.

119. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

120. MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART II

The update was noted.

121. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

It was noted that a vehicle had recently crashed through the fence and caused considerable damage. Committee was advised that the insurance company have been notified and that a temporary fence had been erected at a cost of £47 per week, while waiting for quotes to permanently repair the fence.

122. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

Resolved: to accept a quote from Greensward for a post-winter clean up of the gym equipment of £85 plus VAT.

123. SOMER VALLEY REDISCOVERED INITIATIVE OF POSTERS IN EMPTY SHOPS

Committee was advised that the Chemist at Elm Tree Road had given permission for the posters to be displayed on the outside of their side windows.

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Resolved: once the draft posters had been distributed to Councillors and the Chemist to contact Miriam Woolnough to advise of positioning.

124. LITTER BINS AT FIVE ARCHES CYCLE TRACK AND SALT BOXES ON THE PIT PATH

Cllr Fuller had been approached by residents who were asking for more rubbish bins on the pit path as the ones there are regularly overflowing.

Resolved: to write to B&NES requesting sight of the emptying schedule and to ask for more bins, suggesting use of s106 money from the RADCO development copying Midsomer Norton Town Council.

125. GOOD FRIDAY WALK

There was no further action required.

126. MAY WESTFIELD WARBLER

Resolved: to include an update of the Business Directory giving free advertising to Westfield businesses at a cost of £395 plus VAT.

127. FLOWERS IN PUBLIC PLACES CONTRACT FOR 2021-22

Resolved: to accept the quote of £5362 from Rob Wicke

128. EVENTS

- **Request for a Fun Fair at Norton Hill Recreation Ground in May**

Resolved: to respond to this request advising that due to government restrictions there will be no fun fair possible in Westfield in May.

- **Closure of Trinity Methodist Church in Westfield or Radstock**

Resolved: to request more time for consideration of the question of how the Parish Council would use the facility in Westfield

The meeting closed at 8:38pm

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