

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 11th January 2021 commencing at 7pm**

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

Absent: Cllrs D Cooper and R Hopkins

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

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cooper and Hopkins.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

84. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th December 2020 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

85. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

21/00074/FUL - Erection of detached garage and store (retrospective)

The committee objected to this application due to the overdevelopment of the site, negative impact on neighbours and that the building should be subservient in size to neighbouring properties.

86. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

87. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

There were no items to discuss

88. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

- An email had been sent asking for a pathway from the play area alongside the club to the running track in order to access the track from the play area without walking on the grass.

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Resolved: to respond advising that there were no funds to complete this and that there were pathways to various areas of the track from the other entrances to the site.

- The play inspection report had highlighted a low risk issue with the spring mechanism of the buddyboard. Quotes received had indicated that repair of this would be £1017. This is not thought to be a popular item.

Resolved: not to repair the item, but to use it until it becomes medium risk, then remove it.

89. LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The options consultation was discussed.

Resolved: Councillors to study the consultation and bring thoughts to the next meeting.

90. JUBILEE GREEN

The meeting on 19th January was noted. Cllr Fuller invited all Councillors to the meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to distribute the link for the Zoom meeting to all Councillors

91. WATERSIDE CARNIVAL CLUB OFFER REGARDING DEFIBRILLATORS

The offer from Waterside Carnival Club was warmly received.

Resolved: to contact the Carnival Club to suggest the Westhill Car Park and if feasible, to then contact Westhill Club and establish whether a unit could be attached to the wall of the club by the car park, with use of their electrics.

92. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The next meeting on Tuesday 2nd February was noted

93. SOMER VALLEY REDISCOVERED INITIATIVE OF POSTERS IN EMPTY SHOPS

The meeting on Zoom on Thursday 14th January at 10am was noted. Councillors were asked to consider where posters could be situated in Westfield.

94. ALLOTMENTS

The delay of the WAGS Annual General meeting for six months was noted.

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95. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Westfield in Bloom – Cllr Jackson
- Local Plan Update
- 10 year anniversary of Westfield Parish Council

It was agreed to exclude the press and public on the grounds that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

96. NATURE TRAIL AT SHAKESPEARE AVENUE

The draft letter from the registered valuer to the owners of the land required, was accepted.

97. QUOTE FOR REPAIRS TO HANGING BASKETS AT ELM TREE AVENUE

The quote from Gary Maundrill of £350 + VAT to make necessary repairs to the hanging basket trees was accepted.

The meeting closed at 7:56pm

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