

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 9th November 2020 commencing at 7pm**

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

Absent: Cllr D Cooper

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

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cooper and accepted.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in item 5. Planning Decisions as the land is directly behind his property.

57. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th October 2020 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

58. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

20/03712/TCA	23 Wells Road	Willow – Pollard to original main pollard points (approx. 9 meters from ground level)
20/03725/CLE U	Unit 14 First Avenue	Use of premises as an MOT Centre and for vehicle repairs (Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use)
20/03770/TCA	18 Beech Terrace	Sycamore – fell to stump
20/03947/FUL	Sun Chemical	Widening of existing site access road to create a series of hard-surfaced passing places

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20/03841/FUL	Whitehaven Residential home, Fosseway	Erection of extension to dining room
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This application was welcomed with the view that the health and well-being of residents was primary and this extra space would help with that.

It was noted that application 20/03742/FUL – Lilliput House, Fosseway – had been withdrawn, having been in contravention of Policy 12 of Westfield’s Neighbourhood Plan.

59. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

Committee were advised that Planning Enforcement had been in touch with the owner of the land behind the Railway Inn on Wells Road regarding the occupation of a caravan on that land and had been advised that the owner was living in it while building was to take place.

Resolved: Cllr Jackson to ask Planning Enforcement to pursue this matter to establish more detail.

60. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Two quotes for the work to the fascia boards at the Pavilion and the garage doors had been received. This would be brought back to the next meeting with three quotes.

61. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

It was noted that Caloo had advised that they would fit tamper proof fixings for the new swings for no extra cost. Work was due to start shortly.

62. WESTHILL PAVILION

Discussion was held regarding the status of the Westhill Pavilion project. The Committee was advised that funding pots were very difficult to find in the current situation and, given the uncertainty of design requirements in the light of the pandemic the question was put as to whether the project should be put on hold.

Resolved: to put the project on hold for now.

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63. NATURE TRAIL AT SHAKESPEARE AVENUE

It was noted that s106 money is available but needed to be spent within a time frame.

Resolved: (1) to get estimates of work, including purchase of land, and bring to Parish Council.

(2) to establish what funding would come from s106 and for how long it would be valid.

64. ACTION PLAN, AS AGREED AT FINANCE AND PERSONNEL 21/10/2020

The Action Plan was noted and agreed.

It was noted that the lighting of the Pit Path hadn't yet taken place.

Resolved: (1) the Clerk to contact B&NES to establish the status of the project.

(2) Cllr Jackson to liaise with B&NES regarding the need for grit bins.

65. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

Committee was advised that we are down to three Snow Wardens and that an article had been placed in the Westfield Warbler asking for volunteers.

66. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- To invite Cllr Warren to a meeting
- Water gathering on the Wells Road, close to the junction with Cobblers Way.

The meeting closed at 7:42pm

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