

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held remotely on Zoom on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 commencing at 7.00pm

- Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller;  
Cllrs V Cox, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, L Mansell, R Moss,  
P Williams and P Wilkinson
- Absent:** Cllrs D Cooper, and B Wallbridge
- Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

### 70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cooper and Wallbridge and accepted.

### 71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 72. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Resolved:** The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

### 73. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### (a) Environment and Development Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October be noted.

#### (b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October be noted.

### 74. APPROVAL OF ANY ITEMS OF £5,000 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY VIREMENT

**Resolved:** to approve the payment to Caloo Ltd of £11,299.40+VAT on new swings, new surface and replacement basket swing at Westhill.

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Signed ..... Dated .....

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**75. REPORT OF THE GREEN AND OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP**

It was noted that the last piece of gym equipment had been installed at Westhill and that inspection was due this week.

**76. REPORT OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**

There had not yet been a meeting, but one was scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm

**77. LAND AT WESTHILL ROAD**

**Resolved:** To not take ownership of the land offered by B&NES. Cllrs Moss and Jackson to contact B&NES and request that it is offered to the appropriate residents in the first instance.

**78. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY REVIEW**

**Resolved:** to agree the policy.

**79. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**

**Radstock Museum** – Cllr Jackson reported that the museum was now closed due to the covid restrictions in England, but was financially secure.

**Somer Valley Forum** - It was noted that Cllr Hopkins is Vice Chair of this Forum.

**80. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY**

Cllr Jackson reported that some street signs were worn and that the Kipling Road sign is due to be replaced and that there is to be a litter bin placed near the Trinity Methodist Church.

The British Legion is to lay a wreath on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Memorial Stone.

Cllr Mansell noted that there was a very good article in the Mendip Times about the running track and fitness equipment at Westhill.

It was noted that the gate post at Jubilee Green had the hinges still sticking out and had caused an accident to a child recently. Cllr Jackson to chase B&NES to remove the hazard.

Ruskin Road – it was requested that Cllr Jackson brings it to the attention of Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg when she has a meeting with him, date to be confirmed.

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### 81. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman wanted to thank all Councillors for continuing their Parish Council work during the pandemic. He asked that if anyone is contacted by a resident in need to share it and all could help

### 82. B&NES COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Jackson reported:

- The work at RADCO to demolish the existing building will begin shortly
- She attended a dressing of the War Graves service yesterday in which two Westfield heroes were honoured. More are yet unidentified and she advised she was researching that.

Cllr Fuller asked when the yellow lines are to be painted at Cobblers Way and Highfields. Cllr Jackson will follow up.

Cllr Moss reported:

- Dickies closure – he had still not been able to contact anyone in management in the USA. B&NES officers advised that there needs to be talks regarding mitigation training for anyone being made redundant.
- Covid - a letter had been sent to B&NES residents from Public Health regarding the number of infections rising rapidly in the area. This was in advance of the national restrictions that had been recently reported. The South West and B&NES were catching up with national infection rates but the RUH was currently coping. Care homes had not yet been affected badly by the current increase in infections. He advised that he was due to attend a meeting tomorrow morning and would report any relevant information, especially of news of support for local businesses.
- There has been a lot of work done on food poverty in the Somer Valley, making sure that families are supported over Christmas.

Cllr Mansell commented on the increase in covid cases, where there were 6 positive cases at Southmead hospital on 30<sup>th</sup> September there were 83 positive cases today and that the Nightingale Hospital was still on standby.

### 83. CALENDAR OF 2021 MEETINGS

Cllr Jackson offered a standing apology for most of the F&P meetings due to a clash with B&NES Planning meetings.

**Resolved:** to accept the dates on the calendar for meetings next year.

The meeting closed at 7:44pm

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