

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Westfield Green and Open Spaces Group held on
Monday 6th January 2020 at 6pm at Westfield Parish Council**

Present: Cllr Ron Hopkins (Chair of the Working Group), Cllr Geoff Fuller, Paul Millard and Christian Wach.

Attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cherry Booker, Jenny Willson.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cherry Booker.
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations** – There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 4th November 2019 were agreed as a true record.

4. Opportunities to enhance green and open space in Westfield

The Working Group discussed items in the document 'Opportunities to enhance Green and Open Spaces in Westfield'. **Action Points:**

- (1) **3a Nature Trail joining Westfield to the Town Park** – The Clerk to chase a meeting with Cllr Paul Myers to discuss the land in question for the nature trail, the means of purchasing it and how to link it to the Town Park.
- (2) **3b Pit Path Lighting** – The Working Group received an email from Gary Peacock, Deputy Group Manager, Highways and Traffic, B&NES outlining the lack of funding in the 20/21 Transport Improvement Budget for this project. His colleagues are reviewing the possibility of s.106 contributions. In the meantime budgetary provision has been made to undertake the project with Parish Council capital funds and repay via the precept over four years to replenish the reserves. Cllr Hopkins to continue to liaise with Gary Peacock.
- (3) **3c New play equipment at Shakespeare Road Play Area** – Installation had been deferred due to a late start by the contractors, but B&NES has assured us work will start shortly.
- (4) **4a Stand alone pavilion at Westhill Recreation Ground** – The Working Group noted progress and expressed support of the initiative, suggesting costings are obtained to determine the value over time of tesla solar roof tiles and storage batteries. These suggestions would be taken to the Parish Council.
- (5) **4b Fitness track and equipment next to the running track at Westhill Recreation Ground** – A response from the Big Local for the remaining 50% of funding was awaited.

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(6) Heritage Trail – It was noted that there has been an increase in people using the Heritage Trail and suggested this might be promoted more. The Clerk to ensure it goes in the next Warbler.

5. The next meeting would be held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 6pm, finishing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.