

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 10th October 2016 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Wallbridge (Chair), Cllrs A Butcher, D Cooper (Vice Chair), K Docherty, G Fuller, E Jackson, P Williams.

Apologies: Cllr J Honess

Also attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk, Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Honess due to other commitments

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Butcher declared an interest in agenda item 4, Planning Applications for consideration – 16/04693/FUL – as the development lies at the rear of his property

83. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

84. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee had no objections to the following planning application:

App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
16/04463/TEL	Limited and Hutchison 36 UK Ltd	First Avenue, Westfield	Installation of column and equipment cabinet following the removal of existing column and equipment cabinet

The Committee objected to the following planning application on the grounds of over development of the site:

App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
16/04424/FUL	Oval Estates Bath Ltd	Cobblers Way, Westfield	Erection of 3no. three bedroom dwellings

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The Committee objected to the application below on the grounds that it sets a precedent for back garden development of traditional and historic miners' cottages and is over developing the area.

App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
16/04693/FUL	Flower and Hayes Ltd	Land to rear of 24 – 28 Hazel Terrace, Westfield	Erection of 2no. dwellings (Resubmission of 09/02760/FUL)

The Committee had no objection to the reserve matters on the application below, but would like to state that it has extreme reservations with regard to the capacity of the A367 and Cobblers Way to cope with a 81 further properties

App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
16/04714/RES	Oval Homes Bath Ltd	Parcel 6781 Cobbler's Way, Westfield	Approval of reserved matters with regard to outline application 14/04003/OUT for the erection of 81no. residential dwellings and associated works on land at the former St Peters Factory, Cobblers Way, Westfield

The Committee objected to the application below on the grounds that the main road infrastructure (A367) will not support the extra traffic that the site will create.

App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
16/04033/OUT	Mr Ian Pratten	Land adjoining Aviemore, Fosseyway, Westfield	Erection of 3no. 2 to 3 bedroom dwellings and 3no. three to four bedroom dwellings on land adjacent to Aviemore, (resubmission)

85. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

86. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

It was noted that Hazel Terrace and Hazel Grove had been reported for enforcement due to dumped rubbish and overgrown vegetation.

87. JOINT SPACIAL PLAN UPDATE

The Joint Spacial plan update was noted.

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88. RECREATION GROUNDS – NORTON HILL

- Resolved:** (1) To request a quote from C&R Fencing to continue the fence reinforcement in the way it has been done so far along the fenceline.
(2) To obtain quotes for a new fence around the tennis courts.

89. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

Use of Westhill Recreation Ground by John Reynolds' Running Group – The Committee received an update on the meeting with John Reynolds, who would shortly be starting a running club on a Sunday morning to encourage younger people to take part. During the football season they would be running routes around the industrial park and in the summer they would run around the perimeter of Westhill Recreation Ground.

90. GAP IN THE WALL OF THE METHODIST CHURCH CAR PARK

Resolved: Cllr Wallbridge will send a letter to the press tomorrow – Somerset Guardian and Journal - to outline Westfield Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the delay from BaNES dealing with the issue

91. EVENTS

(1) Christmas Lights Switch On – Thursday 24th November

A verbal update was given on the actions taken so far.

Resolved: To get in touch with BBC Points West who are doing a programme about Christmas lights in the region

(2) Christmas Craft Fair to include the Grants Presentation – Sunday 27th November 2-4pm

It was reported that the Craft Fair will go ahead as planned on 27th November, to include the Grant Presentation, at Westhill Sports and Community Centre.

92. WESTFIELD HERITAGE TRAIL

The Committee was updated on a meeting with Sarah Westell.

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Resolved: To ask Sarah to create noticeboards around the routes with notes of historical interest. Costings to be brought to the Committee.

93. DEFIBRILLATOR SITE

The update from Community Heartbeat Trust that South West Ambulance now have a policy of only activating defibrillators in a 200m radius of the defibrillator as recorded on their command and control system was noted.

Resolved: To write to CHB for clarification and ask what effect it will have in Westfield.

94. E&D BUDGET 2017-2018

Suggestions were made to consider for the E&D Budget:

- Flower budget
- Youth provision

95. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Flowers in Public Places (Cllr Cooper)
- Invitation to WAGS and Westfield Primary to receive certificates for Outstanding It's Your Neighbourhood applications
- Benches at Shakespeare Road and Jubilee Green

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. FLOWERS IN PUBLIC PLACES

There is one further quote expected for the flower displays next year.

Resolved: To add to the agenda for November meeting and make final decision then.

97. PHONE BOX AT CHARLTON ROAD

The quotations were received to renovate the phone box in situ.

Cllr Jackson proposed subject to costs to move the box to Jubilee Green as it will then be in the centre of Westfield and a point of interest. Cllr Williams seconded. There was a vote with 6 for and 2 against.

Resolved: To move the box to Jubilee Green subject to costs.

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98. BENCH AT SHAKESPEARE ROAD

This item was held over to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

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