

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Boardroom, The Oval Office,  
Cobblers Way, Westfield on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: D Cooper, J Honess, R Hopkins (Vice Chair), E Jackson,  
L Mansell, P Williams and P Wilkinson

**Attending:** Lesley Close, Parish Clerk; Tracey Stephens, Admin Asst

**Absent:** Cllrs: A Butcher, K Docherty and B Wallbridge

### 118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Wallbridge.

### 119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest

### 120. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Resolved:** the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 121. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### (a) Environment and Development Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be noted.

#### (b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

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

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**122. APPROVAL OF ANY ITEMS OF £5,000 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY VIREMENT**

There were no items over £5,000 for approval.

**123. BUDGET 2018/19**

**Resolved:** (1) to budget one third of the costs of the St Nicholas Churchyard maintenance 2019/20 with an annual increase in line with inflation thereafter;  
(2) To agree the budget in principle

It was noted that there was also consideration needed for renewing the Local Council Award Scheme Awards – Quality Status.

**Resolved:** to add £150 to the budget to re-apply for the status.

**124. STAND ALONE PAVILION AT WESTHILL RECREATION GROUND**

Discussion was held about sources of funding for a new sports pavilion at Westhill.

**Resolved:** (1) to get a quote for a feasibility study to (a) bring back to Parish Council and (b) apply for S106 funds.  
(2) to put a working group together once the quote comes back to Parish Council.

**125. GREEN SPACES WORKING GROUP**

The minutes of the working group meeting were distributed and Cllr Hopkins gave a report on the meeting saying clarification is being sought from BaNES on how we can use the S106 money for our green spaces.

**126. AMENITY LAND AT RUSKIN ROAD**

Cllr Fuller strongly objected to the proposal for boulders around the amenity land, which would be out of keeping with the other green areas in the parish. Councillors felt that the land was being spoiled by continuous parking of vans and access to the driveway.

**Resolved:** to email BaNES asking if they could investigate the possibility of an injunction against the residents using the land for access and parking.

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**127. A CHARGING CLEAN AIR ZONE FOR BATH**

Councillors discussed the consultation that is taking place currently about a policy to introduce a clean air zone in Bath. It was felt that the policy would disadvantage those that are unable to afford the charges and would tax the less well off. The access to the RUH, or the M4 motorway was an issue for those in the Somer Valley. The charges would also disadvantage those that work unsociable hours and cannot use public transport.

**Resolved:** to respond to the consultation objecting on the grounds that it would disadvantage companies in Westfield and the Somer Valley, who would have to pay significant amounts to access the motorway transporting goods; it would unfairly tax those that cannot afford a newer vehicle and that if it were to go ahead any money raised from the scheme should be used to improve rural public transport and increase the park and ride capacity.

**128. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY**

It was noted that Cllrs Fuller and Hopkins are to undertake a conversation with officials at Westfield, Massachusetts on BBC Radio Somerset. The discussion is to take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, to be broadcast on 28<sup>th</sup> December on the Andy Bennett show.

Cllr Jackson reported that a senior manager at Curo complimented Westfield on the work it is doing to create community identity.

The next Councillors' surgery is to take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the Trinity Methodist Church hall, Wells Road. Cllrs Fuller and Wilkinson to attend.

**129. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**

Cllr Mansell reported the Museum Christmas market will take place on Saturday and asked Councillors to support it if they can.

A Christmas tree from Westfield Parish Council is to be put up in the display at the Trinity Methodist church, Radstock.

**130. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Fuller reported a successful Christmas lights switch on evening. He gave thanks to all involved in the organisation of the event and those that helped out on the evening. Councillors said that there were several positive comments on the evening. It was felt that having the children from the schools switch on the lights made it a strong community event.

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**131. B&NES COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Jackson reported that:

- There is a dedicated planning officer working to resolve the issues at Mardons.
- She is trying to find out more about the policy of BaNES not supplying walking aids to those who need them and how to object.
- There is a consultation at Victoria Hall in Radstock at 2pm – 4pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December with regard to the planned closure of the maternity unit at Paulton Hospital.
- It was noted that Radstock Town Council have purchased Haydon batch.
- There is a Youth Partnership meeting next week

**132. DATES OF 2019 MEETINGS**

The dates of the meetings were noted and accepted.

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.

**133. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

**Resolved:** That the confidential minutes of the Environment and Development committee meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

The meeting closed at 8:04pm.

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