

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Homes car park,  
Cobblers Way, Westfield on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 9:30am

A consultation meeting was held on Zoom on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm with Cllrs Fuller, Cooper, Jackson, Moss, Pritchard, Wallbridge, Williams and Wilkinson in attendance. The following items were discussed and at the meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July it was agreed to translate the recommendations into decisions.

**Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller;

Cllrs D Cooper, R Moss and E Jackson

**Absent:** Cllrs J Honess, R Hopkins, L Mansell, S Pritchard, B Wallbridge, P Williams and P Wilkinson

**Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant;

### 49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Honess, R Hopkins, L Mansell, S Pritchard, B Wallbridge, P Williams and P Wilkinson

### 50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 51. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

### 52. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### (a) Environment and Development Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June be noted.

#### (b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June be noted.

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

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**(c) Climate Change Emergency Working Group**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Climate Change working group would be on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

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

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

**54. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY**

Within the Consultation Meeting the previous day, the comments of Cllr Mansell were noted. The vote was split 4 each and the Chair gave the casting vote to follow the advice from NALC.

**Resolved:** to retain the wording “Westfield Parish Council is unreservedly opposed to any form of discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation (defined as Protected Characteristics)

**55. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**

**Mardons** – Cllr Cooper reported that Mardons are secure financially after the pandemic. Linden Homes have done the work to repair the leak in the roof and given compensation to the club.

**Radstock Museum** – Cllr Jackson advised that the funeral of Dr Nick Hall is to take place tomorrow. The museum will be fully open from August.

**Somer Valley Walking Festival** – With Cllr Fuller stepping down from leading the walk in Westfield, Cllrs Wallbridge and Moss offered to lead the walks in September. Cllr Jackson offered to lead a flat walk in the parish.

**56. FUN DAY**

Cllr Wilkinson advised that he is stepping down as the organiser for the Fun Day. Cllr Fuller thanked him for all his work in previous years.

**Resolved:** (1) All councillors to form the working party to create a Fun Day event that ties in with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.  
(2) to publish an article in the Warbler in August inviting residents to be part of the working group.

**57. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY**

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**Westfield in Bloom** - Cllr Jackson advised that judges of South West in Bloom are attending the allotments, Westfield Primary and Swallow in the next couple of weeks. She will be putting together a working party of volunteers to enter Westfield in Bloom next year.

**Shakespeare Road** – Cllr Wallbridge reported that a resident had approached him to ask if Council could provide some flower tubs for the area and they would be happy to maintain them. Cllr Jackson would look into it.

### 58. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

**Resolved:** Parish Council to respond to the consultation with reservations about communities being separated – eg. Paulton being in a different constituency to Westfield and Midsomer Norton – and that there are no transport links or community links between the Mendip area and North East Somerset.

### 59. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Fuller requested that Councillors refrained from putting pressure on office staff in the current changing environment with the Finance Officer leaving.

### 60. B&NES COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Moss reported:

- He had met with Andrew Snee of Curo with Cllr Fuller regarding Curo properties in the parish. Mr Snee was keen to have a monthly meeting to discuss any issues arising.
- Westfield Surgery is expanding with anticipation of extra patients from the new housing. They are working together to find funding.
- The Bath Christmas market is to be extended to 25 days from 18.

Cllr Jackson reported:

- The revision of the B&NES Local Plan is underway
- There is discussion to increase the Bath Clean Air Zone
- She is attending a meeting tomorrow regarding bus routes – in particular the route from Midsomer Norton to Frome.
- To commemorate NHS day she laid flowers at the memorial stone, joined by Andrew Snee of Curo

### 48. RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS WITH EFFECT FROM 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Resolved:** to return to the Boardroom at the Oval Office from September in light of the amended risk assessment, Government guidance allowing.

The meeting closed at 9:35am

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