

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the car park of the Oval Office,
Cobblers Way, Westfield on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 9:30am

Present: Cllrs E Jackson, B Wallbridge and P Williams.

Attending: Lesley Close, Clerk.

Cllr Jackson proposed and was seconded by Cllr Wallbridge that all the decisions recorded below at the consultation meeting on Zoom the previous evening be agreed. This was agreed unanimously.

Decisions made at the Zoom meeting held at 7pm on Monday 6th December 2021.

Present: Cllr Geoff Fuller (Chair), Cllrs, Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson, Robin Moss, Steve Pritchard, Bryan Wallbridge, Phil Wilkinson and Pat Williams.

Absent: Cllrs Diana Cooper James Honess and Lesley Mansell

Attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant.

98 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cooper and Mansell.

99. Declarations of interest and dispensations

- Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 6, Caravan at the back of the Railway Inn and green space outside 3 Ruskin Road, as she is on the B&NES Planning Committee.

100. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting – 2nd November 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd November were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

101. Committee and working group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 9th November 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting held on 9th November be noted.

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(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 18th November 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 18th November be noted.

(c) Queen’s Platinum Anniversary Working Group – the checklist of actions was noted. Cllr Fuller to contact Westhill Club about their involvement.

(d) Waterside Valley Working Group – the draft letter to residents was agreed for circulation.

(e) Climate Emergency Working Group – the notes regarding the ex-mines being a heat source for residences were discussed.

Resolved: **(1)** Cllr Hopkins to undertake further research and report to the Climate Emergency Working Group.
(2) Cllr Moss to join the Climate Emergency Working Group

102. Approval of any items over £5000 and consideration of any virement

There were no items over £5000.

103. Caravan at the back of the Railway Inn and green space outside 3 Ruskin Road

The response from Will Godfrey, Chief Executive B&NES, was noted.

Resolved: to respond to Mr Godfrey asking that he meets Councillors to discuss the items that have been under discussion:

- Caravan at the back of the Railway Inn
- 3 Ruskin Road
- Byfields
- Damage to grass at Waterside Crescent

104. Damage to grass at Waterside Crescent

Resolved: to include this in the letter to Will Godfrey. The Clerk to respond to the resident to this effect.

105. To determine whether to hold meetings in January in person or on Zoom

Resolved: to hold meetings in January on Zoom and revisit on a monthly basis.

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106. Outside Bodies reports

Cllr Jackson reported a conversation with Rev'd Ian Rousell where it was indicated that the church is proposing that the new combined parish of St Nicholas in Radstock and St Peter's in Westfield be named the Waterside Parish.

Westfield in Bloom – Cllr Jackson reported a positive meeting was held in November and a more formal one to be in January.

107. Creating Community Identity

There were no items to discuss.

108. Chairman's report

Cllr Fuller thanked everyone for their work on making the Christmas lights switch on a successful event.

He and Cllr Moss have been meeting residents of Longfellow Road and St Peter's Road to discuss their complaints about parking. The Police have been called on several occasions to witness inconsiderate parking by people dropping children to school or visiting the school.

109. B&NES Councillors' reports

Cllr Jackson reported on:

- Virgin Care being in the process of being taken over by private equity company Twenty20.
- The Local Plan Partial update
- A new RE Advisor for schools has been appointed
- Congratulations on a very successful Christmas lights switch on

Cllr Moss reported on:

- The Virgin Care takeover.
- The parking issues at Westfield Primary and Fosse Way Schools. He and Cllr Fuller have been meeting with residents, visited the schools and contacted the police and local PCSO's.
- The B&NES budget being prepared – no detail available yet.
- Lots of compliments received about the Christmas lights switch on.

The Chairman finished by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.

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