

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held
remotely on Zoom on
Monday 14th September 2020 commencing at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), G Fuller, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson and P Williams

Absent: Cllrs V Cox and D Cooper,

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

33.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Cooper and Cox.

34.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 6 Reform of the Planning System as a member of the Local Development Forum..

35.MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th July 2020 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

36.PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following application:

20/02814/FUL	Unit 3, Wells Way Works	Change of use from office to MOT test centre
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20/03234/RTDCOU Lilliput House, Fosseyway - Change of use from shop to dwelling - This is contrary to the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan due to it being a loss of employment site.

37.PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

38.REFORM OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM

The Committee thanked Cllrs Hopkins and Jackson for digesting the documents for consultation.

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Signed **Dated**

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Resolved: The Clerk to draft a response to the MP stating that it is undemocratic, unnecessary and dangerous to our society. Cllr Jackson to draft a fuller response to NALC..

39. B&NES LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE CONSULTATION

Cllr Jackson offered to keep councillors informed via her role on the Local Development Forum.

40.RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Paintwork on the front of the pavilion A quote was requested to maintain the paintwork.

Resolved: (1) to accept the quotes from Greensward for the following: ground erosion under gate £25, Youth Shelter bolts and ground reinforcement mesh £169, rocker corrosion £20, goal post corrosion £20, bolts in tennis court fence £12, corrosion on tennis posts £55.

(2) to note the vandalism of the small wall by the basketball hoop and to check the CCTV.

41.RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

- **Fitness Track and gym equipment**

The gym equipment is to go in this week along with the final tarmac, with the exception of the double leg press which is to go in at the end of September. The office staff were thanked for their work in seeing this through.

- **Benches**

Following the bench review, s.106 funding has been received and the order has been placed.

- **Works following an inspection**

Resolved: (1) to accept the quotes from Greensward for the following: ground erosion at the BMX track £275 and remove sharp edges from pick up sticks £15.

(2) to get a quote for new goal posts as a comparison with repairing the old ones at a cost of £145.

- **Swings**

It was noted that one quote has been received so far for the replacement of the rotted wooden swing frame with a steel one.

Following vandalism of the basket swing, quotes are being sought for its replacement.

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42.EVENTS

Remembrance Sunday: Cllr Jackson gave an overview of the Trinity Methodist Church Westfield's plans for Remembrance Sunday. This is a church event managed by the Methodist Church.

43.YELLOW LINES AT HIGHFIELDS

The Committee discussed the need for yellow lines at the entrance to Highfields due to dangerous parking.

Resolved: To contact Kris Gardom of BANES with this addition to the TRO list.

44.ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Cars on the grass at Ruskin Road (Cllr Hopkins)
- Weed growth in drainage channels (Cllr Hopkins)
- Shambles update (Cllr Wallbridge)
- Youth Connect - to invite Sam Plummer to the next meeting (Cllr Jackson)
- Signage in Waterside Valley (Cllr Jackson)

The meeting closed at 8pm

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