

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the car park of the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 10:30am.**

**Present:** Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge, Eleanor Jackson and Pat Williams

**Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk

Cllr Wallbridge proposed and was seconded by Cllr Jackson that all the decisions recorded below at the consultation meeting on Zoom on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> evening be agreed. Apologies for absence from this meeting were received and accepted from Cllrs Diana Cooper, Geoff Fuller, James Honess, Ron Hopkins and Steve Pritchard. This was agreed unanimously.

**Decisions made at the Zoom meeting held at 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022:**

**Present:** Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Diana Cooper (arrived at 7:08 due to technical difficulties), Geoff Fuller, James Honess, Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson (arrived at 7:06 due to technical difficulties), Steve Pritchard and Pat Williams

**Also attending:** Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

**103. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given**

There were no apologies for absence.

**104. Declarations of interest and dispensation**

Cllr Fuller declared an interest in item 12. Waterside Valley as he works for the owner of the land in discussion.

**105. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.

**106. Planning applications for consideration**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

**107. Planning Decisions**

The Planning decisions were noted.

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**108. Submission of the B&NES Local Plan Partial Update**

The submission of the B&NES Local Plan partial update was noted.

**109. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill**

An update was given on the addition of sensor lighting at the Pavilion. A quote was awaited.

**Resolved:** to take the quote to the next Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February, if received in time.

**Resolved:** to accept the quote of £86.20 plus VAT from Signefex for 2 signs for the tennis court: “This court is for tennis only – any other ball games are prohibited.”

**Resolved:** to accept the quote of £148 plus VAT from Apex Alarms to supply and fit 3 x LEF emergency lights following discharge test for the Pavilion.

**110. Recreation Ground - Westhill**

There were no items to discuss concerning Westhill.

**111. Mobile CCTV**

The positioning of the mobile CCTV offered by Avon and Somerset Constabulary was discussed.

**Resolved:** to make enquiries to try to position the CCTV camera at the edge of Westhill Recreation Ground at the end of the Ash Tree Court cul-de-sac.

**112. Sponsoring of a truck planter by the British Legion**

Cllr Williams advised Councillors of a request from the Royal British Legion to sponsor one of the planters in Westfield. It was felt that the trucks should remain a legacy to the mining history of Westfield, though Cllr Jackson pointed out that many miners died during the 2 World Wars and that the British Legion sponsorship would maintain that legacy.

**Resolved:** Cllr Williams to report to the British Legion with the suggestion of a plaque in the ground in front of the coal truck planter and to establish whether they would contribute to the cost of the flowers in the planter.

**113. Request for a planter at Shakespeare Road**

Cllr Jackson advised of a request from a resident of Shakespeare Road for planters along the verge by the play area. The resident had offered to water and maintain the planters. She advised of funding available. It was felt that any planters in Westfield should be of the same standard as current planters

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and have an automatic watering system in place, thus establishing a permanent watering system.

**Resolved:** (1) Cllr Jackson to investigate the type of planters available and present to the next meeting.

(2) Councillors to visit the site for ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

**Part 2** To resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

**114. Waterside Valley**

The email from the owner of the land adjacent to the area purchased by the Parish Council was noted, offering the land for sale.

**Resolved:** to investigate further with an independent valuation.

It was noted that an email had been sent to the respondents to the purchase of Waterside Valley consultation and that 25 people had responded saying they were still interested in being consulted on the future plans and possibly undertaking voluntary work.

**Resolved:** to suggest to Andy King that he might form a Focus Group of these 25 people and undertake a remote consultation.

The meeting closed at 7:53pm.

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