

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the
boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on
14th February 2022 commencing at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Diana Cooper (Chair), Geoff Fuller, James Honess, Ron Hopkins,
Eleanor Jackson and Pat Williams

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

115. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wallbridge due to emergency surgery on his dog. Apologies from Cllr Pritchard, due to a custodial sentence were received, but his reasons for absence were not accepted.

116. Declarations of interest and dispensation

Cllr Williams declared an interest in item 123, Sponsoring a truck planter by British Legion as she is bringing the item to the meeting. Cllrs Cooper and Jackson are members of the British Legion

117. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th January 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

118. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following applications:

22/00049/FUL	44 Glebelands	Extension to front of existing side single storey addition to form level access shower room
22/00244/TCA	Endersley, Welton Road	2no. Goat Willow – cut and trim diseased, overhanging branches and reduce height by 2m. 4no. Lawson Cypress Pine trees – remove.
22/00302/FUL	11 Wells Square	Erection of single storey extension to front elevation following demolition of existing conservatory
22/00475/TCA	Greenwood, Welton Road	T1 Leylandi – remove to ground level as out of proportion to surroundings. T2 Cedar – Lower height by 2m to balance form
22/00482/FUL	2 Fosseyway	Erection of replacement garage and extension to existing annexe

119. Planning Decisions

The Planning decisions were noted.

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An invitation from Sophie Broadfield, Director of Sustainable Communities, B&NES, to a virtual briefing of the B&NES Local Plan was brought to the meeting. Cllr Hopkins to attend and Cllr Cooper hoped to.

120. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

- **Lighting at the Pavilion**

Resolved: to accept the quote from AF Denning for £429 + VAT to install a key switch to control lights

- **Play equipment**

Resolved: (1) To investigate grant funding to replace the swings at Norton Hill.

(2) To get quotes to replace the two swing joints on the crossbar of the basket swing as this had been picked up as low priority in the recent inspection.

- **Plaque to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should mount a plaque at the end of the line of Silver Birch trees to commemorate the Jubilee.

Resolved: to contact local stone masons for quotes for the work

121. Recreation Ground - Westhill

- **Proposed dog enclosure**

Resolved: (1) in the absence of a response from Peasedown St John to our enquiry, Clerk to contact other councils that have set up dog enclosures.

(2) to obtain quotes to fence off an area at Westhill Recreation Ground that was once the old play area.

(3) to obtain quotes for very large signs at each entrance to the Recreation grounds advising dogs are to be kept on leads.

- **Mobile CCTV update**

The Clerk has been trying to contact street lighting at B&NES for permission to mount the camera on a light at Ash Tree Court without success. The situation has been escalated to Cllr Moss, who is making enquiries.

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- **Play equipment**

The report on the decay of the pick-up sticks was noted. The Clerk is waiting for more detail on the report.

- **Cancellation of the Queen's Jubilee event**

The Clerk had been in touch with B&NES regarding the licence for the annual Fun Day. The costs of keeping the licence current, despite no event this year, was discussed versus the cost of renewing. It was agreed that discussion needed to take place regarding whether the Fun Day was to go ahead in 2023.

Resolved: to discuss Fun Day 2023 at the next Parish Council meeting.

122. **Waterside Valley update**

It was noted that there had been a very good response to the initial consultation of the 25 people that had shown interest in being involved.

Resolved: to set up a Zoom focus group meeting on Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm.

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

Cllr Williams reported that the British Legion had offered to pay for plants, full maintenance and watering of the sponsored planter.

One quote had been received for the flowers in public places contract from Rob Wicke. It was felt that one truck planter was 1/13 of the specification, therefore to ask for that for the sponsorship.

Resolved: (1) To accept the quote from Rob Wicke for £5630 for the flowers in public places contract and to request a colour theme to represent the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

(2) To ask the British Legion for £433 for the sponsorship of one truck, plus a plaque with wording, design and material to be agreed by the Parish Council.

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

Cllr Jackson advised that she is in conversation with B&NES regarding a watering system and would have more information at the next meeting.

Resolved: To add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Part 2 To resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and

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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.

125. Tree quotes for land at Chestnut Close and Cherry Tree Close

Resolved: (1) to accept the quote from CJ Samler for £465 to carry out work recommended in the latest tree survey.

(2) To ask for Mr Samler’s advice on the life span of the Ash trees at Norton Hill and the positioning of the new Silver Birch trees

126. Westhill Club

Solicitors, Harris and Harris, had been asked to provide recommendations on the ownership of the land containing Westfield Sports and Social Club. An executive summary from Harris and Harris was distributed by email before the meeting.

Resolved: (1) To investigate what would happen to the land should the Club fold.

(2) To put this item to Parish Council

The plans offered by the Club for the proposed changing area and extending their outside seating were considered.

Resolved: To advise the Club that Option 2 was the preferred option.

The meeting closed at 8:24pm.

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