

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way,  
Westfield on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Present:** Cllrs G Fuller (Chair), D Cooper, R Hopkins, E Jackson, B Wallbridge (Vice Chair) and P Williams.

**Absent:** Cllrs J Honess, L Mansell, R Moss and P Wilkinson.

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

### 135. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Moss.

### 136. Declarations of interest and dispensations

- Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in item 15 Chairman's report in relation to a meeting with the College Principal. He lives across the road from the College.
- Cllr Fuller declared an interest in item 18 Purchase of Land at Waterside Valley, since he knows the landowners.

### 137. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Resolved:** to agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February as a true and accurate record.

### 138. Committee and working group reports

#### (a) Environment and Development Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February be noted.

#### (b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February be noted.

#### (c) Waterside Valley Working Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Feedback was given on the Zoom working group meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March with Andy King of New Leaf Studios and Miriam Woolnough of Somer Valley Rediscovered. It was noted that the next consultation will be at the Annual Parish meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

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**139. Approval of any items over £5000 and consideration of any virement**

There were no items over £5,000.

**140. Grants**

**Resolved:** to accept the report from Finance and Personnel and award the grants accordingly.

**141. Fixed Assets**

**Resolved:** To approve the fixed asset list as recommended by Finance and Personnel on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**142. Fun Fair**

The two options from the fun fair operators were noted.

**Resolved:** to accept the Fun Fair to be set up at Norton Hill Recreation Ground for one week from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Set up will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May and the fair will operate from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**143. Fun Day**

Discussion was held around the payment of the licence for the Fun Day, whether to pay the licence despite the fact that there will be no Fun Day this year, as to surrender the licence and renew next year would be more expensive. The question was whether there would be a Fun Day next year. After much discussion it was decided to review the holding of a Fun Day at a future date.

**Resolved:** it was reluctantly agreed to suspend the licence for a year.

There was a discussion around commemorating the Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr Cooper reported that

- An extra category had been added to the Front Garden Competition of a commemorative garden,
- The flower display in Westfield would be red, white and blue
- A plaque to commemorate the planting of Silver Birches at Norton Hill Recreation Ground to be confirmed.

Cllr Cooper proposed the purchase of flags for the lampposts and bunting for the railings at Elm Tree Avenue. Cllr Hopkins seconded.

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**Resolved:** to investigate the costs of flags and bunting to be displayed in Westfield.

Cllr Jackson advised that she had been told there would be no service in any of the Westfield churches to celebrate the occasion. She is to check further for any updates.

### 144. **Inspirational Citizen Award**

The nominations for Inspirational Citizen had been circulated by email. It was noted that one couple had received 11 nominations from neighbours for their generosity and care and that was the only nomination.

**Resolved:** to make the Inspirational Citizen award to Mr and Mrs Liddiard.

### 145. **Feedback on the meeting with Will Godfrey of B&NES 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Councillors gave feedback on the tour of Westfield with Will Godfrey on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and felt that the meeting had been very positive.

**Resolved:** to write a letter of thanks to Mr Godfrey for his time and interest in the parish.

### 146. **Public Rights of Way maintenance**

An offer had come from B&NES for the Bath Ramblers Volunteer Group to help with the maintenance of some of the public rights of way, eg repair of gates or stiles, installation of sign posts, waymarking.

**Resolved:** to highlight Waterside Valley as an area that could be improved by this group of volunteers and use their services.

Council had been advised by Stephen Burrell of B&NES that installation of the lighting on the Pit Path towards Midsomer Norton was to begin. The map was shared of where B&NES were putting the lights.

**Resolved:** to respond to Stephen Burrell with a map showing where the Parish Council thought the lights should be. Cllr Fuller to advise.

### 147. **Outside Bodies reports**

**Radstock Museum** - Cllr Jackson reported that there is to be an exhibition of the history of Methodist Churches from September to November.

**Somer Valley Forum** - Cllr Jackson gave a report from the recent meeting, advising that one thing to look out for was that the Fire Service gave a report advising that arson is on the increase in the area.

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**Mardons** - Cllr Cooper reported that the space above Mardons was being marketed as residential units. It was noted that there had been no submission to planning at B&NES for change of use.

### 148. **Creating Community Identity**

There was nothing to discuss under this item.

### 149. **Chairman's report**

Cllr Fuller reported on the meeting with himself, the Principal of Bath College, Jayne Davis, a resident that lived adjacent to the college and Cllr Jackson. The resident had complained about students using the private road to cut through to the college grounds. There was a fence that had fallen and had been down for some time. It was noted that that fence had been restored by the time of this meeting.

### 150. **B&NES Councillors' reports**

Cllr Jackson reported there to be a Full Council meeting at B&NES on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

She advised councillors of Radstock Town Council's efforts to save the Trinity Methodist Church building and asked Councillors to support this by signing an online petition.

It was resolved 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.

### 151. **Westhill Club**

**Resolved:** to accept the recommendation from the Environment and Development Committee to take on board the advice of the solicitor and to assist the Club via grant funding if necessary. To meet with Trustees to offer that assistance.

### 152. **Waterside Valley – Purchase of land**

The surveyor's report on the parcel of land was noted.

**Resolved:** to meet with the current owners to discuss the purchase.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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