

Westfield Parish Council



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4th April 2022

TO: (a) All Members of the Environment and Development Committee

Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Diana Cooper (Vice Chair), Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins, James Honess, Eleanor Jackson, Steve Pritchard, Pat Williams

(b) All other Members of the Council for information

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Environment and Development Committee** of Westfield Parish Council on **Monday 11th April 2022 at 7pm at the Board Room, Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield BA3 3BX.**

Members of the public are welcome to Join by Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96768631321?pwd=VzZKVVBREFLdnV0eUF3SmRXNVpQZz09>

Or by phone: 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 967 6863 1321

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The meeting will consider the items set out below.

Ms L J Close
Parish Clerk

Before the meeting there will be a 15-minute public session to enable residents of Westfield to ask questions, and make comments.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given** Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to approve the reasons given.
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations** Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items, in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct. The Parish Council may consider agreeing a dispensation, providing the request is put in writing and the dispensation is allowed on the grounds set out in s.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – To agree the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 14th March 2022 (**Pages 1-4**)
4. **Planning applications for consideration (Page 5)**
5. **Planning decisions (Page 6)**
6. **Recreation Ground – Norton Hill**
 - Quotes for swings (Part 2) (**Page 8**)
 - Quote for work on Pavilion/Garage (**Page 9**)
7. **Recreation Ground – Westhill**
 - Proposed Dog Exercise Enclosure and signage – results of Survey on Facebook https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-ro0KigseasS5T8aKnZ4FJw_3D_3D/
And feedback on consultation at the Annual Parish Meeting
 - Mobile CCTV at Ash Tree Court update
8. **Waterside Valley**
 - Rope Swing Quotes (Part 2)
 - Tree Work Quotes (Part 2) (**Page 10**)
 - Feedback on the consultation at the Annual Parish Meeting
 - Bio diversity Net Gain (**Page 7**)
9. **Allotments update (Cllr Fuller)**

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.

10. **Swing Quotes at Norton Hill Recreation Ground (Page 8)**
11. **Quotes for work on Pavilion/Garage at Norton Hill (Page 9)**
12. **Rope Swing Quotes for Waterside Valley**
13. **Tree works quotes at Waterside Valley (Page 10)**

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

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

Also attending: Sam Plummer Youth Connect South West; Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

127. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

There were no apologies for absence.

128. Declarations of interest and dispensation

There were no declarations of interest.

129. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th February 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

130. To welcome Sam Plummer, Youth Connect South West

Sam gave an overview of the work of Youth Connect in the whole area. In Westfield the group is now meeting again, since the covid lockdown, in the Trinity Methodist church hall. There was a drive to engage young people in the age group 11-13 which has been successful. Sessions usually see between 20 -25 people attending.

131. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following applications:

22/00408/FUL	22 Highfields	Ground floor infill, front elevation dormer extension and internal alterations
22/00807/FUL	1 The Dring	Erection of side extension, replacement porch and replacement garage
22/003832/FUL	95 Waterford Park	Single storey front extension
22/00890/FUL	66 Waterford Park	Erection of rear conservatory
22/01035/FUL	15 St Peter's Road	Erection of single story rear extension

22/01029/CONSLT – Consultation request for Mendip Council application 2021/1480/OTS. The following response was agreed:

Westfield Parish Council raises the following strong objections to the proposed 270 dwellings which are within half a mile of its boundary.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed **Dated**

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1. Lack of highways infrastructure to support this level of housing. The A367 is already at capacity, as evidenced in the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan. On a good day when there are no rubbish collections or works on the highway, traffic on the A367 crawls in a stop / start fashion for at least three hours a day. Once a week when the rubbish collection lorries are out, this narrow stretch of the A367 is gridlocked for any length of time. And when there is a traffic jam in Radstock, or works to the highway in the vicinity, then the entire length of the A367 from Radstock to the White Post roundabout is at a stand still.
2. A major result of the stop / start traffic is the high level of pollution through Westfield. Westfield Primary School has a playground directly adjacent to the A367. The impact on children's health is a deep concern, which gets ignored when planning applications of this type are submitted.
3. Lack of wider infrastructure to support this level of housing. Doctors / Dentists / Hospitals are all at capacity.
4. This is not a sustainable location for housing. The work opportunities are not local and residents of these houses would be commuting to Bristol.
5. In terms of education, there is not capacity in the special needs schools to accommodate this level of housing.

Finally, please would you consider these strong objections not only in relation to the proposed 270 dwellings, but also in the context of the proposed housing developments alongside this one which will result in over 345 homes in total – nearly an extra one thousand cars travelling through Westfield daily.

22/01075/FUL – 3 Ruskin Road

Committee objected to the application on the grounds of safety – the vehicle access crosses a public footpath, potential damage to the nearby tree and loss of grass amenity.

132. Planning Decisions

The Planning decisions were noted.

133. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

- **Quotes for swings**

Resolved: to wait for a third quote and consider at the next meeting.

- **Replacement of 2 swing joints**

Resolved: to accept the quote from GB Sports and Leisure for £391.90

- **Update on Silver Birch tree planting**

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed Dated

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Resolved: to bring this year's tree reports forward and ask B&NES for a long-term view on the health of the Ash trees and then make a decision to remove them or move the Silver Birch trees.

134. Recreation Ground - Westhill

- **Proposed dog enclosure**

Discussion was held around if there was to be a dog enclosure, what size the enclosure would be and where it would be situated.

Resolved: To take a presentation board to the Annual Parish meeting to get the views of residents that attend.

- **Mobile CCTV at Ash Tree Court update**

It was reported that B&NES hadn't yet answered the questions around putting the mobile CCTV on a lamppost at Ash Tree Court.

135. Waterside Valley update

It was reported that the trampoline and goal posts that were left on the land had now been removed by residents.

Andy King had asked committee to consider a couple of questions for the draft Management Plan:

Grazing v grass cutting

It was felt that grazing is really not an option on the site. Therefore, the only option is grass cutting and the Committee was aware that with dogs running through the valley it would not be possible to sell the grass for hay – so there would therefore be a cost implication on the Parish Council. The Committee started thinking about cost effective means of cutting the grass twice a year and the possibility of working with a farmer, producing haylage / silage. The opportunity to purchase a cutting machine with neighbouring towns/parishes was thought to be a good idea and thoughts were raised at the uneven state of the ground and the type of machine which would be required to handle it.

Pathways and cyclists

The Committee was strongly in favour of an accessible route through the valley. There was concern that sharing a cycle and pedestrian footpath could lead to accidents and a suggestion that cycles are not allowed through the valley.

136. Request for a planter at Shakespeare Road

Cllr Jackson advised that this was in hand with permission from B&NES and two planters had been provided.

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Signed **Dated**

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137. Swing quotes at Norton Hill Recreation Ground

Resolved: to wait for a third quote and consider at the next meeting

138. Quote for replacement of two swing joints on the basket swing

Resolved: to accept the quote from GB Sports and Leisure for £391.90

139. Rope swing quotes for Waterside Valley

It had been proving difficult to find a company that would quote for the items and the work.

Resolved: to investigate further and consider at the next meeting

140. Tree work quotes at Waterside Valley

There had not yet been any interest in the work there.

Resolved: to investigate further and consider at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed Dated

Westfield Parish Council Planning Decisions – APRIL 2022

Date Rec'd	App No	Applicant	Location	Case Officer	Proposal	BANES Decision
18.03.2022	22/00408/FUL	Mrs Kayleigh Potter	22 Highfields	Owen Hoare	Ground floor infill, front elevation dormer extension and internal alterations.	PERMIT
29.03.2022	22/00482/FUL	Ms S Moore	2 Fosseway	Danielle Milsom	Erection of replacement garage and extension to existing annexe	PERMIT



Indicates decision received since agenda printed

Parish Clerk

From: Miriam Woolnough <Miriam_Woolnough@BATHNES.GOV.UK>
Sent: 24 March 2022 12:34
To: Parish Clerk; Midsomer Norton Town Council; George Clutten
Cc: Karen Renshaw; Andy King
Subject: update on Biodiversity Net Gain

Hi all

Karen and I had a meeting with Ethos (the consultants who created the BNG Baseline study) yesterday to discuss the next steps regarding the BNG process.

Hopefully by now you have had a chance to have a think about whether BNG might work for you and If you are interested in taking BNG forward on your sites the next stage would be to create a BNG management plan. I think I am right in saying that, if you haven't got a management plan for your site yet, then the BNG element could be incorporated into your overall management plan. For sites that do already have a management plan then it would be a separate document. Once you have the BNG management plan in place, any management on the site that happens before you sell the BNG units can still be counted against the baseline. Once the management plan is in place then the site will also need to be listed on the national register of sites.

If you are interested in pursuing BNG then we can help guide you through the process so just give us a shout. It's not a decision you have to make immediately, however it's worth being aware that the baseline survey will only be valid for a certain period of time, so if you were to re-visit the idea several years down the line then a new baseline would need to be established. Also, for those of you with emerging management plans it would be cost effective to incorporate the BNG element rather than doing it separately.

Very happy to chat through any of this with you and I have copied Karen in to the email too as another source of information.

Kind regards
Miriam

Miriam Woolnough

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