

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office
Monday 4th July 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: D Cooper, R Hopkins, E Jackson, R Moss, B Wallbridge,
P Wilkinson and P Williams

Attending: Lesley Close, Clerk;

Absent: Cllrs: J Honess and L Mansell

Neighbourhood Police Sgt Lee Humphries attended the meeting with PCSO's Lana and Olga. He gave an overview of policing in Westfield and answered questions in relation to attempted burglaries, anti-social behaviour and Police liaison with CURO.

47. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mansell who is unwell.

48. Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

49. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 6th June 2022

Resolved: the minutes of 6th June 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

50. Committee and Working Group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 13th June 2022

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 13th June 2022 be noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 22nd June 2022

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 22nd June 2022 be noted, with the amendment of Cllr Williams who was not present and sent her apologies.

51. Approval of any items over £5000 and consideration of any virement

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Signed Dated

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There were no items over £5,000

52. Outside Bodies reports

Walking Festival 10th and 11th September – Cllr Moss agreed to lead a walk in Westfield.

Somer Valley Enterprise Zone Consultation – the Parish Council had been offered a meeting to discuss this further.

Resolved: To invite a representative from the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone to the September meeting of the Parish Council.

Mardons – It was noted that the upper floors are being sold for office space.

Radstock Museum – It was noted that the Dementia Café is up and running with artefacts to trigger memories. The History of Methodism Exhibition starts 1st September.

53. Creating Community Identity

South West In Bloom – the Judges are visiting the following day.

54. Chairman's report

The Chair was approached regarding a miner's silhouette and plaque. This matter is on the Environment and Development agenda for the following week.

55. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Moss reported that local buses, including subsidised routes, had been saved for a further six months.

Cllr Jackson reported on a Local Government Association conference and gave an overview of contentious planning enforcement issues.

It was agreed to exclude the press and public on the grounds that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

56. Purchase of land at Waterside Valley

Resolved: To go ahead with the purchase of land at Waterside Valley in the amount of £20,000 and to delegate authority to Cllrs Fuller, Cooper and Hopkins to come to a decision in relation to the limit of legal costs it would pay.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

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