

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 10th October 2022 commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Diana Cooper (Vice Chair in the Chair), James Honess, Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson and Pat Williams

Absent: Cllrs Geoff Fuller and Bryan Wallbridge

Also attending: Cllr Paul Millard
Lesley Close, Parish Clerk, Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk.

47. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were offered by Cllrs Fuller and Wallbridge and accepted.

48. Declarations of interest and dispensation

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in 22/03532/OUT – 34 St Peters Road – Erection of detached dormer bungalow. She did not vote.

49. Minutes of the last meeting

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

50. Planning applications for consideration

22/03532/OUT – 34 St Peters Road – Erection of detached dormer bungalow

There were no objections to the application, on the condition that (1) the conditions set by Highways were adhered to; and (2) the decision takes into account the Planning Inspector's Judgement on 13 St Peters Road.

51. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

52. Planning Appeal decision – The Vicarage, St Peter's Road

The planning appeal decision on The Vicarage, St Peter's Road was noted.

53. Public consultation on Local Plan partial update

Cllr Jackson gave an overview of the updates.

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Resolved: no response from the Parish Council was required.
In respect of the new Local Plan, it was noted that representatives from the Parish Council were required to attend a workshop in January.

Resolved: that Cllrs Diana Cooper and Ron Hopkins represent the Parish Council, with alternates if the date of the workshop is not convenient.

54. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

- **New swings**

Resolved: to accept the quote from Kompan for £23,312.61 + VAT. £15,000 is met from grant funding and the balance from Parish Council reserves.

- **Wetpour around carousel**

Resolved: The Clerk to check that both quotes were like for like. And, if they are, then to accept the lowest quote from GB Sport and Leisure in the amount of £1,309 + VAT to fill the gap in the wetpour around the carousel.

- **Wetpour around multi play**

Resolved: to accept the quote from Greensward for £275+VAT to build the grass turf up to the edge of the wetpour around the multi play.

55. Recreation Ground - Westhill

- **Corrosion to the Carousel Bowl**

Resolved: To accept the quote from GB Sport and Leisure for £704.80+VAT for repair of the carousel bowl.

- **Westhill Club update**

Councillors were advised that the club had received its constitution and we were waiting for a copy.

Resolved: to delegate authority to Cllrs Cooper, Moss and Wilkinson to check the document, in conjunction with Harris and Harris, to allow work to go ahead between meetings.

- **BMX Track**

In the annual review the damage to the turf around the track was highlighted as medium risk. A quote had been received for £225 to returf the area but it was noted that this was a regular occurrence.

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Resolved: to investigate the possibility of artificial turf being more robust.

- **Benches in the play area**

Resolved: to remove the wooden benches in the play area, highlighted as a concern in the play inspection.

56. **Mobile CCTV**

The mobile CCTV purchased by the Police and shared between Westfield, Midsomer Norton and Radstock was currently being used in Midsomer Norton. The cost of moving it to Westfield was shown as being £1,527.

Resolved: to look for quotes to purchase a CCTV camera to be positioned to the left of the Trinity Methodist Church on Wells Road, after confirming with the police that it would be a suitable location.

57. **Proposed addition to the coal truck planters**

Cllr Mansell had requested discussion be held around adding the names of the miners that perished in the Wellsway Pit disaster in 1849 to the coal truck dedicated to that pit.

Resolved: To ask the college if they would be interested in designing a plaque to be attached to the side(s) of the planter and speak to a local company for the laser printing on the plaque.

58. **Waterside Valley**

The results of the consultations with members of the public were circulated and noted.

59. **WECA Pollinator Fund**

It was felt that there weren't any areas in Westfield suitable for pollinator rich habitats, other than the Waterside Valley, which already has significant funding to increase bio-diversity.

Resolved: to respond to Paul Pearce thanking him for his interest in Westfield, but advising that the residents of Westfield would prefer to have the grass verges cut.

60. **Events**

Midsomer Norton Carnival – 14th November

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Resolved: to change the date of the Environment and Development meeting to Tuesday 15th November to avoid a clash with the carnival.

Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Jackson outlined events that were being prepared by the two churches, Trinity Methodist and St Peters, on 11th November and Sunday 13th. Wreaths from Westfield Parish Council will be laid at the memorial stone in Westfield, in Midsomer Norton and in Radstock.

The Clerk asked if either of these were Parish Council events because if so risk assessments, insurance etc would need to be arranged. The Committee confirmed that neither of these events are Parish Council events.

Christmas Lights Switch On Thursday 24th November.

An update was given on arrangements for the event.

Household outside decorations competition

Resolved: to do the competition again this year and to award the prize on the same night as the judging.

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.

61. Planter at Wesley Avenue

Two quotes had been received to build the new planter at Wesley Avenue.

Resolved: (1) to seek references for Roma Construction
(2) pending good references for Roma Construction to delegate authority to Finance and Personnel to accept their quote for £4,733

The meeting closed at 8:51pm

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