

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller  
Cllrs: D Cooper, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, L Mansell,  
R Moss, P Wilkinson and P Williams

**Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk; Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk;

**Absent:** Cllrs: P Millard and B Wallbridge,

**72. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Millard and Wallbridge.

**73. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest.

**74. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Resolved:** the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**75. To confirm the committee membership of Cllr Paul Millard**

As Councillor Millard was absent this is moved to the next agenda.

**76. Committee and Working Group reports**

**(a) Environment and Development Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - cancelled**

**(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – cancelled**

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

**Resolved:** to approve the expenditure of £6030 for the Christmas lights

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Signed ..... Dated .....

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Discussion was held around the length of time that the lights should be illuminated. It was felt that the lights display is important for the community but, in the current climate, Councillors understood the need to reduce costs where possible.

**Resolved:** (1) to reduce the illumination time from 3pm – 12pm to 4pm – 10pm  
(2) To post on Facebook, the website and the Warbler that we are reducing these times due to the extra financial burden.

### 78. Plans for the new office and meeting room at Norton Hill Recreation Ground for agreement prior to submission for planning permission

**Resolved:** to submit the plans as they stood for planning permission.

### 79. Outside Bodies reports

#### *Request for a nominee to join the Police Independent Advisory Group*

**Resolved:** Cllr Cooper to join the Police Independent Advisory Group

#### *Mardons*

Cllr Cooper reported that the AGM had taken place and that Bill Stevenson had stood down and been replaced by Jamie Long.

The target decision date was now passed for the planning application at Mardons with no decision yet publicised. Cllrs Moss and Jackson advised that they have been lobbying the officer frequently asking that this application be put into open debate, as it is highly contentious.

**Resolved:** to write to the head of planning reiterating that it is a highly contentious case with much of the community of Westfield affected and asking that it be put into open debate.

### 80. Creating Community Identity

Cllr Hopkins had been checking every route into Westfield for directional signs to Westfield and had found none.

**Resolved:** to invite Kevin Guy, Leader of the Council, B&NES to a meeting in Westfield to impress the importance of recognising Westfield as a parish.

Cllr Jackson said that the Lighthouse Academy Trust was operating from the Fosse Way School and advertising its address as in Radstock. She is to write to the Trust to advise that the address is in Westfield.

Cllrs were advised that the closing date for the WECA bus survey had been extended to 12<sup>th</sup> October and they were invited to respond.

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Cllr Hopkins highlighted the three major accidents on the A367 in this area over three months.

**Resolved:** To write to the Police to ask if speed monitoring was still taking place and whether there is a speed plan in place.

### 81. Chairman's report

Cllr Fuller had nothing to report, but welcomed Cllr Mansell back.

### 82. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Jackson reported:

- Most of her time in the last month had been spent on cases for individual residents. One issue was the difficulty with provision of blue badges.
- Covid was rising in the area. The vaccine was now available at Westfield Surgery.
- She has been working in B&NES on the consultation for the Local Planning Policy update and the Spatial Plan has been halted which involved South Gloucester, B&NES and Bristol.

Cllr Moss reported:

- Heat and Eat – a number of community organisations were keen to open their doors over the winter, so that people can get meals and meet others. This was proving difficult, though, due to the cost of heating the venues and a lack of volunteers. There was to be a stakeholders meeting mid-November, and he would like the Parish Council to be involved

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

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