

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office
Monday 5th September 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

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

Attending: Lesley Close, Clerk; Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk; Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall, Chair of B&NES.

Absent: Cllrs: J Honess, L Mansell and B Wallbridge,

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall, Chair of B&NES

57. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Honess, Mansell and Wallbridge.

58. Co-option to the Parish Council

Mr Paul Millard presented himself as a candidate, was voted in unanimously and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly.

Resolved: That Paul Millard be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

59. Declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllrs Hopkins and Moss declared an interest in item 15. Bath and North East Councillors' reports as representatives of the Big Local when discussion was held around the plans for the Trinity Methodist Church in Radstock.

60. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 4th July 2022

Resolved: the minutes of 4th July 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

61. To welcome the Chair of B&NES, Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall

Cllr Shaun Stephenson McGall introduced himself and said he was pleased to be visiting as many parish or town councils in his year in office as possible, as

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he felt that one of the roles of Chair of B&NES is to bring communities together. Councillors thanked him for visiting Westfield.

62. Committee and Working Group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 11th July 2022

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 11th July 2022 be noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 20th July 2022

It was noted that Cllr Williams had offered apologies due to a visit to the dentist and that Cllr Fuller was absent.
Item 39.2 should read “grant application”

Resolved: That, with the above amendments, the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 20th July 2022 be noted.

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

There were no items over £5,000

64. Application for a silhouette and noticeboard on CURO land

It was noted that CURO had asked for an application form to put the silhouette and noticeboard on land close to the coal planter and bus stop on Wells Road.

Resolved: to send the application to CURO and accept the gift of the silhouette and noticeboard, putting them on the fixed asset list and insurance schedule once they are installed.

65. Annual review of the Health and Safety policy

Resolved: to agree the Health and Safety policy with no changes

66. Annual review of any links with the Internal Auditor

It was confirmed that there were no links with the Internal Auditor to declare.

67. Waterside Valley

A landholder pack had been received from Bristol Avon Catchment Market (BACM) and was circulated by email before the meeting and at the meeting. The pack invited Council to register as a Market Participant which would include a management plan for 30 years of grassland management.

Resolved: to apply to register as a Market Participant and work with BACM

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68. Outside Bodies reports

Visit to Frome Town Council to capture their experiences on regeneration

Cllr Hopkins advised that this meeting had now been delayed until October. Cllr Millard offered to attend with Cllr Hopkins.

Mardons

Cllr Cooper advised that Bill Stevenson had stood down as Chair of Mardons. She advised that a planning application had been submitted to put 14 flats on the first and second floors of the Mardons building – something that has been expected for some time. The planning application was to be discussed in detail at Environment and Development on 12th September.

Resolved: to write and invite a planning officer to attend E&D to see the strength of feeling in opposition of this project, letter to be sent recorded delivery.

69. Creating Community Identity

Cllr Hopkins claimed that there are several new road signs on the outskirts of Westfield that still have no mention of Westfield.

Resolved: to investigate further.

70. Chairman's report

Cllr Fuller thanked the office staff for their hard work over the summer break.

71. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Jackson circulated a written report in advance and reported:

- There was significant concern over the reduction in bus services in the area.
- B&NES has a higher level of delayed discharge from hospital than nationally. Nationally it is 1 in 7 patients that cannot be discharged due to a lack of availability of care in the home. In B&NES it is 1 in 4.
- The Trinity Methodist Church in Radstock is to be purchased as a community space.

Cllr Moss reported:

- The Labour group at B&NES is submitting to WECA a document outlining proposals for the bus services.

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

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interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

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