

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the
boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on
12th December 2022 commencing at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Diana Cooper, James Honess, Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson, Paul Millard and Pat Williams

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

Absent: Cllr Geoff Fuller

77. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllr Fuller and accepted.

78. Declarations of interest and dispensation

There were no declarations of interest

79. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th November 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

80. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following applications:

22/04712/TCA	41 Welton Road	Conifer (T1 and T2) – remove. Group 1 (mixed species screen/hedge) – remove. Hazel/coppice
22/04864/COND	The Shambles, Wells Road	Discharge of conditions 2, 19 and 20 of application 17/04186/FUL (Demolition of existing buildings with retention of existing east and south facades, and development of 10 no. Residential units and 1no. Commercial Unit within a flexible use including Uses within Class A1 (Shops), A2 (Financial and Professional Services), A3 (Restaurants and Cafes), B1 (Business) and D1 (Non-residential institutions).).

It was noted that Mardons Club had now been sold. Concern was raised at a prospective variation of the Mardons Club lease.

81. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

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82. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

Quotes for the gap in wetpour around the carousel

Resolved: to note the acceptance under delegated authority of the quote from GB Sport and Leisure for £2,972.40 +VAT for a more permanent solution to the shrinking of the wetpour around the carousel

Memorial Bench – No response had been received to our request for more information.

Office building – It was noted that planning permission had now been received and plans were circulated for final approval.

83. Recreation Ground - Westhill

Westhill Club update – it was noted that the solicitors were now in contact with each other.

84. Mobile CCTV following the meeting with PC George Simpson

A report on the meeting with PC George Simpson had been circulated. It was accepted that a camera would have very little impact on anti-social behaviour at Jubilee Green. It was noted that the police are unable to use speed enforcement cameras at night, but would increase patrols. A Community Speedwatch was discussed.

Resolved: to put to Parish Council in January the option of a community speedwatch initiative.

85. Proposed addition to the coal truck planters

Resolved: (1) to order a plaque from Trophies of Radstock to commemorate the Wellsway Pit disaster to be attached to the Wellsway Pit planter; (2) to note the change in spec for the Wesley Avenue planter from brick to local stone.

87. Waterside Valley

A quote from Andy King of New Leaf Studios to carry out actions from the Management Plan was discussed. Since New Leaf Studio created the Management Plan they have expert knowledge of the site, which no other Landscape Architect would have to the same extent.

Resolved: (1) To accept the following items in the quote:
Item 1 – Certificate of lawful use - £420.00+VAT
Item 2 – Land drainage consent for works to springs and ramps to footbridges - £540.00 +VAT

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Item 3 – Environmental Permit - £720 + VAT (or if lesser input is required – time spent at £60 per hour + VAT

Item 4 – Application fees – as required

Item 6 – Repair / replacement works to footbridges - £660 +VAT

(2) to contact Miriam Woolnough regarding actioning Item 5 of the quote using WECA funding in relation to springs, tree planting, paths and access, interpretation boards, entrances and seating.

88. Defibrillators

Further to an offer of funding from Waterside Carnival Club, quotes had been received from Community Heartbeat for a new defibrillator to be positioned at Westhill Club.

Resolved: to ask the Carnival Club if we may purchase the G5S-02A defibrillator at £1055 +VAT; (2) to undertake a cost analysis of spending of batteries, pads etc over five years.

89. Events

Feedback on the Christmas Lights Switch On Thursday 24th November.

The event was considered to have been a resounding success.

Outside Home Decorations competition update

Update was given on the plans for judging the competition.

Coronation event

The Committee was advised of work done so far to get the ‘Coronation Celebration’ underway. Quotes had been received for marquees, security and inflatables for the event. The Committee was asked if authority could be delegated to Cllr Cooper and Honess to book items as they occur to avoid losing bookings.

Resolved: (1) to designate a rough budget at Finance and Personnel
(2) to delegate authority to Cllrs Cooper and Honess to authorise bookings to be made.

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.

90. Tree survey quotes

Only one quote had been received at the time of the meeting.

Resolved: to add to the agenda for the next meeting
The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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