

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the
boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on
15th November 2022 commencing at 7pm.**

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

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

62. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

There were no apologies for absence

63. Declarations of interest and dispensation

There were no declarations of interest

64. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

65. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following applications:

22/03861/FUL	9 Carpenter's Way	Part conversion of a residential garage to commercial/business/service (Use Class E)
22/04483/TPO	St Peter's Glade	T1 and T2 - Crown lift over access track to 4m. Crown lift 2.5m over lawns. Remove crossing limbs and deadwood within canopy. T4 and T5 - Crown lift 2.5m over lawns. Prune back growth around street light to clear by 1m. Remove basal epicormic. Remove crossing limbs and deadwood within canopy. T6 - Crown lift 2.5m over lawns. Prune back canopy on east and southeast to create 3m clearance from building up to eaves height. Reduce several long lateral branches growing over roof line. Remove basal epicormic. Remove crossing limbs and deadwood within canopy.

66. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

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Signed **Dated**

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Application 22/02932/FUL – Demolition of Nos.26 and 28 Orchard Vale and development of 60 new homes with open space, landscaping and all associated infrastructure (Cross boundary application with Mendip)

Westfield Parish Council had not been consulted on this application, but Councillors felt a comment should be sent to B&NES.

Westfield Parish Council would be grateful if these late comments on the above application might be taken into consideration. Since Westfield is not a statutory consultee in this case, we were not aware of the application. However, there are implications for the parish which we would like to raise.

Whilst this is a cross border planning application, it is recognised that the highways implications will be most severe within B&NES. This is true not just in the immediate vicinity of the application, but also within the wider highways infrastructure. In particular, Westfield Parish Council is concerned about the impact of this application on traffic on the A367. The Parish Council asks that this is examined in detail. The additional 60 houses will place an undue burden on this road which already suffers severe congestion and high levels of air pollution through the Westfield community.

67. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

Quotes for the gap in wetpour around the carousel

Resolved: (1) To accept the response from GB Sport and Leisure that a more permanent answer may be the best option and to go to tender.

(2) to delegate responsibility to Cllrs Wallbridge and Fuller to authorise ongoing work.

Household waste - It was noted that letters had been sent to all properties adjacent to Norton Hill.

Memorial Bench – an email had been received from B&NES saying that a resident had asked to locate a memorial bench in one of the recreation grounds.

Resolved: to get more information about the person asking for the bench and find out where they want it established.

68. Recreation Ground - Westhill

Westhill Club update – it was noted that the solicitors had yet to contact each other

BMX Track

Resolved: to accept the quote for £225 + VAT from Greensward for repair of the bank around the top track.

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Defibrillators – an offer had been received from Waterside Carnival Club for more defibrillators in the Parish.

Resolved: (1) to suggest to Westhill Club that one could be placed on the car park side of the building.

(2) to establish whether the defibrillator by the Coop on Elm Tree Avenue was reaching the end of its life and to ask Waterside Carnival Club if they would use their funds to replace it.

69. Mobile CCTV

The optimum positioning of a new CCTV camera around Jubilee Green was discussed, following a response from PC Mark Graham.

Resolved: to discuss with PC George Simpson at the meeting with him on 7th December.

70. Proposed addition to the coal truck planters

It was noted that there had been no response from Bath College to our request that they create a plaque to commemorate those that lost their lives in the mining disaster of 1839.

Resolved: to look for quotes for a plaque to be situated on the Coal Truck planter.

71. Waterside Valley

An update was given following the Somer Valley Rediscovered steering group meeting.

72. Community Engagement and Action Plan

Resolved: to agree the Community Engagement and Action Plan

Daffodils at Glebelands – a resident had contacted the Parish Council asking if bulbs could be provided to plant on the green area in Glebelands. Paul Pearce at B&NES had advised that it was a possibility for next year and enquired as to whether trees would be suitable as well. It was noted that a meeting was to be held between the resident, Parish Council and Paul Pearce of B&NES.

73. Westfield Parish Council Action Plan

The Action Plan was agreed.

74. Annual review of the Snow Warden scheme

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It was noted that there are currently two snow wardens and that an article had been written for the Westfield Warbler to encourage residents to help.

75. To consider a review of the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: to bring the review of the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan back to Committee in January 2023 following the completion of the B&NES Local Plan update.

76. Events

Christmas Lights Switch On Thursday 24th November.

An update was given on arrangements for the event.

Christmas trees – Discussion was held regarding the difficulty of putting up the trees each year and the danger of them falling out of the brackets as the trunks have to be trimmed, making them unstable.

Resolved: to seek quotes for artificial trees for next year's display at the shops.

It was advised by the electricians who put up the lights that the living Christmas tree is getting to a height that is becoming unmanageable and that if it continues to get higher a cherry picker will be required to put the lights on each year.

Resolved: to keep the tree trimmed to its current height

Providing hot chocolate at the switch on event

Resolved: to purchase 2 additional flasks for hot chocolate to be provided by Cllr Honess at the event.

Household outside decorations competition - the date of 23rd December for judging by Cllrs Cooper and Fuller was noted.

To consider planning for 2023

Remembrance 2023

Resolved: Parish Council to liaise with Bridges Electrical on Westfield Industrial Estate who advised us late this year that they have an event on 11th November each year.

Summer event at a Trust Ground

Discussion was held around doing an event at a Trust Ground for the coronation of the King on 6th May 2023.

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Resolved: to find some costs for an event and to put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting on 5th December.

Awards and Grants presentation event

Resolved: to consider an evening for awarding Britain in Bloom certificates and grants awarded around November next year.

The meeting closed at 7:55 pm

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