

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office
Monday 7th November 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: D Cooper, R Hopkins, E Jackson, L Mansell, P Millard,
B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson and P Williams

Attending: Lesley Close, Clerk; Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk; 2 members
of the public

Absent: Cllrs: J Honess and R Moss

Two residents of Bryant Avenue attended the meeting bringing the anti-social behaviour of a resident to the Parish Council's attention. B&NES Councillors agreed to bring this to the attention of CURO.

83. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Honess and Moss.

84. Declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllrs Jackson and Millard declared an interest in item 9 – Grants, as members of two of the groups that had been recommended for awards, these being Trinity Methodist Church and Westfield Allotments respectively.

85. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 5th September 2022

Resolved: the minutes of 3rd October 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

86. Speeding on the A367

The police were unable to attend the meeting, so this item was deferred to either Environment and Development on 15th November or a stand-alone meeting with Councillors.

87. To confirm the committee membership of Cllr Paul Millard

Resolved: Cllr Millard will be a member of the Environment and Development and the Finance and Personnel Committees.

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88. Committee and Working Group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 10th October 2022

The minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting of 10th October 2022 were noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 19th October 2022

The minutes of the Finance and Personnel committee meeting of 19th October were noted.

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

Resolved: to approve the payment of £23,312.61 to Kompan for the new swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground.

90. Waterside Valley

Resolved: (1) With regard to the funding of work at Waterside Valley, to work with Somer Valley Rediscovered with grateful thanks for their inclusion of Waterside Valley in their successful WECA bid. And, in two years' time to consider going forward for Bio Diversity Net Gain funding.

(2) to approve the draft Management Plan.

91. Grants 2022-23

Resolved: to accept the recommendations from Finance and Personnel.

92. Office space and the Charity Commission

To be considered was the use of land owned by Norton Hill Trust by the Parish Council for its office.

Resolved: (1) to contact the Charity Commission to request an Order of the Commission to allow a lease to be set up between Norton Hill Trust and the Parish Council as a connected person; (2) if necessary to appoint a qualified surveyor for a written report to allow this to progress; (3) if necessary to commission a solicitor, if the process is not straightforward.

93. Remembrance Day

The Councillors laying the wreaths at services in Westfield, Midsomer Norton and Radstock were agreed.

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94. Calendar of meetings

The calendar of meetings for 2023 was agreed.

95. Outside Bodies reports

Radstock Museum – Cllr Jackson reported that the museum had cancelled the Christmas Fayre, but that they were reviving the Dementia Café.

96. Creating Community Identity

Social prescribing was discussed as B&NES had stated that Westfield was part of a pilot scheme for GPs to prescribe walking, cycling and exercise.

Resolved: to contact Alison Wells for more information.

Westfield in Bloom – Cllr Jackson reported that several organisations had won certificates from Britain in Bloom. It was felt that a formal presentation of the certificates would help with creating community identity.

Resolved: to invite the recipients of the awards to the Christmas lights switch on and present them with the certificates.

Frome Town Council invited local authorities to a presentation of the work of their Council. Cllrs Jackson and Millard attended and gave a review of the day.

97. Chairman's report

Cllr Fuller reported that, although he was not able to visit the office more often he is still in daily contact.

98. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Jackson reported that:

- She had had several visitors to her most recent surgery to discuss issues in the Parish. The main points were issues with Curo – it was felt that maintenance of properties and overcrowding was a problem.
- She had been in discussion with the new Head of Enforcement, Pippa Brown, with regard to the issues under enforcement in Westfield.
- The Local Plan Policy had no changes that would affect Westfield

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

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