

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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.

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

There were no apologies for absence.

**92. Declarations of interest and dispensation**

There were no declarations of interest

**93. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**94. Planning applications for consideration**

There were no applications to consider.

**95. Planning Decisions**

The planning decisions were noted.

**96. Mendip Local Plan – outcome of judicial review**

The outcome of the judicial review of the Mendip Local Plan was discussed. It was noted that the 3 developments currently open with Mendip on the B&NES borders were still ongoing.

**Resolved:** (1) to respond to the applications 2021/1480/OTS and 2022/0614/OTS with further objections (cc. Simon de Beer of B&NES)  
(2) to write to Mendip District Council requesting that we are made consultees on any plans that affect the parish of Westfield.

**97. Westfield Neighbourhood Plan**

**Resolved:** (1) to create a working group which will consist of Cllrs Jackson, Hopkins, Fuller and Millard and to invite members of the public to join the group.

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**98. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill**

It was noted that work is due to start on replacing the swings from 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**99. Recreation Ground - Westhill**

**Westhill Club update** – there was no further update, other than the solicitors were in contact with each other.

**100. Proposed addition to the coal truck planter**

An update was given on the signs for the planter.

**Resolved:** to bring to next meeting

It was noted that Roma Construction had completed the planter at Wesley Avenue, but had run out of the white lias stone and the second circle was lower than planned. The question was asked about whether it was sufficient as it was, or to ask them to obtain more stone and make it higher.

**Resolved:** to accept the planter as complete as it was.

**101. Waterside Valley**

**Dog Bins:** Quotes had been received for dog bins.

**Resolved:** (1) to find the capacity of the bins and to bring to the next meeting with full costs; (2) to check whether B&NES have any dog bins available.

**102. B&NES Clean and Green**

Priority areas for the next Westfield clean were identified as Glebelands, outside 3 Ruskin Road, Wellsway Cottages to the police station.

**Resolved:** to respond to the Clean and Green team with this information and to keep an eye out for any further priority areas.

**103. Events**

**Outside Home Decorations competition feedback:**

This update was given at Parish Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Coronation Celebration update:**

An update was given on the planning for the event.

**104. Defibrillator update**

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A cost breakdown was given on the items covered by the support package over the last 5 years.

**Resolved:** to continue with no extra support package as it was more cost effective to replace the items as and when they come up for renewal.

A quote was still awaited for installation of the defibrillator at Westhill Club.

### 105. Request for support for a bio-diversity project

Details were given of a project run by Farrington Gurney Parish Council to make home owners more aware of the benefits of having pollinators in their gardens or areas surrounding them.

**Resolved:** to support the project with publication of news and events and to support their funding bid

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.

### 106. Tree survey quotes

**Resolved:** to accept the quote from B&NES for £360 for the tree survey.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

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