

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the
boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on
13th February 2023 commencing at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Diana Cooper, James Honess (arr 7:05pm), Ron Hopkins, Paul Millard and Pat Williams

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

Absent: Cllrs Fuller and Jackson

107. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fuller and Jackson

108. Declarations of interest and dispensation

There were no declarations of interest

109. Minutes of the last meeting

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

110. Planning applications for consideration

There were no applications to consider.

The appeal, 23/00004/RF, against the decision for 22/02438/FUL was noted.

111. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

112. White Post Application – Mendip District Council

The response from the Parish Council, sent 18/01/23, was noted.

Resolved: to consult with Head of Planning at B&NES to ascertain if there is any other response from us that would be appropriate.

113. Bus Consultation

Resolved: to respond to the consultation noting that the Parish Council is very concerned that the elderly and infirm of Westfield would be highly inconvenienced by the removal of services in Westfield, particularly the number 82 service, making a considerable number of them housebound.

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Signed **Dated**

114. Parking issues at Cobblers Way

A complaint from a resident regarding parking on double yellow lines, especially at school and nursery drop off/pick up times was circulated.

Resolved: to request of B&NES that a traffic warden attends the most affected areas at least twice a year at the critical times of day. – 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm on school days.

115. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

New Office – A specialist report was needed to be sent to Building Regulations at B&NES before any further work could be done.

Resolved: to accept the quote for £2350+VAT obtained by MJW Architects

Fun Day – Daniel Moyes had asked if he could run a Fun Day at Norton Hill in the Summer.

Resolved: to invite Mr Moyes to a meeting to discuss further.

116. Recreation Ground - Westhill

Westhill Club update – an update was given.

Link from Ash Tree Court - a resident had requested that a path be put in place between Ash Tree Court and the running track.

Resolved: to obtain quotes for providing a path linking an access from Ash Tree Court and a path linking the play area with the running track.

117. Proposed addition to the coal truck planter

One quote was still to be received.

Resolved: to defer to the next meeting.

118. Waterside Valley

Dog Bins

Resolved: to purchase 2 x large capacity Dog Waste bins from Wybone Ltd at a cost of £424.99 + VAT each to be placed at the Radstock entrance and the Chestnut Close entrance to Waterside Valley. And to arrange emptying at a cost of £120+VAT per bin for a twice weekly empty with Greensward.

Purchase of the extra land

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It was noted that the interim report had been received from Crossman's Solicitors. There were no concerns raised.

Certificate of Lawful Use

It was noted that the application for Certificate of Lawful Use had been approved, meaning that work could go ahead on the Valley without further planning permissions.

119. Linking Somer Valley Councils/Beat the Street game

Resolved: to respond to Marc Harrison of B&NES supporting the initiative.

120. Planting new planters at Wesley Avenue

A proposal for planting had been received from Rob Wicke.

Resolved: (1) to ask for a breakdown of costs for the smaller planter between plants and soil

(2) ask for costs of surrounding the hydrangea with smaller plants until it is established.

121. Youth Connect

Jayne Lewis of Youth Connect had asked if Parish Council felt it would be of benefit to have a 'Cluster' meeting on a regular basis with Youth Connect and the parishes that they work with.

Resolved: to respond to Jayne Lewis to say that the regular reports that Parish Council receives from them is sufficient to update on activities in Westfield.

122. Events

Coronation Celebration update

An update was given on the planning for the event.

Christmas trees

To be deferred to the next meeting while obtaining more information.

Front Garden competition

It was noted that the Front garden competition will go ahead this year.

Safe and Sound

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Safe and Sound Homecare Services had approached the Parish Council to advise that they would like to run a monthly social event in Westfield for the community of Westfield.

Resolved: to offer support for the event. Cllrs Cooper and Williams volunteered to help and Mardons Club had offered their premises, to be used free of charge.

The meeting closed at 7:55 pm

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