

# Westfield Parish Council



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6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

- TO: (a) **All Members of the Environment and Development Committee**  
Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Diana Cooper (Vice Chair), Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins, James Honess, Eleanor Jackson, Paul Millard, Pat Williams
- (b) **All other Members of the Council for information**

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Environment and Development Committee** of Westfield Parish Council on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm** at the **Board Room, Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield BA3 3BX.**

The meeting will consider the items set out below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LJC'.

Ms L J Close  
Parish Clerk

**Before the meeting there will be a 15-minute public session to enable residents of Westfield to ask questions, and make comments.**

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given** Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to approve the reasons given.

2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations** Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items, in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct. The Parish Council may consider agreeing a dispensation, providing the request is put in writing and the dispensation is allowed on the grounds set out in s.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – To agree the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (**Pages 1-3**)
4. **Planning applications for consideration** – no planning applications at the time of this agenda
5. **Planning decisions** – no planning decisions at the time of this agenda
6. **White Post Application - Mendip District Council (Pages 4-6)**  
  
To note the officer's recommendation to approve –  
[https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/files/4FC77295CF2462943D0AF0996A9A4365/pdf/2021\\_1480\\_OT\\_S-JANUARY\\_BOARD\\_REPORT-1286179.pdf](https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/files/4FC77295CF2462943D0AF0996A9A4365/pdf/2021_1480_OT_S-JANUARY_BOARD_REPORT-1286179.pdf)
7. **Bus Consultation (Pages 7-9)**
8. **Parking issues at Cobblers Way (Page 10)**
9. **Recreation Ground – Norton Hill**  
New Office - Update from the Architect (**Pages 11-12**)
10. **Recreation Ground – Westhill**
  - Westhill Club update – verbal
  - Request for a link from Ash Tree Court to the fitness track (**Pages 13-14**)
11. **Proposed addition to the coal truck planter (Pages 15-16)**
12. **Waterside Valley –**  
  
Dog bins (**Pages 17-19**)
13. **Linking Somer Valley Councils/Beat the Street game (Page 20)**
14. **Planting up the new planters at Wesley Avenue (Page 21)**
15. **Youth Connect** - To ask if it would be beneficial to have meetings with other parishes served by Youth Connect (**Page 22**)
16. **Events**
  - Coronation Big Lunch – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 12-3pm – verbal update
  - Christmas trees (**Page 23**)
  - Front Garden competition

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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.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed ..... Dated .....

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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**

**Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.**

**Signed .....** **Dated .....**

**Westfield Parish Council**

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

**Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.**

**Signed .....** **Dated .....**

## Parish Clerk

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**From:** Malcolm Daniels <web@stratton-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 29 January 2023 18:45  
**To:** Malcolm Daniels  
**Subject:** White Post Planning  
**Attachments:** Notes\_re planning Application White Post 2022 v1.3.pdf

Dear All,

Some of you may be surprised to receive this email, but to those of you who are not known to me personally, I am indebted to Eleanor Jackson for telling me that you would be Interested.

The situation with Planning for 270 houses at White Post, along with 78 houses at Beauchamps Drive (from MDC) and the corresponding entrance to the former (from BatNES) is quite complex. I myself keep on losing track of the various planning etc numbers, dates and so on and so I thought that it would be helpful to summarise them in a list.

On 21st February 2022, the High Court handed down a judgement in favour of Norton St Philip Parish Council in which it said that the actions of the inspector of Mendip Local Plan Pt II and the subsequent actions of Mendip District in adopting that Plan in respect of the three sites on the edge of Midsomer Norton known as MN1, MN2, and MN3 was unlawful and ordered it to strike these sites from the Plan. Mendip have reluctantly accepted this position,, but don't seem to be entering into the spirit of the judgment. At a Planning Board meeting on 18th January, it was resolved that all parties should have the opportunity of re-consultation. When the notice came out to Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council there was no mention of the Judicial Review. The letter which purely referenced 'amendments received on the application on which we would appreciate your comments.' This is not right and is not being fair to any of us. Mendip have been pushing for this development for years and is not intent on making objections easy with this type of behaviour.

There are lots of questions outstanding. This is just a summary list and will be followed with more detail in the coming days. BatNES have given Stratton on the Fosse until 20th February to submit more comments, MDC until 24th February although that is the day of the Planning Board which will consider this application. It is thought that the date for ordinary consultees is just 7th February for MDC. Ordinary consultee comments to BatNES is unknown or whether they will be allowed at all.

I will be happy for anyone to comment on this email or document to [web@stratton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:web@stratton-pc.gov.uk) with any information or evidence that will help our case. We are a very small Parish with very limited resources. Any help that you can give us will be very much appreciated.

This is important to stop the urban sprawl from swallowing up our countryside. In our case the Parish of Stratton on the Fosse will be dominated by the Behemoth of new sites to the North which are creeping closer and closer. Your support, please, is vital. We have been fighting these developments since 2015. We have seen them off twice, but they keep coming back. One last push, please people! Thank you for your time.

Best Wishes,  
Malcolm

Malcolm Daniels  
Stratton on the Fosse Parish Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Webmaster

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**From:** Malcolm Daniels <web@stratton-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 09:39  
**To:** vMalcolm Daniels; Alan Norris; Bswccg Westfield Surgery; Chair Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council; Clerk Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council; Council; Dave Stock; Edric Hobbs Som Cllr; Eleanor Jackson; Gary Dando Radstock TC; George Clutten Radstock TC; George Hitchins NSPhilip; Helenv Murtagh; Izzy Daone BANES Snr Planning Officer; Janine Nash; Jeremy Padfield; Jon Carter; Josh Burr; Malcolm Barlow; Malcolm Daniels; Paul Andrewartha; Richy Newman; S Mills Westfield Primary; Sam Phripp; Shannon Brooke MDC Cllr; Shaun Hughes BathNES; Zoie North  
**Subject:** Amendment of Yesterday's email regarding White Post Planning

I regret to say that i left out a line at the start of Paragraph 3. It is important as it conveys that MDC knew about the Judicial Review nearly a year ago on 21st February 2022.

The first lines of that paragraph should have read (addition is in red)

On 21st February 2022, Norton St Philip Parish Council informed MDC that it was seeking Judicial Review into the allocation of sites in North East Mendip (in Local Plan pt II). On 16th December 2022, the High Court handed down a judgement in favour of Norton St Philip Parish Council in which it said that the actions of the inspector of Mendip Local Plan Pt II and the subsequent actions of Mendip District in adopting that Plan in respect of the three sites on the edge of Midsomer Norton known as MN1, MN2, and MN3 was unlawful and ordered it to strike these sites form the Plan.

My apologies for that. The rest of the email stands.

Best Wishes,  
Malcolm

Malcolm Daniels  
Stratton on the Fosse Parish Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Webmaster

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Please note that my email address has been changed as has the web address. Please use this address in future communications.

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Points regarding Development around A367 White Post v 1.3, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Mendip District Council Planning search is at <https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/>

2016/0980/OTS Wed 20 Apr 2016 Land To The North Of The White Post Inn Midsomer Norton

A three form entry primary school, up to 188 residential dwellings and associated public open space, landscaping and infrastructure. Decision Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Refusal

2020/0836/SCREEN Status: EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) 'Not Required'

2021/1480/OTS Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Land At 366479 152724 Fosse Way Stratton On The Fosse Shepton Mallet Somerset

Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 270 dwellings, formation of vehicular accesses, open space, landscaping and associated works with all matters reserved except for access. At a meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023, it was resolved that a further period of Consultation should be given to the planning application, due to the removal of Designated Status of the site ordered by Judicial Review. The letter out to Consultees, however, did not mention the Judicial Review, the whole reason for re-consultation.

NB Timetable issued as regarding re-consultation. 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023, but to whom? Unknown?

2021/0157/OTS Outline Planning Beauchamps Drive 78 houses Approved after appeal.

From MDCs Own document, undated, "on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021, the Council received a Pre-Action Protocol Letter in respect a Statutory Review on behalf of Norton St. Philip Parish Council " Judicial Review result unknown so Appeal biased and should have been postponed. Stratton did not know Review was taking place but the Review clearly known by MDC but not mentioned to Appeal Inspector or anyone else at Appeal 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Obvious from inspector's comments that she didn't know. The allocation of sites was a major reason for allowing appeal. This raises questions as to MDC behaviour morally if not legally.

2022/2207/REM Reserved Matters planning Beauchamps Drive 78 houses. Mon 07 Nov 2022

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Planning search is at <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/planning/search.html>

16/01899/OUT 19 April 2016 Parcel 3589, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, Previous Version  
Development of 0.37 ha of public open space Approved

21/02973/OUT 23 June 2021 Parcel 3589, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, Bath And North East Somerset, Details changed.

Outline planning permission for formation of access road, footpath and cycle links, open space, landscaping and associated works (All matters except access reserved).

Note that although this application leads to land within Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council's Boundary, it was not seen fit to consult Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council or even let us know the application had been submitted some 19 months ago. Further, many comments mention MN1 as an approved site for development whereas it was subject to a Judicial Review which removed it from the list of designated sites. This must now lead to a re-consultation with all parties

Detailed documents about this application in BathNes may be found at

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/planning/details.html?refval=21%2F02973%2FOUT>

A full copy of the Judicial Review may be found at [https://counciltransparencyportal.uk/Norton\\_St\\_Philip/Local%20Plan%20Part%20II%20-%20Judicial%20Review/CO\\_323\\_2022%20-%20Lochailort%20Investments%20Ltd%20\(2nd%20IP\)%20Summary%20Grounds%2021.02.22\(116850668.1\).pdf](https://counciltransparencyportal.uk/Norton_St_Philip/Local%20Plan%20Part%20II%20-%20Judicial%20Review/CO_323_2022%20-%20Lochailort%20Investments%20Ltd%20(2nd%20IP)%20Summary%20Grounds%2021.02.22(116850668.1).pdf)



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To: All Parish and Town Councils  
Bath and North East Somerset

Correspondence sent via email

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parish/ Town Council Chair

As you will be aware, at the WECA joint Committee on Wednesday 18th January a series of decisions regarding supported bus services were taken by the constituent authorities of the West of England, under the leadership of the combined authority as the region's transport authority.

With the Joint Committee decisions taken, and the introduction of DRT services by the WECA Mayor, it is imperative we now work together in partnership with our communities to make a success of the new DRT services.

We would like to ask you to contact WECA directly with your views and comments on how the changes to services and the introduction of the DRT will affect your residents and your local area; for further information on the changes and the new DRT please use the following link to the Joint Committee papers: <https://westofengland-ca.moderngov.co.uk/mgChooseDocPack.aspx?ID=581>

Please may I ask you to keep us informed of any communication you have with WECA regarding this, so we can work closely moving forward making sure any concerns and suggestions are captured. We want to work with you and with WECA to achieve the best possible coverage of your area through the BSIP.

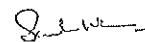
Meanwhile, we will continue to lobby the combined authority to commit additional resources to invest in five new spinal routes, which will complement the introduction of DRT. These routes would ensure bus provision for Chew Valley, Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Radstock and Timsbury.

I have attached a copy of my recent letter to WECA Mayor, Dan Norris regarding the changes to the services and introduction of the DRT.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Kevin Guy  
Leader of the Council



Councillor Sarah Warren  
Deputy Council Leader,  
Cabinet Member for Climate  
and Sustainable travel

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Dan Norris  
WECA Mayor  
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Correspondence sent via email

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Mayor

As I said at Joint Committee yesterday, I really want to see the new on-demand minibus system be a success. To achieve that, we will all need to work together with single focus to fundamentally change our failing transport system into an integrated transport network which successfully serves our communities.

We in B&NES have committed to spending additional funds from our budgets to ensure as comprehensive a network as possible, as well as the continuation of 5 services within NE Somerset to support our communities as they transition across to the new Demand Responsive Transport system.

I now ask you, Dan, as the leader of the transport authority, to do likewise and commit funds from your multi-million BSIP allocation to the following three actions, both of which are critical for the success of DRT:

1. Award contracts for the following new services within NE Somerset, which reflect local needs and priorities, and will provide a vital spinal bus link for our communities:
  - 517: Chew Magna - Wells
  - 518: Midsomer Norton – Radstock
  - 519: Keynsham Circular
  - 522: Odd Down to Brislington
  - 526: Chew Valley Link
  - 527: Chew Magna – Anchor Road, Bristol
2. Ensure effective engagement with all affected B&NES communities, in a way that has not happened to date, on the final design of the new BSIP bus routes and DRT, to give the schemes the highest chance of success, despite the rapid speed of their implementation.
3. Allocate sufficient resource to help local people make the switch to DRT, by engaging fully with local communities to raise awareness and support the transition to using the unfamiliar new system, and publish a comprehensive

funding and transition plan so that local authorities can effectively support all the activities identified.

We need to collectively demonstrate to our communities that we have dedicated both time and resource to ensure the success of this initiative, and therefore I would request that all future meetings of the Transport Planning and Housing Board are made public, so people see the ongoing work being undertaken to achieve a successful transport network, and hold us to account on the commitments we have jointly made.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Kevin Guy  
Leader of Bath and North East Somerset Council

I am a Westfield resident since 1991 and have lived locally prior to that.

We have lived in Cobblers way for 4 1/2 years having bought a new build opposite the Nursery. Shortly after moving in double yellow lines were installed on the 'house' side of the road.

My issue is that the regulations are regularly flouted. Clients of the nursery and Westfield school park on the double yellows and obstruct the pavement. You would not get through with a wheelchair or a pram. I have had conversations with owners of these vehicles but they only turn abusive.

We have tried working with the Nursery and as helpful as they are have indicated it's been looked at but because it's for two relatively short periods of time it's not a concern. However I disagree if yellow lines are installed it's for a reason and nothing to do with the time of day or how long they have parked there. The reasons to me are clear... a nursery, heavy traffic to Jewsons and the building site and a kink in the road making the sight line difficult. It also makes it difficult for some larger vehicles to get through when cars are both sides the road.

Wondered if you can help especially interested in the claim by the Nursery that the issue has been looked into as I have not been consulted. I keep a catalogue of photos of those not adhering to requirements

## Parish Clerk

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**From:** Michael Williams <michael@mjwarchitects.com>  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 16:31  
**To:** Parish Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: 22/01738 - Norton Hill Recreation Ground, Fosseway, Westfield

Hi Lesley

Following our conversation with the Building Control Officer, Stephen Atkins, below is an email from him that lists items that require further information.

Items prefixed A refer to the Building Regulations Part A – Structure. An engineer will be required to complete drawings and calculations for these 4 items. Would you like us to seek a quotation from an engineer to do this work?

Similarly, an energy consultant will be required to provide calculations for Part L. Would you like us to seek a quote from an energy consultant?

We can address all the other points.

We can discuss these points at our meeting next week.

Is it possible to move the meeting to 12.30 or ideally 1pm?

Kind regards

Michael

Michael J Williams

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**From:** Steve Atkins <Steve\_Atkins@BATHNES.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** 26 January 2023 14:56  
**To:** michael@mjwarchitects.com  
**Subject:** 22/01738 - Norton Hill Recreation Ground, Fosseway, Westfield

Hello Michael

As discussed over the telephone I list below the defer points for this application.  
Please respond as soon as possible and I will endeavour to issue your approval or conditional approval.

1. A – Satisfactory structural engineers design and calculations are required for the roof structure, lintels, etc.
2. A – Wall ties should be specified.
3. A – Lateral restraint straps should be specified.
4. A – Wall plate straps should be specified.
5. B – The Fire Officer will be consulted. Any comments will be forwarded as soon as possible.
6. B – Please confirm the fire detection and alarm system complies with BS5839 – 1.
7. B – Emergency lighting to BS5266 – 1.
8. B – Escape signage to BS5499 – 1.
9. B – External doors from the meeting room and the office must be openable without the use of a key.

- 10. C – DPC’s must be specified.
- 11. C – Expansion joints must be specified.
- 12. C – The flat roof must be vented to allow cross flow ventilation in accordance with AD C.
- 13. L – A SBEM / BRUKL report is needed to demonstrate compliance with AD L2.
- 14. M – Doors should have contrasting coloured door furniture in accordance with AD M.
- 15. M – There should be level / ramped access to the office in accordance with AD M and B.
- 16. M – The fire escape doors should be openable with single action mechanisms i.e. lever handles.


Regards

Steve

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## Parish Clerk

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**From:** Parish Clerk  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 11:25  
**To:** Florentyna Butler  
**Cc:** Deputy Clerk; Admin Assistant  
**Subject:** RE: Ash Tree Court / Westhill Recreation Ground

Good Morning Flo

Many thanks for your email.

I shall arrange for our contractors to remove the concrete post – thank you for bringing it to our attention, it is indeed a trip hazard on the ground.

With regard to the pathway, I shall report the weeds on the piece of land between the road and the recreation ground to B&NES – I am assuming it is their land. And will put your request for an extension of the fitness track to join up to Ash Tree Court to our Parish Council Environment and Development Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

With kind regards

*Lesley*

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**From:** Florentyna Butler <f.butler@live.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 11:06  
**To:** Council <council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk>  
**Subject:** Ash Tree Court / Westhill Recreation Ground

Hello!

I live in Ash Tree Court next to the Westhill Recreation Ground and wanted to report some damage and make a request or two! Hopefully this is the right place to do that, or perhaps you could point me in the right direction, I wasn't sure if I should be contacting the district council? 😊

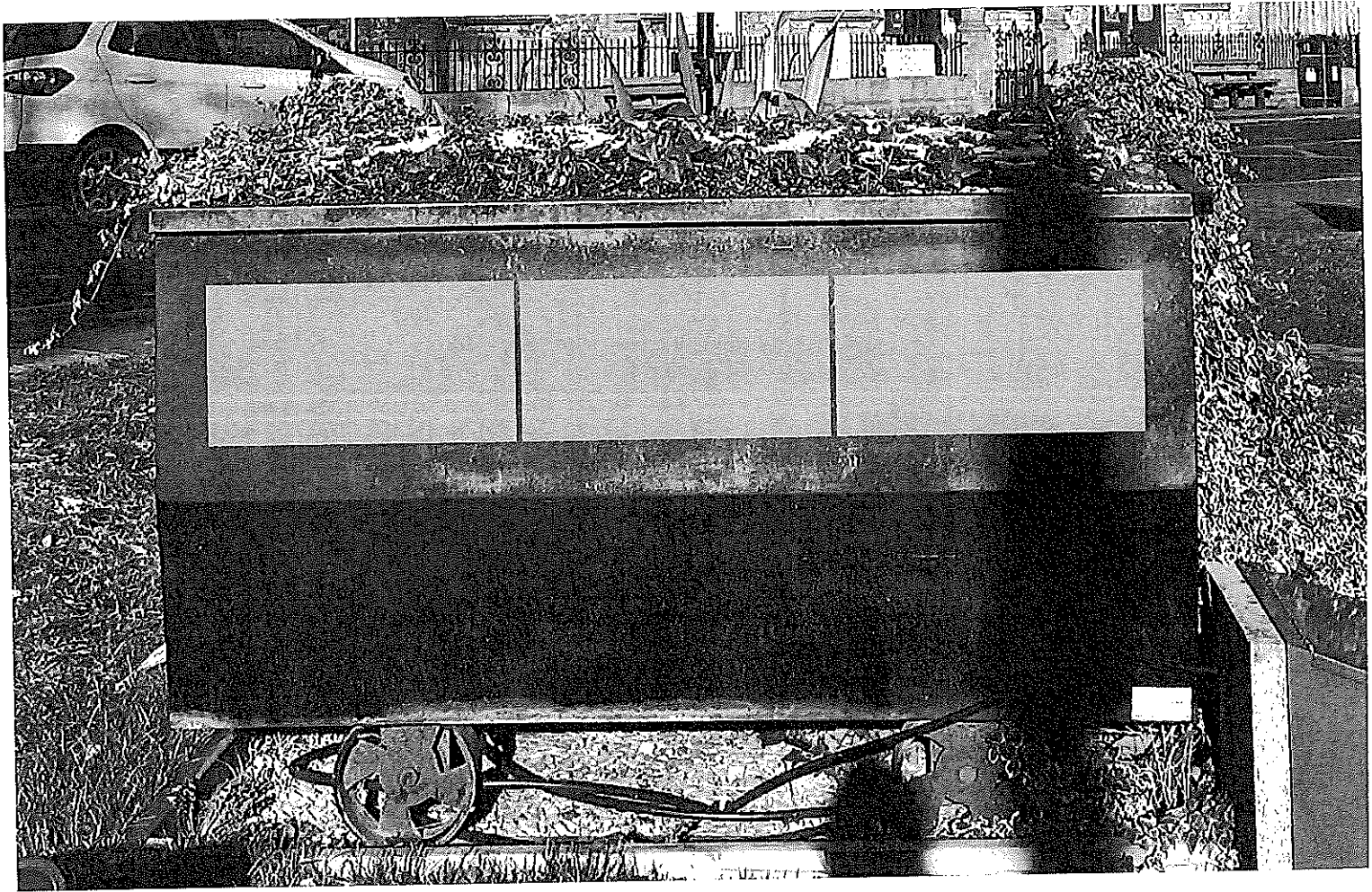
In the summer, one of the concrete posts from the wire fence was broken off by the ground. I thought one of the council people that came to cut the grass might have reported it but as it's still there I guess not! I did take a photo back then but I'm only just getting round to sending it. If nothing else it's a bit of a trip hazard so should probably be fixed or removed. (photo attached)

I also know I speak for many people when I say what a great addition the tarmac track around the edge of the field has been and how grateful everyone is for it. However, it was a shame that the entry and exit way to Ash Tree Court didn't benefit from a path leading from it to the track. It seems to be the only access point without one and is used by a huge amount of people, making it extremely muddy at this time of year.

That, combined with the very uneven and overgrown paving at the end of the road makes us feel very much forgotten about. Is there any chance that this small stretch could be joined to the pathway? And perhaps even for the paving to be replaced? There's another photo attached showing the paving, it's clearly very overgrown but the photo doesn't really do it justice for how uneven and haphazard it is.

Many Thanks  
Flo Butler





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## QUOTATION

Ref No. REF24539/1  
Dated 13/12/2022  
Contact Caitlin Brown  
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Fax

Caitlin Brown  
Westfield Parish Council  
The Oval Office  
St Peter's Park  
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Radstock  
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With reference to your recent enquiry I am pleased to confirm the following prices...

Re : Memorial Plaque

			Unit Price	Total
A	3	Produce and supply Gold ano-printed aluminium plates 515 x 265mm with outdoor grade VHB tape to rear.	£168.00	£504.00
C	1	Artwork generation	£50.00	£50.00
D	1	Install if required	£45.00	£45.00
			<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£599.00</b>
			<b>VAT</b>	<b>£119.80</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£718.80</b>

This quotation is valid for 30 days from the date of estimate and approval of any artwork, subject to any fluctuation in material costs.

Prices do not include delivery and fitting unless otherwise stated.

Full payment will be required before commencement of any work for all non account customers, or if previously agreed with Sign Efex management, on completion.

Payment: 30 days from date of invoice for account customers.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course...

Yours sincerely ,

Chris Jones

## Dog Waste Bin Research Nov 2022



<https://wybone.co.uk/product/wdb112-large-capacity-dog-waste-bin-chute/>

### WDB/112 Large Capacity Dog Waste Bin with Chute

Product Code: WDB/112/WEB

#### Product Dimensions

Capacity	Height	Width	Depth	Weight
112 litres	1003mm	483mm	483mm	36kg

Price from £424.99 (ex VAT)



<https://wybone.co.uk/product/wdb7d-timber-fronted-dog-waste-bin/>

### WDB/7D Timber Fronted Dog Waste Bin

Product Code: WDB/7/WEB

#### Product Dimensions

Capacity	Height	Width	Depth	Weight
91 litres	914mm	457mm	432mm	42kg

Price from £464.99 (ex VAT)

#### Configure your product

##### 1 Body Finish & Colour

Body Finish



Body Colour



Slats Only

Slats Only

##### Summary

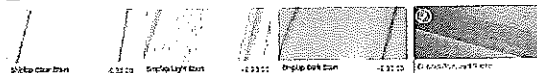
WDB/7D Timber Fronted Dog Waste Bin



Subtotal (incl. vat @ 0% rate)  
£ 464.99

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##### 2 Slat Finish & Colour



##### 3 Optional Extras



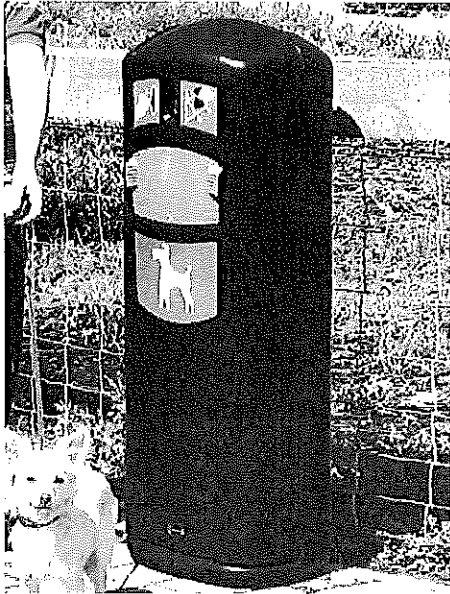
##### 4 Fining Options



This bin can be configured in various styles, including slats made from wood effect recycled plastic.

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suggested bin

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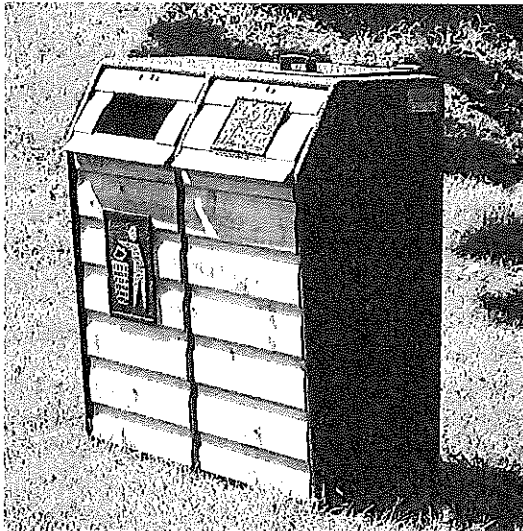
<https://uk.glasdon.com/litter-bins/dog-waste-bins/retriever-city-tm-dog-waste-bin>

### Retriever City™ Dog Waste Bin

£297.32 excluding VAT

£356.78 inc. VAT

Includes free delivery\*



<https://kbsdepot.com/online-shop/Coastal-182lt-Combined-Litter-and-Dog-Bin-Timber-fronted-p297042669>

### Coastal 182lt Combined Litter and Dog Bin - Timber fronted

SKU WDB/6DLT-S

Capacity	Height	Width	Depth	Weight
182 litres	914mm	914mm	432mm	60kg

£760.00 (ex VAT)

- <https://www.petwastesolutions.co.uk/dog-waste-removal-and-disposal/>
- <http://www.greenswardsports.co.uk>

Date	Action
24/11/22	Emailed Pet Waste Solutions for quotes for bins, installation and emptying.
24/11/22	Emailed Greensward Sports ( <a href="http://www.greenswardsports.co.uk">http://www.greenswardsports.co.uk</a> ) for quotes to empty dog waste bins.
1/12/22	Tried to call Colin Dodson B&NES Cleansing Team but no answer. Have tried to email but this has bounced back. Will see if I can get another email address.
1/12/22	Email to council connect to ask for advice re emptying of bins and if they can provide this service/quote. *B&NES have responded to say the query will be passed to the waste dept.

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21/12/22	Email rec'd from B&NES Cleansing Team to say they do have capacity to empty more bins at present. They will keep in touch should anything change.
11/01/23	<p>Email rec'd from B&amp;NES Cleansing Team:</p> <p><i>B&amp;NES Council aren't currently installing any dog bins, the only bins we tend to install now are normal litter bins, which can be used by dog waste. The jubilee bin is our most popular.</i></p> <p><i>Unfortunately, we are not installing any new litter bins at present due to funding. We have allocated funding for worn out bins only.</i></p> <p><i>I hope this information has helped and if there is anything else I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.</i></p> <p><i>Kind Regards,</i>  <i>Lauren.</i>  <i>Cleansing Support Officer</i>  <i>Neighbourhood Environmental Services</i>  <i>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</i>  <i>Tel:01225 394080</i>  <i>email <a href="mailto:Lauren_creber@bathnes.gov.uk">Lauren_creber@bathnes.gov.uk</a></i>  <i><a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk">www.bathnes.gov.uk</a></i></p>

Quotes		
Date	Company	Quotes
24/11/22	Greensward	<i>A twice weekly empty (which I'm sure they will need) would be £120.00 plus vat pcm.</i>
21/12/22	B&NES	Will not quote at present.
24/11/22	Pet Waste Solutions	No response.

*Suggested emptying*



**Parish Clerk**

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**From:** Mohamed Essoussi <Mohamed\_Essoussi@BATHNES.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** 31 January 2023 08:20  
**To:** Mark Harrison; george.clutten@radstock-tc.gov.uk; Jo Corbett; Midsomer Norton Town Council; Parish Clerk; Paulton Parish Council  
**Subject:** Linking Somer valley councils / Beat the street Game in The Somer Valley

Hi all,  
Hope you are doing well.

I would like to introduce you to Marc Harrison from the Leisure team in BANES. Marc is also the community engagement coordinator for Beat the Street (BTS) game which will happen in the Somer Valley for 6 weeks ( starting From 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023).

BTS is a game that takes place over a 6-week period across an entire local area. They place RFID sensors called "Beat Boxes" on street furniture, parks and green spaces. Local residents are provided with RFID cards and then walk, run, cycle or roll between boxes, tapping their cards on the boxes and earning points for themselves and their team as they do so. The game is displayed on a website where leaderboards contain school, workplace and community teams all on a journey together. <https://www.beatthestreet.me/>

Marc will be starting a steering group for BTS that will help with recommending the best ways to reach participants (mainly pupils from local primary schools) and most importantly finding ways to maintain activity and community engagement post the Beat the Street game phase.

We propose that local councils in the SV area are part of the steering group. If that something that works for you, please liaise with Marc.

I will leave you with Marc who will be the main contact for BTS from BANES.

Many thanks,  
Mohamed

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## Parish Clerk

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**From:** Rob Wicke <robwicke.work@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 23 January 2023 08:53  
**To:** Parish Clerk  
**Cc:** Deputy Clerk; Admin Assistant  
**Subject:** Re: The new planters at Wesley Avenue

Good morning Lesley

I've had a good think about the planting, filling the gaps in the wall around the existing planter was a bit of a conundrum! Hopefully my suggestion makes sense, happy to talk it through if you'd like?

### Recommendations:

**New Planter:** My view is to go simple and beautiful, with a single specialist hydrangea in the new planter. For example Paniculata Pinky Winky

Reasons: Hydrangea have a good flowering time compared to most shrubs, with some interest in early winter (dry flower heads). At full size the plant will be slightly wider than the base and 1.5m tall (fitting your requirement for good height), and therefore wouldn't require any other plants in the space. Hydrangea love full sun and tolerate a range of soil and weather conditions, as well as able to grow in the shallow root space provided it can receive regular watering, giving it a good chance of survival and a long life. Plant would be purchased in 2l pot (good size).

**My quote for this option: £195 (Supplies £130, labour £65)**

If you want a bed of mixed shrubs I can quote for that, but you would likely lose the height you're after.

**Gaps in walls around existing planter:** My view is to not plant here.

Reasons: It doesn't look like it needs it as the wall is so close to the planter – and when the bedding display is in full swing you won't be able to see the gaps. The cost-to-benefit is to me unreasonable. Even though the gaps are thin, there is a lot of space downwards that need filling = lots of soil. Because the gaps are thin it will be difficult to get shrubs planted in there, with insufficient space for their roots to grow laterally. The few dwarf shrubs that can tolerate full sun, unprotected from wind, with a good flowering season, would look a bit weird, sparse. The wall would need boarding off at the two ends that meet the water box to stop the soil washing out of the gaps.

An example of what could go there if you were committed to planting it up: 9 x Fuchsia 'Tom Thumb' (or mixed with some dwarf hebes)... Estimated cost £425 (supplies £300, labour £125). If you would like me to fully cost this up I can give you a quote relatively quickly.

Alternatively, the existing bed could be planted up with shrubs - I'm happy to make suggestions and quote for.

Best wishes

Rob

On Fri, 13 Jan 2023, 12:52 Rob Wicke, <robwicke.work@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Lesley

No problem, I'll have a look at the weekend and get back to you.

Best wishes

## Deputy Clerk

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**From:** Deputy Clerk  
**Sent:** 06 February 2023 14:12  
**To:** Jayne Lewis  
**Cc:** Lesley Close; Admin Assistant; Eleanor Jackson  
**Subject:** Meeting today

Hi Jayne

It was good to meet you today.

I thought I'd jot down a few notes about what we chatted about:

- You advise that you have been quite successful in getting matched funding for the activities you are running in Youth Connect.
- Westfield is one of the busiest sessions, with attendance around 20 – 30 young people.
- Eleanor asked if there could be work done with young people to talk about domestic violence – you suggested they would be targeted discussions.
- For specialist work you would get external funding for someone to run those sessions
- You wondered if it would be advantageous to have 'Cluster' meetings with the other parishes that Youth Connect work with. This would work for you in that you would be able to regularly present a full picture of the area with all parishes.
- Eleanor asked if the young people could be invited to take part in Westfield in Bloom.
- Young people will be asked what sort of activities they could envisage taking part in at the Waterside Valley.
- You will be writing the contract shortly.

I hope that pretty much covers what we discussed.

We will put the question about whether to have 'Cluster' meetings with the other parishes on next Monday's Environment and Development agenda and let you know what was decided on Tuesday.

Best regards

*Tracey*

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#### Comparison of Christmas tree prices

I have been trying to find artificial Christmas trees that will work around the shops at Elm Tree Avenue and am in discussion with a couple of companies.

Prices that I have found range from around £60 to around £100. We would need 11 trees, which would cost as much as approx £1,100. This would be in comparison to this year's cost of £500 and £150 for removal - £650 per year. We would expect them to last at least 3 years, so the cost of real trees would be £1950 at this year's cost.

Tracey

