

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 11th April 2023 commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Bryan Wallbridge (Chair), Cllrs Diana Cooper (Vice Chair), Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson, Paul Millard and Pat Williams

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

Absent: Cllrs Fuller and Honess

134. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fuller and Honess.

135. Declarations of interest and dispensation

There were no declarations of interest

136. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th March 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

137. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following:

23/00837/TPO	Land east of Fosseyway Cottages, Welton Rd	4no Larch tree remains – fell. Tree 5 Sycamore – crown thinning and reduction of 1.5m
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The Committee had no objections to the following application and commented that it would be an enhancement to the area:

23/01139/FUL	Byfields, Wells Rd	Replacement of new single storey side extensions, new gym building and car port following removal of single storey side extensions, part of existing swimming pool and remove garage outbuildings
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The Committee reinforced its previous objections in relation to the appeal on the following application:

22/03099/FUL	Aviemore, Fosseyway	Proposed residential development of 7no new dwellings with garages and associated parking spaces with adapted highway access and alteration to existing dwelling at Aviemore.
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138. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

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- Resolved:** (1) That the Clerk seeks clarification on variation on condition 33 of application 05/01926/FUL redevelopment of St Peters Factory and Jewson sites.
(2) the Impact of the Enterprise Zone in Westfield goes on the next agenda (Cllr Hopkins)

139. Meeting with the Police and Pit Bikes on Pathways

Following a query at the Annual Parish Meeting about whether the Speed Indicator Device stored data on speeds on the A367, it was confirmed by the Transport Monitoring Officer of B&NES that, whilst the SID does not store such data, they are happy to deploy a traffic monitoring radar to gather speed and traffic volume data.

- Resolved:** to accept the offer of the Transport Monitoring Officer with thanks and to highlight the following areas on the A367: (1) the downhill slope from the Somer Valley Campus to Radstock; (2) the section between Highfields and the Methodist Church; (3) Section between Charlton Road and the adjacent local shops; (4) section outside Westfield Primary School.

It was noted that physical barriers to restrict pit bikes could not be put up in the pathway between Wesley Avenue and Inner Elm Terrace by B&NES because it is not adopted highway.

- Resolved:** that the Clerk makes enquiries about who the landowner is, to ask permission for the barriers.

Another request for additional parking restrictions was received in Cobblers Way. This had been referred to B&NES Parking.

140. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

(1) New Office – The tender is about to be advertised.

(2) Additional Work to Pitches – The request from one of the football teams to enhance maintenance of the pitches was received, along with a quote from Greensward in the amount of £4,000 per pitch.

- Resolved:** To go back to the Club stating that reasonable maintenance is carried out at the end of the season and we are sure this will suffice. We have had a quote of £4,000 from our pitch contractors for enhanced maintenance and are trying to avoid a corresponding hike in football pitch fees.

141. Recreation Ground - Westhill

Westhill Club update – there was no further update this month.

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142. Waterside Valley

(1) Dog Bins – Noted that the dog bins had been installed.

(2) Bridges

The Rights of Way Officer and two contractors had been met on site.

Resolved: **(1)** To ask Dale Mynett of B&NES Structures for permission to renovate the brick bridge and possibly share costs.

(2) To ask Dale Mynett of B&NES Structures for permission to replace bridge 4 and improve the access to the bridge, possibly sharing costs.

(3) Waterford Park Grass Cutting Contract – agreed in the amount of £1,438.69, this being over the budget of £1,347 and consisting of 6 cuts per year.

143. Events

(1) Coronation Celebration update – 7th May

The Committee noted the £3million in public liability of the company providing the face painting.

Resolved: that alcohol in plastic glasses is allowed on the field.

(2) Fun Day at Norton Hill

The Committee discussed a Fun Day at Norton Hill Recreation Ground.

Resolved: to offer to Daniel Moyse that the event takes place on Friday 1st September 2023. The field would be hired to Daniel Moyse, and he would keep any income from stalls and rides. The Parish Council would simply check safety certificates in order to fulfil its duty of care to those entering the grounds but would not manage the event in any way and would not need to attend. The Committee queried whether any proceeds would be given to charity.

144. Bleed Control Kits

The South West Ambulance had not responded to the request to support Bleed Control Kits in the future.

145. WESTLocal

The request from the Metro Mayor to come up with new ideas for meeting transport needs in Westfield was noted.

Resolved: that Cllr Jackson comes back with more information and this is put on the next agenda.

It was agreed to exclude the press and public on the grounds that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be

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temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

146. Quotes

(1) Christmas Trees

To be brought back to Committee when quotes are obtained.

(2) Plaque on the Coal Truck Planters

Two specialist quotes were received.

Resolved: To accept the quote from Signefex in the amount of £599 because they can do installation as well.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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