

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office
Monday 3rd April 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

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

Attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk

158. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Moss.

159. Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

160. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 6th March 2023

Resolved: the minutes of 6th March 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

161. Committee and Working Group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 13th March 2023

The minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting of 13th March 2023 were noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 22nd March 2023

The Finance and Personnel Committee meeting of 22nd had been inquorate, so no minutes were presented.

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

There were no items over £5000 to consider.

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163. Signage in Westfield

A response from Chris Major, Director of Place Management at B&NES was noted. It was felt that it disregarded the importance of signposting Westfield.

Resolved: to respond to Chris Major, copying in Will Godfrey, Chief Executive and Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP for Westfield, Dan Norris, Mayor of WECA and the local press. The response should point out that Westfield was created as a parish in its own right in 2011 and signage should have been put in place at the time.

164. Outside Bodies reports

Radstock Museum – Has an interesting talk on the history of mining in the area and an exhibition of construction toys on currently.

Westfield in Bloom - There had been a meeting recently to outline the way ahead for Westfield in Bloom and its entry into Its Your Neighbourhood. It was noted that getting volunteers to work on spare land in the parish was proving very difficult.

Mardons – It was noted that the application to register the Mardons building as an asset of community value had been declined, due to the fact that the whole building is not a community asset.

Resolved: to reapply for the ground floor only.

It was also noted that the club had received a grant from the Big Local for legal fees to become a Community Interest Company.

165. Creating Community Identity

There were no further items to discuss under this heading.

166. Chairman's report

There was no report from the Chairman

167. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Jackson reported on various planning considerations in Mendip that had implications in Westfield.

The meeting closed at 7:46pm

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