

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office
Monday 4th March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr P Wilkinson

Cllrs: D Cooper, G Fuller, E Jackson,
R Hopkins, R Moss, P Millard and P Williams

Attending: Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk and Caitlin Brown, Admin Asst

Absent: Cllrs J Cradock and J Honess,

138. Co-option

There had been no applications for co-option.

139. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cradock and Honess.

140. Declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 7. Inspirational Citizen as she knows one of the nominees.

Cllr Millard declared an interest in item 7. Inspirational Citizen as he knows one of the nominees.

141. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 5th February 2024

Resolved: the minutes of 5th February 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

142. Committee and Working Group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 12th February 2024

The minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting of 12th February 2024 were noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 23rd February 2024

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

There were no items over £5,000 to consider

144. Inspirational Citizen Award 2024

The applications were discussed, a unanimous decision could not be made so a vote was held.

Cllrs Millard and Jackson abstained from the vote having declared an interest.

Resolved: to award the Inspirational Citizen Award 2024 to Sally Hicks for her work with SWALLOW.

145. To agree the grant to St Nicholas Church for 2024/25 in the amount of £2,652 as recommended by F&P

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146. Outside Bodies reports

Mardons – Cllr Cooper reported that the club is now an official polling station.

Radstock Museum – Cllr Jackson gave an update on events at the museum.

Westfield in Bloom – Cllr Jackson gave an update.

147. Creating Community Identity

Concern was raised that a very small area of Westfield was included within the Radstock Regeneration Plan map.

Resolved: (1) to contact BANES and request that the map is reviewed
(2) reiterate our concerns to Ordinance Survey

148. Chairman's report

Cllr Wilkinson reminded Councillors of the upcoming Annual Parish meeting taking place on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm at Trinity Methodist Church

149. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Moss reported on:

- Budget – investigating expenditure of CIL funds and how this is recorded. The increase in the B&NES Council Tax will be 4.99% for 2024/25.
- Traffic – raising the recent road closures at the last Cabinet meeting
- Fosse Field planning application

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Cllr Jackson reported on:

- Traffic – liaising with BANES regarding the recent road closures
- Local Plan - now out for consultation until 8th April.
- Recycling collections - illness and a shortage of staff mean we still have problems with re-cycling collections.
- Enforcement issues – the Enforcement Team have agreed to review all the unresolved cases since 2015.
- A new bus service will be in operation around the Waterside from 8th April.

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.

150. Office move

Cllr Wilkinson gave an update.

The meeting closed at 19:53

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