

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Oval Office  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Chair: Cllr P Wilkinson  
Cllrs: D Cooper, G Fuller, R Hopkins, E Jackson,  
L Lambell, P Millard and P Williams.

**Attending:** Lesley Close - Parish Clerk, Tracey Stephens - Deputy Clerk

**Absent:** Cllrs K Biggs and R Moss

### 135. Co-option to the Parish Council

There were no applicants for Councillor.

### 136. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

No Councillor was appointed.

### 137. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Biggs and Moss.

### 138. Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

### 139. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 140. Committee and Working Group reports

**Environment and Development – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be noted.

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

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**Finance and Personnel – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be noted

**141. Approval of any items over £5,000 and consideration of any virement**

There were no items to consider.

**142. Inspirational Citizen Award**

The vote was unanimous for Westfield's Inspirational Citizen this year, this being Mr Tony Cooper.

**143. Outside Bodies reports**

**Mardons** – Cllr Cooper reported that there was still no news on the lease of the building for the club. A lady at Mardons was to source a bleed kit for the club.

**Westfield In Bloom** – Cllr Jackson reported that Westfield in Bloom will be having a break in 2025 to reorganise.

**144. Creating Community identity**

Cllr Cooper asked all Councillors to remember that there was to be a consultation event on the Somer Valley Links project in Radstock between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Councillors agreed to meet and, those that could, attend together at 4pm.

**145. Chairman's report**

The Chairman had nothing to report that wasn't covered under other items.

**146. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports**

Cllr Moss had sent his report by email, advising some facts on the B&NES budget and Cllr Jackson made some further comments regarding it.

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

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Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

**Flowers in Public Places** – it had been agreed at Finance and Personnel on 19<sup>th</sup> February to amend the specification for flowers in Westfield, due to the increase in costs. This would remove the hanging baskets from the Trinity Methodist Church and Nightingale Way. It was proposed that a permanent structure be erected at Nightingale Way, such as a small miners’ wheel.

- Resolved:** (1) to accept the new quote from Rob Wicke for £7,858.  
(2) to write to the church to explain the reasons for removing the baskets  
(3) to go to tender for a permanent structure at Nightingale Way.

**147. New office**

It was noted that completion was now very close and that the office would, hopefully, be moving on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**The meeting closed at 8:10pm**

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