

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 9th February 2015 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), A Butcher, D Cooper, and G Fuller.

Absent: Cllrs Appleyard, Clarke and Wilkinson.

Attending: Mrs L Welch (Parish Clerk), Mrs T Stephens (Admin Asst), 1 member of the public

148. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Clarke who was unavailable and Cllr Wilkinson who was unwell

149. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

- Cllr Cooper declared a non pecuniary interest as she lives in the same road as planning application 15/00071/FUL 30 Lynton Rd.
- Cllr Fuller declared a non pecuniary interest in item 13 Fun Fair as he knows the Fun Fair organiser.

150. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

151. Planning Applications for consideration

151.1 There were no objections to the planning application below:

15/00071/FUL	30 Lynton Road	Erection of single storey rear extension
15/00310/TCA	23 Wells Road	1 Willow - pollard
14/05906/FUL	7 Inner Elm Terrace	Erection of detached garage with utility room and store attached
14/04810/FUL	10 Wesley Avenue	Erection of single storey rear and side extension
14/05485/FUL	88 Fosseyway	Erection of single storey rear extension
14/05740/FUL	39 May Tree Road	Erection of porch to include downstairs shower room

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152. Planning Decisions

The Planning Decisions were noted

153. Placemaking Plan

Housing Development Boundaries Review: The Committee received the consultation from BANES.

Designation of Green Spaces: The Committee received the consultation from BANES.

Resolved: to create a Working Group to meet on Wednesday February 18th at 7:30pm, immediately after the Finance and Personnel Committee, to discuss the HDB and Green spaces consultation, with delegated authority to make a response to BANES by February 27th.

154. Strategic Plan for the West of England

The Committee discussed the Joint Strategic Planning Strategy and requested that it be kept informed.

155. Neighbourhood Plan

Following the Parish Council meeting on 2nd February, the Committee considered employing a consultant to work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved: that the Clerk contacts Julie O'Rourke at BANES to discuss whether using a consultant gives value for money.

156. Westfield Guide

The Committee received a response from Business Connectors stating that attempts would be made to find a sponsor(s) for the Westfield Guide to fund the £2,500 shortfall.

Resolved: that this be revisited in 6 months to see if there's been any further response from Business Connectors

157. Noticeboards

The Committee received the suggestion from Cllr Appleyard on the positioning of the noticeboard at Nightingale Way.

Resolved: to position noticeboard at the entrance to Nightingale Way in order to capture all entering this estate.

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158. Norton Hill Football Pitch

Resolved: To go ahead with stripping back, levelling and re-turfing the goalmouths instead of re-seeding at the end of the season at a cost of £465.

The Clerk advised the committee that the Police Community Trust Grant would still be available to fund the CCTV project, despite the change in specification. She is meeting with the successful company to discuss positioning of the cameras and to get photo shots of the angles of view in order to write to adjacent residents and assure them their privacy will not be compromised.

159. Improvements to Westhill Play Area

The Committee received the report of the Clerk and discussed the potential improvements to play at the site.

Resolved: to obtain a quote for moving the Youth shelter and bring back to the Committee for further discussion.

160. Fun Fair

Following the decision at the Parish Council meeting on 2nd February, committee resolved to discuss further once the consultation with local residents was completed.

161. Naming of the development on Cobblers Way

The Committee received an invitation from BANES to suggest names for the small site to the left on entering Cobblers Way.

Resolved: to recommend to Parish Council acceptance of the suggested name 'St Peter's Glade'

162. Items for the next agenda

There were no items

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 temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

163. Water Supply at the hanging basket trees

The Committee received the quotations from the various agencies involved in installing the water supply. Whilst the total cost was higher than anticipated,

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taking a long term view the works would form part of the infrastructure of Westfield for many years to come.

Resolved: to recommend acceptance of the quotes to Finance and Personnel Committee.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

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