

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 16th April 2012 commencing at 7pm

Present: Chair of the Committee: Cllr E Newman
Councillors: Cllr R Appleyard (Vice Chair), G Fuller, S Russell, P Wilkinson and B Wallbridge.

In Attendance: Four representatives from Sainsburys and related companies including CFH for item 5 Presentation by Sainsburys. Kerry Coe and one colleague from Luckington Carnival for item 12 Fete at Westhill Recreation Ground. Mrs L J Welch (Parish Clerk).

78. Apologies for Absence

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79. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Newman declared a personal interest in item 6 Planning Application 12/01442/TPO Felling of 7 trees at Old Coal Tip, Wells Road, as he knew the applicants. The Vice Chair, Cllr Appleyard took the Chair for that item.

80. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

81. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

82. Presentation by Sainsburys

The representative from Sainsburys reported that they have a contract with CFH for the sale of their land, conditional upon planning approval. Currently they are consulting widely on the plans prior to an application being submitted. The plans retain a green belt to the rear to protect the residential houses. They include a roundabout at the top of Cobblers Way to address the volume

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of traffic and include 470 car parking spaces, a six pump petrol station and service road for lorries, again protected by a green belt.

CFH reported that they started 30 years ago and have a strong commitment to this local area. The plans enable them to invest in the business and create a purpose built facility in the area.

Sainsburys is planning a public exhibition in May at the Community Café in Fosseway School and a Preview event for stakeholders. The Midsomer Norton Store is not closing but will be designated for smaller top up shopping.

Councillors highlighted the need to recognise the store as Sainsburys Westfield and asked if there had been dialogue with the local butchers. Sainsburys confirmed that there had and they were in discussion about the butchers being a supplier to the store. There was not likely to be a pharmacy in the store. Routes to school were being fully considered and appropriate crossings would be installed. The Elm Tree Pub and Total Garage were not part of the land under consideration. Opening hours would be 7am to 10pm Mon to Sat and 10-4 or 11-5 on Sundays. In terms of timeframe it was hoped the store would go live late 2014 or early 2015. The Chairman thanked Sainsburys for their time, the plans so far had elicited a positive response from local people.

The Chairman welcome Kerry Coe and her colleague from Luckington Carnival and, with the Committee's agreement, brought item 12. Fete at Westhill Recreation Ground, up the agenda.

83. Fete at Westhill Recreation Ground in June

Kerry Coe outlined Luckington Carnival Club's proposal to hold a Fun Day or Fete at Westhill Recreation Ground on Sunday 24th June 2012 10am to 4pm. The following items had been arranged so far: Displays in zumba, martial arts, majorettes. A wooden horse race, possibly with sponsorship from local businesses. Antique tractors, Somerset Carnival Van, PCSO's and the Community bus, Fire brigade and chip pan display. Cllr Appleyard agreed to contact Chris Revell of the adapted bikes. In terms of food there was to be a barbecue run as a fund raiser by Luckington Carnival Club and a Doughnuts van. There was to be a bouncy castle, slide and obstacle course, junior octopus ride and sledge hammer. Wansdyke Play Association was to be contacted for the Climbing Wall and Blue Bus. Westhill Club was very supportive, providing electrics and toilets. A joint litter pick at the end of the day would be arranged together with a free mini skip. St Johns Ambulance was invited for First Aid. There would be no stewards but Councillors were asked if they would be present on the day to help out on the field. A jubilee themed fancy dress competition might be arranged, to be judged by the Carnival Court. Extra insurance cover would be needed for a BMX display and the Clerk agreed to look into this item. Signs saying 'no alcohol on the field' would be on display. Kerry agreed to attend the May Environment and Development Committee meeting to go over the final plans.

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84. Planning Applications for Consideration

84.1 There were no objections to the following applications:

12/00808/TPO	Fell and remove Sycamore Tree in front garden	35 Westhill Gardens
12/014422/TPO	Fell 7 trees	Old coal tip, Wells Road

84.2 The Committee objected to the following application:

12/01265/FUL	Erection of 1no three bedroom end of terrace house following removal of existing stores	11 Glebelands
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RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment, lack of car parking and problems of access and egress.

85. Planning Decisions

The Committee noted the recent planning decisions in the Parish.

86. Street Naming – Residential/Mixed Use Development at the Former Alcan Factory Site

The Committee received a request from BANES for the naming of six new roads.

RESOLVED to put forward the following names for roads 1-6 respectively: Mardons Close, Merlin Way, Eagle Drive, Falcon Way, Kittyhawk Close and Warbler Way. Toucan was offered as a reserve.

87. Draft Neighbourhood Planning Protocol Consultation

The Committee noted an invitation to comment on the BANES Draft Neighbourhood Planning Protocol. The BANES free local events to promote the consultation were also noted.

88. Land adjoining Westfield Industrial Estate – Kilmersdon Estate

The Committee received a report of the Clerk giving more information about the Section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 Notice lodged by the Kilmersdon Estate in respect of pathways across this estate.

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RESOLVED to invite the Rights of Way Officer, Sheila Petherbridge to meet on site before deciding whether to object to the Notice.

89. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Committee noted that the letter to schools offering to plant a jubilee tree and plaque had been sent out. The Committee received a sample flag.

RESOLVED to go ahead and order 12 union flags and 4 olympic flags and to place the order for the flag poles with GM Engineering.

90. Time Capsule and Plinth for Living Christmas Tree

The Committee noted the time capsule had been ordered but there were problems with Boningales for a 12 foot tree.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Boningales with regard to the tree and if all else fails to take a cedar tree offered by BANES.

Cllr Appleyard to provide details of the BANES contact for the electrics to be put in place.

91. Items for the next agenda

Christmas Lights

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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