

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Tuesday 27th September 2011 commencing at 7pm

Present: Chair of the Committee: Cllr R Baber
Chair of the Council: Cllr R Appleyard (Vice Chair of the Committee)
Councillors: G Fuller, Eddie Newman, Sheena Russell and P Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Mrs L J Welch (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

All Committee members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Calendar of Meetings

Members were asked to consider and agree a Calendar of Meetings.

Resolved: (1) That this Committee meets on the third Monday of every month until the end of the year, when the calendar would be reviewed.

(2) That arrangements be made for a calendar of meetings to be put on the website.

4. Parish Plan

The Committee discussed the advantages of a community led Parish Plan.

Resolved: (1) To invite Joyce Pickard and Dave Dixon of BANES to the next meeting.

(2) To invite the person who undertook the Paulton Parish Plan to a forthcoming Parish Council meeting.

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5. Alcan Site

The Committee discussed the BANES advice that Parish and Town Councils are not normally involved in s.106 negotiations, but that their suggestions for areas of need for such funding within the community would be considered.

Cllr Appleyard reported that areas such as a new school hall for Westfield Primary School were being considered and the Committee discussed the possible development of the unused tennis court at Norton Hill Recreation Ground. Any suggestions could be put to BANES via the Ward Councillors.

6. Planning Applications for Consideration

For the record it was noted that the applicant, Oval Estates (Bath) Ltd of application no 11/03349/FUL owned the offices in which the Parish Council was located.

Resolved: (1) That no objections be made to the following planning applications:

11/03698/FUL	Provision of over cladding to the existing North Building elevations in order to improve the appearance of the building and thermal efficiency, replacement of existing roof covering and provision of double glazed windows to replace all existing windows	Norton Radstock College, Wells Road
11/03804/FUL	Single storey rear extension	40 Glebelands

(2) That an objection be made to the following application on the grounds of congestion caused by access and egress:

11/03349/FUL	Erection of 6 No four bed detached dwellings and 1 No three bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing industrial buildings	Designer Composites, Fosseyway, Westfield
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7. Planning Decisions

The Parish Council had not been notified of any Planning Decisions on recent planning applications.

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8. Invitation to comment on the Proposed Changes to the BANES Draft Core Strategy

The Committee noted the changes to the Draft Core Strategy.

9. Items for the next agenda

- (1) Parish Plan
- (2) Landscaping of the area around the local shops
- (3) Liaison with the local shops by inviting them to contribute to the living Christmas Tree and arranging a plaque commemorating their names accordingly.
- (4) Time capsule under the plaque – liaison with the local churches, schools and voluntary organisations.
- (5) South West in Bloom – liaison with Westfield Primary School and Fosseway School with a request for plants to be grown for the hanging baskets and liaison with Norton Radstock College
- (6) Newsletter – to commence with a Christmas edition. Cllr Russell has offered to typeset the newsletter. A working group consisting of Cllrs Sheena Russell, Eddie Newman and the Clerk to progress the newsletter was agreed.
- (7) Logo competition at Norton Radstock College – contact to be made with the College to find out if they are interested in running a competition to design a logo and strapline for Westfield Parish Council, to embody its community focus and the history of the area. A suitable incentive for the students to be considered, with public voting on the three best designs.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

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