

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 1st July 2013 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller
Councillors: R Appleyard, A Clarke, D Cooper,
S Hamilton, B Wallbridge and P Wilkinson
(Vice Chair)

Also Present: Two members of the Public

In Attendance: Mrs L Welch, Parish Clerk

38. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs E Newman and S Russell who were unwell and from Cllrs A Butcher and R Moss who had other commitments.

39. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr S Hamilton declared an interest, as a family member, in item 6, Area of Green Space dedicated to the memory of Chris Cray.
- Cllrs R Appleyard and S Hamilton declared an interest, as members of the Avon Pension Fund, in item 8, Avon Pension Fund.

40. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3rd June 2013

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2013 be signed as a correct record.

41. Drop in Café for young people

The Council noted that PCSO Carol Lawrence was unable to attend but that an outline of her initiative for a Youth Café was circulated. This would replicate the tea and trade café held one evening a week in Radstock, run by a Youth Worker. It was noted that the Methodist Church was looking to set up a similar initiative on a Tuesday night and was looking for volunteers. It was agreed to move this item to the September Parish Council agenda.

42. Committee Reports

Resolved: a) That the Minutes and recommendations contained therein of the Environment and Development meeting held on 10th

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June 2013 be noted.

- b) That the Minutes and recommendations contained therein of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 24th June 2013 be noted.

43. Area of green space dedicated to the memory of Chris Cray

The Council considered the recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee that the voluntary planters be supported with the funding for a sign on the area of green space at the junction of Cedar Terrace and Wells Road in memory of Chris Cray. The Clerk confirmed that comparative quotes had been sought and funding in the sum of £120 should cover the cost of the sign and its fixing. CURO had offered financial assistance as well, which it was hoped would cover the cost of the plants.

RESOLVED to agree the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee that the voluntary planting, led by Cllr Hamilton, be supported and that funding for a sign in the region of £120 including fixing, be agreed.

44. Area of Hardstanding to the rear of the Tennis Court, Norton Hill Recreation Ground

The Council discussed the project to enhance sports at Norton Hill Recreation Ground with a petanque court, table tennis table and basket ball hoop, and tarmacking of the grounds.

RESOLVED (1) The Child Protection Policy as circulated be agreed; (2) The Delivery Programme as circulated be agreed; (3) that the Parish Council would meet the costs of the project which are not otherwise met by other grant funding, up to £12,040; (4) the Sport England application be submitted accordingly.

45. Avon Pension Fund

The Council considered adopting the Pensions Discretions Policy as discussed at the Finance and Personnel Committee on 24th June 2013 and circulated to the Council.

RESOLVED That the Pensions Discretions Policy as circulated be agreed.

46. Grant application from Radstock and Westfield Children's Centre

The Council considered an application for £200 from the Radstock and Westfield Children's Centre to run First Aid courses in the summer from the Westfield Children's Centre.

RESOLVED to grant up to £180 towards the First Aid Course providing (1) the course was for Westfield residents; (2) it was free to

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Westfield Residents and (3) funding for such courses was not available from B&NES. The Clerk to make appropriate enquiries and, if the course met the Parish Council's provisos, to award up to £180.

47. Outside Bodies Reports

Cllr Clarke gave an update report on the Radstock Museum.

48. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that following the installation of the defibrillator, he and the Clerk had met Rob Pawley to go over the weekly, monthly and annual checks required. Councillors were asked to consider volunteering to undertake some of these checks, please contact the Clerk.

The Chairman reported on a forthcoming flag ceremony in Taunton which he was unable to attend.

The Chairman reported the path from Elm Tree Avenue to Perry Close suffered from dog mess and asked if it was to be an emergency access. Cllr Appleyard confirmed it was not an emergency access and the bollards were to be replaced with permanent ones. He advised it was worth looking at dog walking routes before installing a dog bin, with the associated emptying costs.

49. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' Report

Cllr Appleyard reported that the Core Strategy is under consultation and that the Ward Councillors were having discussions about the current 5-6 week grass cutting cycle.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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