

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 10th June 2019 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper, V Cox, G Fuller, R Hopkins, J Honess, E Jackson and P Williams.

Absent: -

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barnes.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th May 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications on the grounds that it is consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan in terms of urban design:

19/02404/FUL	3 Fosseway	Erection of rear extension
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23. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted. Decision making in Planning to go on the Parish Council agenda (Cllr Jackson).

24. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Tree Report – Tree work required at Norton Hill was noted. Quotes would be brought to the next meeting. Evidence of Ash die back was noted on a tree running parallel to the Fosseway. A long term planting replacement might be required.

25. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

Damage to post at entrance to car park – The damage was noted and there was a discussion on the need for this post and gate.

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Resolved: to contact Gary Maundrill for a quote for a heavy duty replacement of the post

Feasibility Study for a stand alone pavilion - Cllrs Cooper and Wilkinson met to analyse the quotes for the second round of tenders for this study. Four new tenders were assessed alongside the three from round one. A preference had been selected pending the answer to a single query. A second choice had also been highlighted.

Resolved: Pending satisfactory response to the query, to recommend to Parish Council that MJW Architects be selected for the work due to his experience in community projects and the clarity of the tender. This is quoted as £8,000, to be funded via a bid for s.106 funding for the project.

Tree Report – Tree work required at Westhill was noted, quotes would be brought to the next meeting.

26. GRIT BINS

There was no further information to report. Cllr Jackson to progress within B&NES.

27. EVENTS

Fun Fair – The feedback report of the Clerk was noted. If the Fun Fair wishes to return next year then a meeting around March should reiterate the intention to cancel the Fun Fair if full safety documentation is not provided within the agreed timescale of a fortnight in advance and one week’s grace to pick up anomalies.

Fun Day - deferred to the Parish Council agenda.

VE Day 75 – A letter from SSAFA relating to events to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8-10 May 2020 was received.

Suggestions included booking a piper to play Battle’s O’er, involve the schools, secure the Green Goddess from WAGS, plant a poppy, involve Radstock Museum, ask Rev Ian Roussell to say some words.

Resolved: (1) To hold an event at 3pm on 8th May 2020 at the green space next to the living Christmas Tree at the top of Elm Tree Avenue.
(2) Cllr Cooper to book a piper,
(3) the Clerk to contact Rev Roussell.
(4) To set up a Working Group to run this event and confirm membership at Parish Council

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28. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE A367 OUTSIDE COSTCUTTER

The Committee expressed its thanks to Cllr Hopkins for his persistence with BaNES in getting the post reinstated. Cllr Hopkins noted that it had taken nine arrangements for meetings with BaNES, only the last meeting actually coming to fruition. The post has yet to be lit.

29. AMENITY LAND AT RUSKIN ROAD

It was noted that the B&NES Environment Director was co-ordinating a meeting.

30. BROKEN GATE AT JUBILEE GREEN

BaNES had removed the gate and its footings. A dispute continues over whether this is BaNES or CURO land.

31. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Dog bin at Shakespeare Road Play Area (Cllr Fuller)
- Litterpicking and Radstock in Bloom (Cllr Jackson)

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.

32. QUOTES FOR ESSENTIAL TREE WORKS AT TRUST GROUNDS

These would be brought to the next meeting.

33. DELIVERY OF WARBLER

Resolved: To offer the distribution of the Warbler to Aaron Dix at a cost of £375 per quarter, for an initial period of one year.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm

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