

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 12th February 2018 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper (Vice Chair), J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson and P Williams.

Apologies: Cllrs K Docherty and G Fuller

Also attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kevin Docherty and Geoff Fuller.

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Jackson declared a non pecuniary interest in item 4, planning application 18/00/396/FUL due to the Architect being a neighbour.
- Cllr Honess declared a personal interest in item 7 Parking at Alder Terrace since he lives close to that area.
- Cllr Jackson declared a non pecuniary interest in item 16 (1) Civic Service, as the Chair of Churches Together and a member of Westfield Methodist Church.

143. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

18/00086/FUL	3 Jubilee Road	Two storey part rear extension
18/00303/TCA	40 Wells Sq	Birch – 10% crown thinned, remove selected stems to reduce crown spread keeping form of tree, no reduction in height.
18/00344/FUL	52 Woodpecker Ave	Demolition of rear porch and erection of rear conservatory
18/00/396/FUL	25 Waterford Park	Two storey side extension over existing utility/garage
18/00195/FUL	80 Waterside Way	Conservatory to rear elevation (retrospective) – further, the Committee asked that its comments that it improves the appearance be conveyed.

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18/00435/FUL 16 May Tree Road, Erection of 1no. 2 bed dwelling following demolition of existing garage: The Committee agreed that the planning application does not overcome the Planning Inspector's objections to the previous application, which it feels is not materially different to this one.

145. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

Resolved: to request enforcement action at 3 Ruskin Road in relation to the refusal of the application to create a hard standing driveway and dropped kerb access. By continuing to drive over grass, the ground is a quagmire, with huge ruts, the grass is ruined and there is a real danger to children walking the path to and from school and the play area. This path is an integral part of the design of the estate.

146. PLANNING APPEALS

The planning appeal decisions were noted.

147. PARKING AT ALDER TERRACE

The Committee discussed the invitation from BANES for any additional restrictions in relation to the proposed parking order at Alder Terrace and Wells Road.

Resolved: (1) Cllr Jackson to chase CURO for more parking on the triangle of land;
(2) Cllr Jackson to request the Parking Enforcement Officer who visits Radstock once a week to go to Westfield, noting that a visit in the middle of the day is unlikely to solve the problem.

148. TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Hopkins had spoken with BANES who acknowledge there is a difficulty. The Streetworks team would remove the telephone box if it is legal and safe to do so. The Committee thanked Cllrs Diana Cooper and Ron Hopkins for their works so far. Cllr Hopkins has a telephone appointment with Telecom on Friday to discuss it further and he will report back.

149. LITTER

Cllr Cooper reported two overflowing litter bins which had not been emptied despite requests. There was a discussion on Community Payback for litter picking the pit path and voluntary litter picks in other areas.

Resolved: (1) to ask Midsomer Norton Town Council if they would like to join together for Community Payback to litter pick the pit path;

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(2) Cllr Cooper to ask Mardons Club if it might be opened for Community Payback to have a meal break and use the toilets.

(3) Cllr Cooper to arrange a voluntary litter pick in other areas on 3rd March – Keep Britain Tidy day.

(4) a press release to be drafted outlining the Committee's views about the lack of street cleaning by BANES in Westfield.

150. CLEANING THE TIME CAPSULE STONE

Resolved: that a clean of the time capsule stone is not necessary.

151. BANES CONSULTATION ON CONTRACTS FOR SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES

Cllr Jackson gave an update on her response to BANES on behalf of the Parish Council to the proposed cuts to the bus service. The Committee expressed support of the points she had made relating to loneliness, social cohesion, support of older people.

152. PROPOSED LARCH COURT ALLOTMENTS

The Committee received an e mail from Persimmon Homes stating that due to the delays they are arranging the urgent maintenance of the area to put it into general good order and hope to respond fully regarding a possible transfer of title within three weeks.

153. BIRCH ROAD VOLUNTARY PLANTING AREA

The Committee noted the legal entity which owned the land at Birch Road for voluntary planting no longer existed and the efforts to date to locate an owner.

Resolved: to go ahead with the preparation of the land at Birch Road to enable the residents to undertake voluntary planting.

154. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

There was no report this month.

155. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

The Committee received feedback from the solicitor regarding the preparation of the lease with Westhill Club.

Resolved: to go ahead with a peppercorn rent, 99 year lease with break clauses every five years subject if possible to any conditions and a complete prohibition of assignment or sub letting.

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156. EVENTS

- (1) Request for a Civic Service from St Peter Church** – to refer this request to the Chair of the Council for guidance.
- (2) Christmas Lights Switch On 2018**
Resolved: to agree the renting of two small gazebos, professionally installed and removed at a cost of £180 plus VAT.
- (3) Fun Fair at Norton Hill Recreation Ground** – the proposed dates were agreed as 14th May, arrival and set up; 16th -20th operational, 21st May leaving the site.

157. OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN RADIO SKILLS

The Committee received an invitation from the Big Local for four places to learn radio skills.

Resolved: to offer the places to four young people attending the Westfield Youth Club.

158. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Telephone box at Charlton Road

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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