

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 7pm**

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

**Absent:** Cllrs L Barnes and V Cox

**Also attending:** Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

**74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Barnes and Cox

**75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 4 – Planning applications for consideration – Midsomer Norton Railway as it is going to B&NES Development Control Committee, of which she is a member.

**76. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**77. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no objections to the following application

19/04637/FUL	13 Hazel Terrace	Construction of a new vehicular access
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Committee had no objections to the following application, provided the applicant follows the recommendations made by Highways, which would tie in with our Neighbourhood Plan. It was felt that one new dwelling on this site would enhance the area.

19/03942/FUL	Land adjoining Aviemore, Fosseyway	Erection of 1no new dwelling
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It was noted that 18/04958/OUT – Midsomer Norton Railway – was going to Development Control Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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**78. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The planning decisions were noted.

**79. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL**

- **Fence at back of NorWest bowls** - Committee discussed the request from NorWest Bowls for a new, higher, fence abutting the recreation ground.

**Resolved:** to write to NorWest advising that Parish Council would have no objections to the club putting a new fence and would help to find funding from external sources to do so, if they required.

- **Barbecues on tables** - Cllr Hopkins had given information to a company in Westfield and was waiting for a response. He will report at the next meeting.
- **Moss on the tennis court and children's play area** - Greensward had given a quote for the removal of moss in these areas.

**Resolved** to accept the quote for £175 for moss removal at the children's play area, but to ask whether it would be detrimental for the tennis court to wait until the Spring. If not, work to be done in the Spring.

**80. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL**

**Stand-alone Pavilion** – Committee was shown the plans that had been sent by the Architect.

**Resolved** to request that the design is changed to have a pitched roof, in the same style as the one at Norton Hill, because it was felt that this would be less likely to be climbed on and vandalised, and be more in keeping with the area.

**81. GRIT BINS**

Committee was advised of a response from B&NES to say that the request to have a grit bin at the junction of Wells Road and Alder Terrace was declined as the road did not meet the criteria on the B&NES Winter Services Policy. A request for more information explaining their findings on site from Robert Arberry of B&NES had already been made.

**82. PUBLIC ACCESS TO SNAILS BROOK**

A verbal update was given. No further action required.

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**83. EVENTS**

- **Christmas lights switch on** - a verbal update was given on the organisation of the event.
- **VE Day 75** – an update was given on the plans for the celebration of VE Day 75. A design for the memorial stone had been received from Bath College and was circulated. Committee approved the design with a couple of reservations – would copper be the right material for the picture and words, and would it be used as an area for anti-social behaviour.

**Resolved:** to go back to the college asking if these reservations could be considered and any amendments be made.

The VE Day working group had decided on the following:

1. Location – agreed that the event would be held at the grass area at the top of Elm Tree Avenue. The risk assessment to include action for crowd dispersement should numbers become too large.
2. Timing and running order – the event to run from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Running Order to include at 2.55pm the Last Post followed by Reveille and at 3pm Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years, whilst raising a glass of refreshment for the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War II. Rev'd Rousell is putting together a fuller running order to also include Churchill's speech and a small talk.
3. Party on the Green – to include aircraft silhouette game, sing along with Westfield Voices accompanied by the Silver Band, cake tasting from a war time recipe, children invited to attend in fancy dress 1940's style (with prizes), have a go at the Lambeth Walk, poppy planting and free non alcoholic refreshments – ginger beer, cloudy lemonade, cream soda, dandelion and burdock.
4. It is hoped that the Bath College Memorial artefact might also be installed for the event.
5. Bunting and flags to go around the railings.
6. Original WW2 posters to be photographed for the next Warbler – Joan to liaise with the owners
7. Eleanor to book the Methodist Church hall
8. Clerk to arrange barriers, two small marquees, contact Curo, arrange two stewards, contact the silver band for a bugler, arrange the events licence and St John's Ambulance
9. The next meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm to divide the work load in relation to the activities.

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**72 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- The Council's position on the work being undertaken behind the Railway Inn – Cllr Hopkins
- The memorial design from Bath College

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.

**73. QUOTES FOR ESSENTIAL TREE WORKS AT AMENITY LAND AT MAY TREE ROAD, HOLLY WALK, CHESTNUT CLOSE AND CHERRY TREE CLOSE**

**Resolved:** to accept the quote from B&NES for £785 for this work.

The meeting closed at 7:42pm

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