

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 13th January 2020 commencing at 7pm

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

Absent: Cllr V Cox

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

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cox, who was unwell.

99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

100. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th December 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

There was a short discussion on rules at the allotment site relating to smoking, alcohol and dogs. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Fuller should discuss this with the Chair of WAGS and work with WAGS in finding solutions.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

19/05396/FUL	48 Birch Road	Erection of a single storey flat roof extension
19/05358/TCA	Rookery House, Wells Road	Trees overhanging public highway – cut back

102. PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions to note.

103. MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART 2 – POTENTIAL MAIN MODIFICATIONS

The noted response from Mendip planning was that they would not enter into correspondence regarding the modifications to the Plan, but there would be a

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six week period after the publication of main modifications during which a party can submit a representation in relation to one or more modification. These representations will be considered carefully. Concern was raised about development on the edge of Westfield, which would have a major impact on traffic along the A367.

104. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

- **Barbeques** – Cllr Hopkins has approached another company for advice and information and is awaiting a response.
- **Operational Play report** –

Resolved: to accept the quote of £175 from Greensward to provide 2 tonnes of topsoil to mitigate soil erosion.

The smaller jobs listed were noted and thanks went to Greensward for their work on these free of charge.

- **Moving the Youth Shelter** – sites for repositioning were discussed. None were found suitable.

Resolved: (1) not to move the Youth Shelter.

(2) to arrange a site visit to see the fence between where the shelter is now and the bowls clubhouse and to establish what could be done to the fence to make it more secure.

- **Legionella Risk Assessment** – The risk assessment was noted. A quote is being sought for work needed.

105. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

- **New Pavilion** - a verbal update was given on response from MJW Architects to questions posed after the last meeting.

Resolved: to accept the modifications suggested by the architects in terms of glass blocks, and to make solar panels/tiles a retrospective fit given issues of vandalism and theft.

- **Operational Play Report** -

Resolved: to delegate authority to the Clerk to agree costs with Greensward for work needed.

- **BMX Track** - Pictures were shown of the area around the track where a trail had been dug out.

Resolved: to ask for advice on whether this could have a health and safety implication, otherwise to take no action.

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106. EVENTS

- **VE Day 75** – An update was given on the meeting that had taken place before this meeting. Plans are moving forward.

107. THE MEMORIAL DESIGN BY BATH COLLEGE

The response from the college to questions posed after the last meeting were noted.

Resolved: to advise the college of the preferred position of the artefact, along the diagonal pathway by the Christmas tree, and the wording on the wall to read “In memory of the people of Westfield who lost their lives in service of their country”

108. TREE PLANTING

Cllr Jackson advised that she had been presented with a fruit tree after protests in Bath and was looking for ideas of where it should be planted. It was felt that a good place would be at Westfield Primary School’s mini arboretum. Cllr Jackson will approach school to see if they would like it.

She also advised that B&NES are applying for a share of the £1m offered by Government to plant broad leaf trees.

Resolved: Cllr Jackson to establish whether B&NES get some trees and discuss further once more information is available.

109. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Conifers on corner of Westfield Industrial Estate and the Fosseyway.
- Ruskin Road

The meeting closed at 7:49pm

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