

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs A Butcher, K Docherty, G Fuller, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, P Williams.

**Apologies:** Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper (Vice Chair)

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

Cllr Hopkins was elected to chair this meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was addressed by Mr Craig Haskins and Mr Nick Haskins, who have applied for planning permission to turn a unit on the Westfield Industrial Estate into a soft play centre. Mr Nick Haskins has been advised by the Planning Officer that planning permission is unlikely to be given as it is a protected employment building. They gave a presentation on the proposed unit, advising that they will employ 7 people, full time and part time, offering permanent contracts. They will provide a free to use community space, and have part of the unit available to other small businesses like hairdressers. The unit is currently empty and the tenant has been advertising it as available since April 2015.

They requested support from the Parish Council for their application. Committee advised that we had raised no objection to the plan when considered last month. The committee resolved to support the application. Cllr Jackson advised of a meeting she had scheduled with the Planning Officer the next day and would relay the Council's support.

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

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B Wallbridge who had work commitments and Cllr D Cooper who was unwell.

**175. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

- Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in the planning application in item 178 – 17/00699/FUL - as he is about to request a side extension on his property.
- Cllr Butcher declared an interest in item 180 - the request for additional parking restrictions on St Peter's Road, as he lives on St Peter's Road.
- Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 187 – Radstock in Bloom – as she is on the committee

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**176. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**177. PLAY DAYS IN WESTFIELD**

Caroline Haworth, Director of Bath Area Play Project, gave a presentation to the meeting regarding the play days that the charity organises in parts of B&NES currently and asked for a grant of £500 to put on a play day in Westfield in the summer holidays.

**Resolved:** The item to be put to Council in April.

**178. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Committee made the following comments on applications:

***17/00498/FUL - Erection of conservatory and rebuilding of new shed, following demolition of existing. 10 Welton Road.***

As we believe the extension is not contrary to policy D.4 we have no objections to this application

***17/00699/FUL - Erection of a single storey side extension. 35 Waterside Way***

It was agreed there would be no objection following a vote with 4 in favour, none against and 3 abstentions.

***17/00874/TCA - Birch - fell. Willow – at the moment it stands around 10m high. Bring down to 3m. 45 Welton Road***

There were no objections to this application

***17/00998/TCA - Group of Sycamore to the rear of Green Gables, Wells Road – fell stem***

There were no objections to this application

***16/04714/FUL - Revised application. Approval of reserved matters with regard to outline application 14/04003/OUT for the erection of 81no. residential dwellings and associated works. Cobblers Way***

The committee objected to this application on the grounds of inadequate parking and garage space, unsatisfactory layout and overdevelopment. It was noted that should the officer be of a mind to permit we would like the issues raised in the urban design report resolved.

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**179. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Planning decisions were noted.

**180. CONSULTATION ON B&NES PARKING**

**Resolved:** to respond to the consultation, reiterating the previous objections to (1) the proposed limited parking times at the shops at Elm Tree Avenue; (2) the length of the no parking restriction proposed on Elm Tree Avenue, which should not go as far as the houses; (3) the request for the no parking restriction to be extended on St Peter's Road.

In addition, (1) to object to the proposed no parking on First Avenue as it was not felt to be necessary; (2) to request double yellow lines on Cobblers Way, close to the traffic lights. Residents should use the parking at the rear of their houses. Parking so close to the junction was dangerous to vehicles turning in to the road; and (3) to request 30 yards of double yellow lines at Welton Road as you turn in on the same side as the Rookery.

**181. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

The update on the planning enforcement regarding 8 Wells Square was noted.

**182. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – PUBLIC FOOTPATH CL24/107**

The proposed changes were noted.

**183. MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH CL24/42, Fosse Way**

Cllr Fuller gave a report on his meeting with Sheila Petherbridge and Committee considered whether to offer funding for the resurfacing of the pathway and whether to ask the landowner to remove or replace the gate.

**Resolved:** (1) to ask B&NES to contact the landowner to remove the gate.  
(2) to advise B&NES that there will be no funding available to resurface the pathway

**184. PLACES OF SAFETY**

The Committee discussed the importance of specifying local places of safety in the event of an emergency.

**Resolved:** (1) to contact B&NES to advise that we are contacting local public places;

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(2) to contact the three churches, three clubs and scout group;  
(3) and for Councillors to think about where else would be appropriate and bring ideas to the next meeting.

**185. RADSTOCK IN BLOOM**

Cllr Jackson suggested that the Parish Council offers to pay for the Radstock Baptist Church hanging basket this year.

**Resolved:** not to offer to pay for the basket at the Baptist Church.

**186. WESTFIELD IN BLOOM**

Cllr Jackson reported a new category based around the centre of the parish and offered to put in an application for the area around Elm Tree Avenue to Westfield School and possibly as far as Norton Hill Recreation Ground.

**Resolved:** (1) Cllr Jackson to email details of South West in Bloom website to Councillors - [www.southwestinbloom.org.uk](http://www.southwestinbloom.org.uk)  
(2) Cllr Jackson to organise and submit an application to South West in Bloom on behalf of the Parish Council;  
(3) to accept the quote of £1550.00 from Daniel Herrington to replace the watering system around the hanging baskets at the shops and church and the new ones for the planters.

**187. DISPLAY BOARDS FOR WESTFIELD EXHIBITION AT THE LIBRARY**

Committee voted unanimously in favour of using display boards to illustrate the exhibition in the libraries.

**Resolved:** Cllr Jackson to ask the museum the cost of the display boards and how many we would need and the costs to be brought to Council for confirmation.

**188. RECREATION GROUNDS – NORTON HILL**

The Committee discussed the clearance of the area at the back of the Pavilion.

**Resolved:** to ask RJ King to remove the steel bins for scrap metal once they are emptied.

**189. RECREATION GROUNDS - WESTHILL**

There was no discussion of any issues at Westhill.

**190. HERITAGE WALK**

The update on the heritage walks was given in minute 183.

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**191. USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**192. DEFIBRILLATOR**

There was no update available for this meeting.

**193. GRIT BINS**

**Resolved:** To send maps of Westfield to each Councillor for them to bring back thoughts of where they think the bins would benefit the Parish and put on the next agenda.

**194. TOWNS AND VILLAGE GREENS CENTRE**

This item was covered in item 186 – Westfield in Bloom

**195. HANGING BASKETS AT THE RADSTOCK BAPTIST CHURCH**

This item was covered in item 185 – Radstock in Bloom

**196. POLLUTION ON THE A367**

Committee discussed the recent press release from B&NES regarding monitoring of air pollution.

**Resolved:** to ask B&NES to carry out a summer monitoring of four locations in Westfield, which has the highest level of traffic in B&NES – three on the Wells Road and one on the last quarter mile of Radstock Road.

**197. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the next meeting

**198. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW**

Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the next agenda.

**199. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Places of safety, Westfield in Bloom, Use of social media by the Parish Council, Defibrillator, Grit bins, Christmas lights switch on, Boundary Commission review, Westfield Wombles, Parking at Alder Terrace (James Honess).

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The meeting closed at 9:20pm

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