

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 14th October 2019 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Wallbridge (Chair), L Barnes, 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

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cox who had work commitments.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 5 – Planning applications for consideration – as a member of the planning committee at B&NES

62. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

63. STRATEGIC CIL

Simon de Beer, Planning Policy and Environment Manager at B&NES, attended to give a presentation to Committee regarding Strategic CIL, explaining what the CIL is and how it is spent.

64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications

19/02709/TPO	23 Fosseyway Cottages	T1: Larch – reduce by 8m to leave a 7m column. T2: Larch – reduce by 5m – 6m
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It was noted that application 18/05623/OUT – Outline application for the mixed-use redevelopment of the Co-operative store, Wells Road – was to be considered at committee on 23 October 2019 at 2pm.

65. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed **Dated**

66. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

- **NorWest Bowls Club** – committee considered a request from NorWest Bowls to put a fence similar to the one around the tennis court around the far end of the bowling green.

Resolved: Clerk to ascertain whose responsibility the fence is.

- **Barbecues at Norton Hill** – discussion was held around people using the tables as rests for portable barbeques and damaging them.

Resolved: to investigate availability and cost of raised platforms

67. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

- **Stand alone Pavilion** – feedback was given on which architectural option had been chosen by delegated councillors. Committee was advised that the architect’s plans and costings are expected shortly.

68. GRIT BINS

There was nothing to report.

69. PUBLIC ACCESS TO SNAILS BROOK

A report was given by the Clerk on the Parish Council’s request that a modification order is made to make access to Snails Brook a public right of way. Historical evidence in the form of the roadway being marked as such on a map was had not been found. As an alternative to historic evidence, user evidence forms would need to be completed. It was suggested that we use social media to ask residents to provide us with evidence of historical and constant use.

Resolved: (1) not to purchase the signage outlining this as a permissive right of way.
(2) to investigate asking residents if they have evidence of historical use of the pathway by use of social media.

70. BRAMBLES AND NETTLES ON THE PIT PATH AND THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN GLEBELANDS AND LARCH COURT – Cllr Jackson

Cllr Jackson advised that she had been informed that this pathway was now clear.

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71. EVENTS

- **Christmas lights switch on** - a verbal update was given on the organisation of the event, including the purchase of a backdrop for Santa's tent.
- **VE Day 75** – an update was given on the plans for the celebration of VE Day 75.
- **Remembrance Sunday** – Cllr Jackson reported that there is currently no minster available to carry out a service in Westfield on Remembrance Sunday.

Resolved: to write to the Methodist Church Superintendent expressing Council's wish hold a service at the memorial stone.

72 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no items raised.

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 contact other tree surgeons that were suggested at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm

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