

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), D Cooper, V Cox, G Fuller, J Honess, E Jackson and P Williams.

**Absent:** Cllr R Hopkins

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

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Cllr Jackson proposed Cllr Wallbridge, Cllr Fuller seconded. The vote was unanimous

**Resolved:** Cllr Wallbridge was elected Chair of the Committee

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Williams proposed Cllr Cooper, Cllr Jackson seconded. The vote was unanimous

**Resolved:** Cllr Cooper was elected Vice Chair of the Committee

**3. TO CONFIRM THE WESTFIELD GREEN AND OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP**

**Resolved:** to continue the Green and Open Spaces Working Group with Cllrs Ron Hopkins and Geoff Fuller representing the Parish Council.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hopkins

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 9, Midsomer Norton Station Site as a trustee of Radstock Museum, which has an interest in developments there.

**6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no objections to the following applications:

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**Signed .....** **Dated .....**

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19/01540/TPO	Stegar, Welton Road	T1 – small Ash: fell. T2 – small Sycamore: fell. T3 – multi-stemmed Sycamore: remove limb overhanging boundary to height of 25ft. T4 and T5 - small Hawthorns: pollard to height of 5ft. T6 – large Ash: works as described in application form. T7 – small suppressed Ash: fell. T8 – group of 3 Elders: fell. T9 – Ash: remove first 4 main limbs back to main stem, reduce remaining crown back from boundary by 2-3 metres. T10 – Elders: 2 x fell. T11 – large Ash: works as described in application form
19/01636/TCA	49 Wells Road	1 x Sycamore: fell
19/01919/FUL	22 Kingsley Road	Erection of single storey front and side extension
19/01693/FUL	15 Magnolia Road	Erection of single storey rear extension and new side porch
19/02066/FUL	16 Wells Road	Erection of two storey extension and double garage

***19/01114/FUL – 12 Milton Road, Erection of two storey, 3 bed dwelling attached to existing property at 12 Milton Road***

The Parish Council objects to the above planning application on the grounds that it contravenes Policy 1 Residential Infill and Backland Development of the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council highlighted the overdevelopment of the site, that it is out of keeping with the surrounding area and loss of amenity to the neighbour.

***18/04958/OUT – Midsomer Norton South Railway Station, revised plans***

The Parish Council objects to the above planning application on the grounds that

- (1) The parking is insufficient. To expect motorists to park in South Street car park and walk up the steep hill is unrealistic.
- (2) The extra traffic will exacerbate the already congested area around Norton Hill and additionally should be put in the context of another school soon to be built in Silver Street.
- (3) Air pollution from diesel trains running seven days a week will have an impact on the surrounding area and in particular students of Norton Hill School.
- (4) A full landscape and visual impact assessment is required.

**8. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The planning decisions were noted

**9. MIDSOMER NORTON STATION SITE**

See comments in minute 7.

**10. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL**

**Dog waste notices** – A quote for the notices was distributed.

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**Resolved:** to purchase 10 x 3mm aluminium composite dog signs at a cost of £9.58 each plus delivery, VAT and installation (5 for Norton Hill and 5 for Westhill).

**Playday in August** – Bath Area Play Project had requested use of the pavilion for toilet facilities when they have a play day in August.

**Resolved:** to respond to the request allowing use of the facilities, asking that they are not left unlocked when not in use and asking for a copy of the Play Project's public liability insurance.

**11. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL**

**Dog waste notices** – please see minute 10 above.

**Feasibility Study for a stand alone pavilion** - It was noted that the project has gone back out to tender with a response expected in early June.

**Resolved:** Cllr Cooper, Honess and Wilkinson to consider the tenders in June.

**Play equipment** – it was noted that the new equipment has been installed.

**12. GRIT BINS**

There was no further information to report. Cllr Jackson to progress within B&NES.

**13. EVENTS**

**Funfair** – It was noted that the funfair was operational from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Fun Day** - The volunteer rota was circulated for Councillors.

**14. REQUEST TO FLY THE RED ENSIGN FOR MERCHANT NAVY**

**Resolved:** to purchase a flag at the cost of £5.40 to fly on 3<sup>rd</sup> September for Merchant Navy day.

Discussion was held around also having a flag for Armed Forces Day on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**Resolved:** to obtain quotes for a flag for Armed Forces Day.

**15. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE A367 OUTSIDE COSTCUTTER**

It was noted that this was being pursued by Cllr Hopkins.

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**16. AMENITY LAND AT RUSKIN ROAD**

It was noted that an email had been sent to the Chief Executive, Ashley Ayre, requesting a meeting, but as yet there had been no response.

**17. RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

There was no further information available to discuss on this item.

**18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Stand alone pavilion at Westhill

The meeting closed at 7:44pm

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