

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 8th April commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs B Wallbridge (Chair), A Butcher, D Cooper, R Hopkins, E Jackson and P Williams.

Absent: Cllrs K Docherty, G Fuller and J Honess

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

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fuller and Honess.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest

163. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th March 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

164. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

19/01030/TCA	Woodlands, Wells Road	Holly Bush: reduce to 6' – 8' in height. Privet – reduce to 2' in height. Unidentified multi trunk trees: remove to ground level. Hedgerow: shape, thin
19/01146/FUL	37 Lincombe Road	Erection of two storey side extension
19/01459/FUL	60 Longfellow Road	Erection of single storey rear extension

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

The Committee objected to the application on the grounds of over development of the area. As such it does not meet the requirements of Westfield Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan, Policy 1 Residential Infill and backland development, which also states that it should reflect the character of the surrounding area. It should reinforce the uniformity of the street by reflecting the scale, mass, height and form of its neighbours. The application should also conform with Policy 19 Parking: Domestic Dwellings which requires two parking spaces per two to three bedroom dwelling.

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165. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted

166. PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS (GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE)

The consultation was noted.

Resolved: to respond to the consultation stating that when developers are granted planning permission on the basis that there will be green spaces in the development, then those grounds should be enforced.

167. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

NorWest Bowls – the email from NorWest regarding the new fencing was noted.

Resolved: to respond to NorWest, by email, advising that the fencing has been improved to the specification that the Council had given.

168. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

Feasibility Study for a stand alone pavilion - A pre-application for the proposed pavilion was discussed and it was noted that Cindy Carter of the Green and Open Spaces Working Group had raised it with BANES's Planners to ensure there were no obstacles. The purpose of the feasibility study is to put together plans with which we might go out to tender and apply for funding. The SLCC's Consultancy would be approached for advice on the way forward.

169. GRIT BINS

There was no further information to report.

170. EVENTS

Fun Day - It was reported that the Licencing Hearing was on 25th April. The Clerk will attend. Preparations are well underway for the event.

171. REQUEST TO FLY THE RED ENSIGN FOR MERCHANT NAVY

Resolved: to investigate the cost of a red ensign flag to fly on Merchant Navy day, 3rd September, and add to the next agenda.

172. UPDATE ON THE MEETING WITH CLLR SHELFORD AND CLLR JACKSON

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Cllr Jackson met with Cllr Shelford, Cabinet member for Environment and Transport, on 19th March to discuss parking and traffic issues on Longfellow Road and surrounding area. Cllr Shelford noted the issues and said he will report to Highways.

160. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Zebra Crossing on Wells Road, by Cost Cutter
- Amenity land at Ruskin Road
- Recycling Collections – Cllr Jackson
- Flying the Red Ensign on 3rd September

Cllr Butcher is not standing for election in May and said that it had been a pleasure working with the Parish Council. The Chair thanked him for his time and hard work while on the Environment and Development Committee.

The meeting closed at 7:43pm

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