

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 8th July 2019 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr D Cooper (Vice Chair in the Chair), L Barnes, V Cox, G Fuller, J Honess, E Jackson and P Williams.

Absent: Cllrs R Hopkins and B Wallbridge

Also attending: M Woodhouse, Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hopkins and Wallbridge.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs Cooper and Jackson declared an interest in item 17 Quotes for Essential Tree Works as they knew one of the contractors.

30. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th June 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Cllr Cooper commented that the hanging basket trees at Elm Tree Avenue look good, she would prefer to see more colourful planting in the beds around the trees and the grass at Jubilee Green needs cutting. Cllr Jackson was pursuing the two gates - one which is clanging and the other which has been removed leaving a dangerous hole.

31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following application on the grounds that it encouraged business on the industrial estate

19/02125/FUL	Unit G5, Second Ave	Erection of second storey extension to provide additional office area
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There were no objections to the following application providing the conditions of the Conservation Officer are upheld.

19/02706/FUL	21 Wells Sq	Erection of two storey side extension (resubmission)
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32. PLANNING DECISIONS

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The planning decisions were noted.

33. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Boilers at the Pavilion - The Committee discussed the current water tanks which require water to be kept at a constant high temperature permanently. A more environmentally friendly and efficient option would be an instant hot water system, preferably electric.

Resolved: To obtain quotes and bring back to Committee.

34. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

Damage to post at entrance to car park – The Chair to check the post had been installed and confirm at the next meeting.

35. LARCH COURT ALLOTMENTS

The final spend against budget was received.

Resolved: The Clerk contacts WAGS for any final items required to meet the slight underspend.

36. ALLOTMENTS

The agreement with WAGS was agreed with the addition of a provision that adjacent residents of Larch Court have first refusal on the Larch Court plots.

37. DOG BIN AT SHAKESPEARE ROAD PLAY AREA

The Committee received and discussed the new play equipment as tendered by the B&NES Play Officer.

Resolved: To find out the cost of a dog bin and emptying from B&NES.

38. TREE WORKS AT MAY TREE ROAD, HOLLY WALK, CHESTNUT CLOSE AND CHERRY TREE CLOSE

The Committee noted the required works. Quotes were being sought for the essential elements.

39. GRIT BINS

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

40. LITTER PICKING AND RADSTOCK IN BLOOM

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Cllr Jackson asked if the Parish Council would like to make similar arrangements to Radstock in Bloom and obtain litter pickers free from B&NES. It was agreed not to do this but to continue as normal by contacting B&NES as and when a litter pick is planned.

41. EVENTS

Remembrance Day commemoration Sunday 10th November 2019 – The Remembrance Wreath requirements were confirmed as two: one at Radstock and one at Midsomer Norton. There was a spare wreath from last year which will be laid in Westfield.

VE Day 75 – The first Working Group meeting had been held where initial thoughts were raised.

- Cllr Cooper confirmed the Piper had been booked at a cost of £80 for 3pm on 8th May 2020 at the top of Elm Tree Avenue.
- Rev Roussell had agreed to say some words.
- The College might have a memorial artefact to unveil
- There was a suggestion of playing the radio broadcast of 8th May 1945 beforehand - Cllr Cox to research;
- Games for children played in the 1940's - Cllr Barnes to research with the Museum;
- the possibility of a 1940's tea for children - the Clerk to contact the School to discuss their involvement;
- the possibility of having the event across two venues - the top of Elm Tree Avenue and a recreation ground.
- The Clerk to invite Joan Pack to the Working Group for her historic input.
- The next meeting is 2nd September at 6pm when we will be joined by Rev Ian Roussell.

42. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE A367 OUTSIDE COSTCUTTER

It was confirmed that this is now up and running. Thanks to Cllr Hopkins for persevering.

Traffic Regulation Order - an informal consultation on TRO's in Westfield was circulated and elicited the following comments: Lynton Road has 6-8 vans every evening; yellow lines on First Avenue are not supported; the junction of A367 and Cobblers Way urgently requires yellow lines as it causes huge tail backs on the A367 and this situation will only get worse as the new housing estate becomes occupied in Cobblers Way.

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43. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

RADCO Plans - Cllr Jackson to keep the office informed in case an E&D Meeting needs to be called July/August.

Brambles and nettles on the Pit Path and the footpath between Glebelands and Larch Court (Cllr Jackson)

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.

44. QUOTES FOR ESSENTIAL TREE WORKS AT TRUST GROUNDS

It was noted that the previous week there had been concern that one of the trees at Westhill Recreation Ground was dangerous. The lowest quote for Westhill had therefore been accepted in the amount of £770 (B&NES)

Resolved: To agree the lowest quote of £900 including VAT for Norton Hill Recreation Ground (Somer Valley Tree Services).

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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