

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 9th July 2018 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Wallbridge (Chair), A Butcher- arrived at 7:25pm, D Cooper, G Fuller - arrived at 7:30pm, J Honess, E Jackson and P Williams.

Absent: Cllrs K Docherty, R Hopkins and L Mansell

Also attending: Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Asst. 3 members of the public

Two members of Norwest Bowls club asked the Council to consider the information they have been supplying with regard to anti-social behaviour at Norton Hill Recreation Ground overflowing to the club. They have been told that some youths have been seen climbing onto the roof of the club, accessing it via the fence. A fire was lit adjacent to the club recently, which they were alerted to by a local resident. The police have been called to the club and have offered to increase patrols in the area.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hopkins and Mansell. Further to discussions at Council meeting on 2nd July (minute item 51) it was felt that more clarity was needed when offering apologies. As a result the apologies offered this evening were not accepted, with 3 votes not to accept and 2 abstentions.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 4. Planning Applications for consideration, as a member of the Development Management committee at BaNES.
- Cllr Jackson declare an interest in item 4. Planning Applications for consideration – 18/02774/FUL as she knows the architect.
- Cllr Jackson declared an interest in 8. Radstock Pool update as Radstock in Bloom are involved in the project.

43. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

44. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications:

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Signed **Dated**

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18/02598/TCA	Mr Clive Rodgers	Prospect House, Wells Road	T1 – Variegated Maple – Reduce away from neighbouring property by 2 metres. T2 – Lawson Cypress – Reduce in height by 3 metres. T3 – Leylandii – Reduce in height by 3 metres
18/02649/FUL	Mr D Collins	10 Longfellow Road	Erection of detached replacement garage and garden room

There were no objections to the following application, but there was some concern about the access in a very busy cul-de-sac and Councillors asked that the officer looks closely at the access arrangements

18/02774/FUL	Mr & Mrs D Shearn	Greystones, Wells Road	Erection of a detached bungalow and garage at rear of Greystones with access off Perry Close
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There were no objections to the following application providing the extension is dependent on the main house and the property is not split into two dwellings

18/02832/FUL	Mr & Mrs J McMenemy	Prospect House, Wells Road	Erection of a first floor extension above existing double garage to provide an attached annexe with living room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom
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45. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

46. BaNES LOCAL PLAN AND HELAA

Arrangements were discussed to undertake an assessment of site WF01 in the Waterside Valley, identified by BaNES in the HELAA as a possible site for development.

Resolved: Councillors to liaise with the Clerk to arrange a site visit.

The Chair and Vice Chair updated the Committee on a recent meeting with BaNES Planning Officers, where non strategic sites in the Joint Spatial Plan in neighbouring parishes were discussed and their impact on Westfield.

47. PRESERVATION OF ELM TREE IN WESTFIELD

Cllr Jackson has requested that a TPO be placed on the Elm Tree at Chaucer Road but has been advised by BaNES that one is not needed. Councillors felt that as the Elm tree is the symbol of Westfield Parish Council it should be protected.

Resolved: (1) to apply for a TPO for the tree
 (2) Cllr Jackson to coordinate work to make a list of significant trees in Westfield.

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(3) to put an article in the Warbler asking people to identify any significant trees that they know of.

48. RADSTOCK POOL UPDATE

The update regarding Snails Brook was noted.

49. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

Discussion was held around the concerns of the Norwest Bowls Club members regarding the anti-social behaviour of youths at Norton Hill Recreation Ground. It was suggested that the club investigates the possibility of putting anti-vandal paint on the edges of the small roof, making it more difficult for someone to climb onto the roof. It wouldn't be possible to put this paint on the fence as it is within reach of people just walking past.

Resolved: (1) Council to investigate costs of increasing the height of the fence close to the club building
(2) NorWest Bowls club to investigate the idea of using anti-vandal paint on the building

It was also noted that there was an excess of litter around the youth shelter and the picnic table nearby.

Resolved: to accept the quote from Greensward for a further 50L post mounted litter bin with lockable lid of £115.00 and for £625 per annum to empty the bin three times weekly in summer and twice weekly in winter, in line with the current litter collection schedule at Norton Hill.

Council was offered quotes for replacing the surface beneath the basket swing, which needs remedial work after every survey.

Resolved: to accept the quote from Wessex Ground Services for £1600 plus VAT to install Notts ChildsPlay carpeting as a more permanent solution.

50. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

Councillors voted unanimously to accept the following quotes:

Resolved: (1) to accept the quote from Greensward for £150 to cut back a tree overhanging a back garden of a Maytree Road property.
(2) to accept the quote of £320 from Greensward to turf the area around the top part of the BMX track in the autumn
(3) to accept the quote of £424 from C&R Fencing to repair the fence along the boundary of the recreation ground.

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51. EVENTS

There have been around 20 entries for the Front Garden competition – most of which were nominations by staff and Councillors – and that judging is to take place on Monday 16th July with Dave Vallance of Bath College, Somer Valley.

Cllr Jackson advised that an artist was going to be displaying some work in Bath later this year and suggested that he did a display in Westfield beforehand. There are 12 pieces of work and display in the Trinity Methodist Church and St Peter’s Church was suggested over a weekend in August.

- Resolved:** (1) Cllr Jackson to coordinate the event, liaising with the artist and the churches. Then to advise the Clerk of the outcomes, including any costs involved.
(2) to delegate authorisation to the Clerk to spend up to £150 on the event if needed. Vote was unanimous

52. AUTO WATERING

The costs of the auto watering systems at Jubilee Green were discussed. It was noted that the watering system at the beds on Jubilee Green wasn’t adequate and that they were still being watered by hand.

Resolved: that the spec for the flower tender next year to include hardier plants in the beds at Jubilee Green that don’t need watering.

53. HERITAGE TRAIL

Changes to the heritage trail previously agreed were discussed in the light of the cost of changing the boards.

Resolved: to accept the quote from Colourstudios to amend the heritage trail boards of £102. Vote was unanimous

54. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Historic Buildings – Cllr Jackson
Report on crossings on the A367 – Cllr Jackson

To resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

55. DISTRIBUTION OF THE WESTFIELD WARBLER

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It was noted that the current distributor of the Warbler has handed in his notice and will not deliver after the August edition.

Resolved: to accept a quote from Ignite for £395 for delivery of the Westfield Warbler. Vote was unanimous

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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