

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 commencing at 7pm**

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

**Also attending:** Mr Malcolm Daniels, Councillor at Stratton on the Fosse, Lesley Close, Parish Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

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

There were no apologies for absence.

**126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**127. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**128. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Malcolm Daniels, a Councillor at Stratton on the Fosse, attended the meeting to discuss the Main Modifications to the Mendip Local Plan Part II. He pointed out that the B&NES submission had picked up on legal procedures that apparently hadn't been undertaken. On his request to Mendip the closing date for the consultation was extended to 20<sup>th</sup> March. Discussion was held regarding the next steps to be taken to oppose the Plan, following the objection that Westfield Parish Council had already sent.

**Resolved: (1)** to write a letter to The Right Honourable Jacob Rees-Mogg requesting that he asks the Secretary of State to intervene on the issue of procedure and legality and to copy the letter to the Chief Executives of B&NES and Mendip District Council.

**(2)** to write an open letter to the Planning Inspector asking for a meeting as a group of councils and representative from B&NES and the MP.

There were no objections to the following applications:

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| 20/00650/FUL | 24 St Peter's Road | Erection of single storey rear extension, installation of dormer windows and associated landscape works |
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| 20/00719/FUL | Unit 3 Wellsway Works, Wells Road | Change of use from office (use class B1) to MOT Test centre (use class A1)                               |
| 20/00766/FUL | Lilliput House, Fosseyway         | Change of use from accountants' office (use class B1) to bridal wear shop (use class A1)                 |
| 20/00821/FUL | 11 Waterford Park                 | Erection of single storey rear extension 4.2m from the rear wall, joining existing flat roofed extension |

### 129. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Planning decisions were noted.

### 130. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

- **Barbeques** – Cllr Hopkins advised that he has not discovered any suitable cost-effective alternative to concrete slabs. He advised that he will trial them later in Spring.
- **Fence between the Youth Shelter and NorWest Bowls Club** – The Clerk advised that she is waiting for a further quote and will bring it to the next meeting.
- **£11,285 in s.106 allocated to play provision** at Norton Hill Recreation Ground was noted. An initial suggestion was some exercise equipment. This would be considered further by the Committee and the Green and Open Spaces Working Group.

### 131. RECREATION GROUND – WESTHILL

There was nothing to discuss regarding Westhill.

### 132. EVENTS

It was noted that the continuation of any planned event is subject to advice from Government with regard to Covid 19 virus.

- **VE Day 75** – Cllr Wallbridge reported on the meeting that had taken place before this meeting. It was noted that plans are moving on well.
- **Fun Fair 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May.**
- **Fun Day 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

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**133. LIGHTING THE PIT PATH**

Cllr Hopkins reported on the meeting at the Pit Path with Gary Peacock of B&NES. Mr Peacock advised that he will try to get a response to Council by the beginning of April.

**134. TO CONSIDER COMMENTING ON THE WEST OF ENGLAND LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2020-2036 BY TRAVEL WEST**

**Resolved:** to send a positive response to the plan

**135. ALLOTMENTS SIGN**

**Resolved:** To accept the quote from Signefex for £66 + VAT. WAGS to install.

**136. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- The safety of the kerb at the shops at Elm Tree Avenue
- S.106 funding for play provision at Norton Hill Recreation Ground

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.

**137. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE E&D COMMITTEE 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

The confidential minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February were accepted as a true record.

**138. FLOWERS IN PUBLIC PLACES**

**Resolved: (1)** to accept the quote from Rob Wicke of £5,225.

**(2)** to accept the quote from RHC Lifting of £950 to load test all the brackets and trees.

The meeting closed at 8:12pm

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