

Westfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held at the Oval Office, St Peters Business Park, Westfield on Monday 9th September 2019 commencing at 7pm

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

Absent: -

Also attending: M Woodhouse, The Planning Agents for the Radco application, Sam Plummer of Youth Connect, Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

Comments from the public

Mr Woodhouse outlined suggestions for accommodation for older people within the Radco planning application, the grit bin at Longfellow Road which needs propping up and the brambles in the footpath between Nightingale Way and Keats Road.

The Planning Agents for the Radco application outlined the changes in the current application and gave Cllr Jackson a copy of the Viability Report which has yet to be confirmed by BANES. In the absence of an element of affordable housing and because there is not yet a confirmed Viability Report in place they suggested that B&NES Planning Officers might defer the application until October.

Sam Plummer of Youth Connect gave a background to the setting up of Youth Connect South West and work with the parishes in the Youth Cluster Group. He outlined the Big Local Tender and his bid which sees Youth Connect South West partnering with Project 28, Creativity Works, Natural Theatre and possibly Bath Festivals to deliver the work to improve health and wellbeing, improve relationships and mental health and support those with drug and alcohol issues. He asked if Westfield Parish Council would like to be a partner in this. This would involve attending meetings to help determine what goes into the bid and does not tie the Parish Council in if it wishes to stand back at any time.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

There were no apologies for absence.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in Youth Connect as a Trustee of the Big Local for Radstock and Westfield.

47. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th July 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no objections to the following applications

19/03601/TCA	22 Beech Terrace	Eucalyptus - fell
19/03769/FUL	2 Nightingale Way	Erection of two storey rear extension

49. PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions were noted.

50. B&NES REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The review was noted.

51. RECREATION GROUND – NORTON HILL

(a) Boiler at the Pavilion – The installation of the new boiler system at the pavilion was ratified at a cost of £3,300.

(b) Verti draining at Norton Hill and Westhill grounds

Resolved: To verti drain both sites at a cost of £600 total.

52. RECREATION GROUNDS – WESTHILL

(a) Damage to post at entrance to car park – It was confirmed that the post has been replaced.

(b) Request for funds for a survey relating to the pavilion – The Committee received three tenders for a full survey and a quote for a reduced survey without the elevations.

Resolved: to accept the lowest of the three tenders for the full survey in the amount of £750.

(c) Draft options for the siting and layout of the new pavilion – The Committee received seven options from the Architect.

Resolved: to delegate authority to Cllrs Fuller, Cooper and Honess to analyse the options and take the preferred option forward.

(d) To replace the base unit of the springie as raised in the annual inspection

Resolved: to replace the base unit at a cost of £390.25

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(e) To replace and stabilise the rotten and wobbling logs on the trim trail as raised in the annual inspection.

Resolved: to commission the work in the amount of £295.

53. GRIT BINS

Two local residents had approached the Parish Council regarding the vital need for bins at Welton Road and at the Junction of Alder Terrace and Wells Road. Cllr Jackson acknowledged the importance of this issue and agreed to take it forward at B&NES.

54. PUBLIC ACCESS TO SNAILS BROOK

Cllr Fuller outlined the meeting with St Nicholas Church regarding the footpath across church land which meets the right of way through Waterside Valley.

Resolved: (1) to bring a quote for the proposed signage to the next meeting;
(2) to investigate the process and costs of designating this piece of land as a right of way.

55. BRAMBLES AND NETTLES ON THE PIT PATH AND THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN GLEBELANDS AND LARCH COURT

Cllr Jackson is pursuing the issue of ownership of this footpath with Mark Cassidy of B&NES.

56. EVENTS

VE Day 75 – The second Working Group meeting had been held 2/9/19.

57. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no items raised.

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.

58. QUOTES FOR ESSENTIAL TREE WORKS AT AMENITY LAND AT MAY TREE ROAD, HOLLY WALK, CHESTNUT CLOSE AND CHERRY TREE CLOSE

Resolved: to seek further quotes for this work.

59. PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE YOUTH CONNECT SOUTH WEST BID TO THE BIG LOCAL

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Resolved: to partner with Youth Connect South West in this bid on the proviso that the Parish Council can stand back from the work at any time. Cllr Lauren Barnes to represent the Parish Council in this respect.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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