

## Green Spaces Working Group

### Minutes of a meeting of the Westfield Green and Open Spaces Group held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm at Westfield Parish Council

Present: Cllr Ron Hopkins (Chair), Cllr Geoff Fuller, Cindy Carter

Attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Bryan Wallbridge

#### 1. Election of Chair

Cllr Ron Hopkins was elected Chair.

#### 2. Remit of the Working Group

The remit was defined as protecting / enhancing green open spaces in Westfield including their accessibility by (1) prioritising and actioning the objectives in the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan and (2) liaising with BANES in respect of the s.106/CIL funding designated for green open spaces.

#### 3. Next Steps

There was a discussion on aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan such as

- inclusive play areas,
- the old Roman road footpath,
- the work at Snail's Brook,
- the proposed nature trail linking Shakespeare Road Play area to the proposed park at Midsomer Norton.
- the area of land behind the Westfield industrial estate
- the green space at the local shops, Elm Tree Avenue
- the new green amenity land at the Cobblers Way development

It was agreed that each aspect needed to be looked as part of the bigger picture for Westfield. So routes and rights of way form part of the work.

The discussion highlighted the following action points:

1. To secure a large scale map of BANES' green infrastructure, open green spaces and rights of way in Westfield – **Clerk to contact Martin Laker, BANES (Ron offered to pick it up from BANES)**
2. To ask BANES to nominate someone to receive the minutes of this working group and advise when necessary – **Clerk to contact Andrew Pearce, BANES**
3. To confirm the amount of s.106/CIL available for spending on green open spaces in Westfield and by what dates – **Clerk to contact Andrew Pearce, BANES**

4. To explore further the multi- functional aspect of play areas, including inclusive design and play for all – **Cindy to circulate studies, publications and good examples.**
5. To contact local groups to ask if they would like to be involved in the working group by either attending meetings or receiving minutes of this working group and giving input as and when they like – **Clerk to contact Scouts/Guides, Westfield Runners, Westfield Primary School, Fosse Way School, SWALLOW, Radstock Museum, Bath Roman Society (Ron to provide contact details), CURO, Police**
6. To put an article in the Journal/ Guardian highlighting the remit of the group and inviting dog walkers and anyone else using green open spaces in Westfield to take part – **Clerk to draft an article.**
7. To clarify who will maintain the green open space at the new Cobblers Way development – **Clerk to contact Catherine Parker in BANES.**

**4. Date of next meeting**

Provisionally agreed as Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm