

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the SWALLOW Meeting Room,
Old Pit Road, Westfield on
Monday 6th March 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Cllrs: D Cooper, K Docherty, R Hopkins, E Jackson, and P Williams

Attending: Three members of the public
Lesley Welch, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs A Butcher, J Honess, L Mansell, B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson

Comments from the public

Hayley Johns addressed the Council regarding the Parish Council's objections to B&NES on planning application 17/00555/FUL, 25 Wells Square. She gave background details to the application. This was discussed, with a decision made under Item 4 of the Parish Council agenda. .

159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs A Butcher, J Honess, L Mansell, B Wallbridge and P Wilkinson.

160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in Item 4 Environment and Development Committee, 25 Wells Square, as a member of the Development Control Committee.

161. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6th February 2017

Resolved: Minute 157 was amended at the last line of the first paragraph to read B&NES are planning to give money to individuals for their transport needs," With this amendment the minutes of 6th February 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

162. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 13th February 2017

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Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 13th February 2017 be noted.

(b) To receive the comments of 24th February 2017 regarding 25 Wells Square

Resolved:(1) that the Parish Council's objections to planning application 17/00555/FUL, 25 Wells Square, addition of vehicle access on to existing adjoining rear gardens (retrospective) be withdrawn on the grounds of new information received relating to the shared turning agreement with a neighbour and the fact that the E&D Committee was unaware that they had no land or garage at the Wells Square side of the house.
(2) The Clerk would inform BANES of the withdrawal of its objections and Ms Johns was recommended to send her comments to BANES also.

(c) Finance and Personnel Committee – 22nd February 2017

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 22nd February 2017 be noted.

163. APPROVAL OF ANY ITEMS OF £5,000 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY VIREMENT

Resolved: that surplus funds from the 2016-17 budget be transferred into the new Community Centre Earmarked Reserve instead of into the Rolling Capital Reserve as in previous years.

164. WESTFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

The Parish Council expressed its condolences on the death of Neighbourhood Plan Working Group member Richard Wallace. Richard's encyclopaedic knowledge and great interest in green spaces was integral to the Working Group.

The minutes of the NPWG meeting of 23rd January 2017 and 27th February 2017 were received. Cllr Hopkins reported that the section on Employment, Industry and Jobs was complete, the sheer volume of work was daunting but it was progressing in stages.

165. PLANNING AND TRANSPORT WORKSHOP

The notes of the Planning and Transport Workshop with Kaoru Jacques and Julie O'Rourke were circulated.

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166. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

This is a rolling item on the agenda and there were no issues to report.

167. FUN FAIR AT NORTON HILL RECREATION GROUND

The Council received the Fun Fair report.

Resolved (1) that the Fun Fair may hire Norton Hill Recreation Ground for 9 days maximum (14th May – 22nd May, 4 days set up/take down, 5 days operational);
(2) that the items to mitigate risk set out in the report be agreed;
(3) that, whilst the bond of £1,300 was reasonable, the hire fee be delegated to the F&P Committee for decision at its next meeting.

168. CHANGING ROOMS AT WESTHILL RECREATION GROUND

The Council discussed the request for grant funds for the Changing Rooms at Westhill Recreation Ground.

Resolved That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Westhill Club for the repairs to the showers in the changing room, on condition that three quotes be sought first for the work.

169. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Cllr Jackson gave a brief update on the Museum and Cllr Cooper noted that items were awaiting consideration in relation to Mardons.

170. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Council discussed the remit of the Boundary Commission and whether the Parish Council might like to recommend any changes. The matter to be put on the next E&D Agenda.

171. BANES COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Jackson reported that a 3.5% Council tax rise had been passed by B&NES. Adult social care, youth services and library services were some of the areas of concern.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

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