

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on
Monday 6th January 2014 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair: Cllr G Fuller
Councillors: R Appleyard, A Butcher, A Clarke, D Cooper,
S Hamilton, R Moss, B Wallbridge and P Wilkinson

Also Present: Six members of the press and public

Attending: Mrs L Welch, Parish Clerk

Comments from the public

The planning application from Fosse Way School for a Post 16 Teaching Block raised serious concerns given that 75-100 cars related to the school already park in surrounding roads. The Parish Council had obtained an extension to allow the application to be considered at its meeting on 13th January. The residents obtained an extension until 23rd January to allow wider consultation, and would like longer to allow all residents time to consider the application. There was a discussion about the fact that the Sixth Form started in September 2012 and will be increasing its number of pupils, meaning that more staff will attend, or that existing staff will be parking for longer hours causing more congestion. Parking on site was essential.

106. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs E Newman who was unwell and S Russell who had work commitments.

107. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rob Appleyard declared an interest in the item raised under Comments from the Public relating to the Planning Application at Fosse Way School, as a member of the BANES Planning Committee.

108. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2nd December 2013

Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2013 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

109. Committee Reports

Environment and Development Committee – Monday 9th December 2013

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Signed Dated

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Resolved: That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 9th December 2013 be noted.

Finance and Personnel Committee – Monday 16th December 2013

Resolved That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 16th December 2013 be noted.

110. Finance and Personnel Committee meetings

The Council discussed changing the dates of the Finance and Personnel Committee meetings.

Resolved that the Finance and Personnel Committee meetings be held on the third Thursday of the month at 10am.

111. Westfield Hub

The Council considered the recommendation that the Parish Council no longer pursues a civic office hub in Westfield and that BANES Councillors for Westfield be asked if they might meet with Norton Radstock College to explore the possibility of the s.106 funds being used by them to promote employment.

Resolved: That the above recommendation be agreed.

112. Outside Bodies Reports

There were no Outside Bodies reports.

113. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Cllr Andrew Butcher and all who had an input in the Placemaking Plan. Cllr Butcher confirmed that the deadline for the plan had been extended until 7th February 2014.

The Chairman thanked all the office staff for their work in the previous year.

114. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' report

Cllr Moss reported that there was a meeting at the Guildhall on 16th January at 6.30pm to determine the future of the Childrens Centres in the area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at **7.40pm**.

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