

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office,  
St Peters Business Park, Westfield on  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 commencing at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller

Councillors: A Butcher, A Clarke, D Cooper,  
S Hamilton, R Moss, B Wallbridge  
and P Wilkinson (Vice Chair)

**Also Present:** Steve Collins

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Welch, Parish Clerk  
Mrs B Burridge, (Administrative)

### Public Comments

The Chair welcomed Steve Collins, Chair of the Midsomer Norton and District Carnival Association for an update on the development of the Carnival.

Steve Collins thanked the Council for their support and hoped it would continue. He explained that times were changing in Carnival to benefit the local area. The Carnival held a public meeting to discuss what changes needed to happen and an independent committee was set up to look at making the Carnival better for the whole community, with three main objectives, i) better park up area away from residents; ii) a dispersal area with slightly more space, iii) for the route to include Midsomer Norton, Westfield and Radstock. This committee has been meeting every two weeks since the beginning of the year.

Last month we had a meeting with BANES Safety Advisory Team and the Police who are happy with the new route which we will be trialling in November.

As Bridgwater has now changed its day to a Saturday this opens up an opportunity to hold our carnival on the second Monday, which should encourage more floats to come and bring more people in, perhaps even from the Bath area.

The proposed new route to include all three towns would start at the Centurion roundabout go down Charlton Road, into Silver Street and up Midsomer Norton High Street the wrong way and right towards Radstock. There will be a resting area and then it would be up Wells Hill into Westfield and just past Westfield Methodist Church.

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Members raised concerns over:-

- 1) The proposed end to the Carnival and asked that this be looked into to finish either at Westfield Primary School or St Benedicts;
- 2) The length of time closure of the A367 from the White Post to Charlton Road; and
- 3) The name of the Carnival – Somer Valley Carnival being a better reflection of the wider commitment to Carnival.

Steve promised to look into these and get back to us and also promised to Email the presentation slides.

### **66. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Newman who was unwell and from Cllrs R Appleyard and S Russell who both had other meetings to attend.

### **67. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr S Hamilton declared an interest in Wansdyke Play Association as a relative is an employee.

Cllr G Fuller declared an interest in PEOPLE as a Volunteer for this charity.

### **68. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 be signed as a correct record.

Cllr Moss asked for an update on the Dormant NatWest Bank Accounts and the Parish Clerk advised that we had received an acknowledgement from the Financial Ombudsman.

Cllr Moss advised that he and Rob had spoken to Norton Radstock College in respect of the noticeboard and was informed that it should be ready to be put up by next month. He will keep on chasing.

### **69. Committee Reports**

- Resolved:**
- a) That the Minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 be noted.
  - b) That the Minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 be noted.

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**70. Carnival**

This was discussed under Public Comments.

**71. Westfield Hub**

The Parish Council considered the recommendation of the Environment and Development Committee that the Council's solicitors be asked to represent the Parish Council in negotiations with the Charity Commission for the building of a Business Hub to incorporate Changing Rooms, on Westhill Recreation Ground. The Council discussed this proposal in the light of the Trust Deed restrictions outlined in the Conveyance of 1942.

**RESOLVED:** That we no longer look at Trust Land for development of the business hub and a new Committee be set up with the Chair and Vice Chair of Council, Chair of Environment and Development and Chair of Finance and Personnel to look into other possibilities.

**72. Westfield Fun Day**

The Parish Council discussed the future management of Westfield Fun Day.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chair and Vice Chair be delegated to deal with the Fun Day and for them to report back to the Council.

**73. Refurbishing of Norton Hill Play Area**

The Parish Council noted the Environment and Development Committee's proposal to hold a Councillors' painting day at the Play Area to spruce up some of the upright structures in the play area which need painting.

**RESOLVED:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 10 am and 12 noon was chosen as the best date for painting the Play equipment and enough members have signed up to help.

**74. Placemaking Plan**

Having attended the Workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> September, Cllr Butcher reported on the areas in the Placemaking Plan required to be undertaken by the Parish Council and advised that the deadline had been deferred until 21st December.

This will go before the next Environment and Development Meeting to discuss further.

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**75. Outside Bodies Reports**

Cllr Moss reported on the Big Local. He advised that there would be a public meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at the newly refurbished Victoria Hall between 7 pm and 9 pm, to launch a Dragon Dens Funding Scheme. £5,000 is available and they are looking for applications from more than 10 organisations who would make a pitch to receive £500. An independent committee would be involved in making the decisions at a presentation day.

At present the Steering Group has two or three who are doing most of the work and they need more new volunteers. Please let Robin know if you hear of anyone interested in helping out.

**76. Grants**

**RESOLVED:** The following Grants were agreed:-

Remembrance Wreaths	£40.00
Midsomer Norton and District Carnival Association	£3,500.00
MSN & Radstock Dial a Ride - Deferred until requested information is supplied	
St Nicholas Church	£1,500.00
SWALLOW	£598.00
Wansdyke Play Association	£1,000.00
WISH	£1,000.00
Radstock Baptist Church	£1,000.00
St Peters Church Playgroup	£560.00
Westfield Methodist Church	£1,000.00
SWAN	£925.00
Westhill Gardens Sports Club	£1,000.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Radstock Scout Group	£1,000.00
PEOPLE	£1,000.00
The Community Bus	£2,000.00
MSN & Radstock Silver Band - Deferred until we find out how much they charge to perform at two events.	

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**77. Chairman's Report**

The Chair reported that the Smiley Face sign had been vandalised and cannot be fixed until the specialist company are in the area. The electrics will then hopefully be encased to avoid further vandalism.

**78. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' report**

Councillor Moss reported that BANES are in the process of setting their budget and he reported that at present there were substantial cuts to the Children's Centres up to 40%. They were looking at ways to save them and find the money from somewhere else.

Cllr Moss advised members that BANES were holding an alcohol abuse meeting.

**79. Community Support Officer (Cllr Wilkinson)**

**RESOLVED:** To defer this until the next Council Meeting.

- 80.** 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.

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