

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Boardroom, The Oval Office,
Cobblers Way, Westfield on
Monday 1st July 2019 commencing at 7.00pm

- Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller;
Cllrs L Barnes, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson, P Williams
- Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk
- Absent:** Cllrs D Cooper, V Cox and R Moss

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cooper, Cox and Moss.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

57. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd June 2019

Resolved: The minutes of 3rd June 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

58. COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was agreed that Cllr Barnes joins the Environment and Development Committee.

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 10th June 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the Environment and Development meeting held on 10th June be noted.

Cllr Jackson agreed to pursue the gate at Jubilee Green which is clashing metal on metal and the dangerous hole in the ground left by the removal of the other gate.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 19th June 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held on 19th June be noted.

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

Resolved: to approve payment to Oakus in the amount of £5,019 for the hanging basket trees at the Elm Tree Avenue shops.

60. WESTFIELD GREEN AND OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP

The two site meetings in June at the Pit Path and at Norton Hill Recreation Ground were noted. The next round the table meeting is 6pm on 17th July.

Cllr Hopkins reported on a discussion with local residents at Shakespeare Road and the importance of continuing to engage with them in relation to concerns over anti social behaviour at the adjacent play area.

Resolved: to approve the bids for s.106 funding in the following amounts:

- Pit Path lighting - £33,000
- Vandal resistant, accessible picnic tables and seating at Norton Hill Recreation Ground - £8,405.45

61. STAND ALONE PAVILION AT WESTHILL

The Parish Council discussed the recommendation of the E&D Committee

Resolved: To approve a bid for s.106 funding for Architect's fees for the pavilion at Westhill Recreation Ground in the amount of £8,000

62. VE DAY 75

Arrangements for a community event on 8th May 2020 at 3pm at the memorial stone at the top of Elm Tree Avenue were discussed.

Resolved: (1) To set up a VE Day 75 Working Group consisting of Cllrs Lauren Barnes, Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson and Brian Wallbridge.
(2) The Clerk to contact Bath College to chase designs for a Memorial artefact discussed at a meeting of the College Principal, Cllrs Fuller, Hopkins and Jackson.

63. FUN DAY FEEDBACK

The Parish Council gave grateful thanks to all who ran the Westfield Fun Day. For 2020 every councillor is urged to take a role in the event, especially at the planning stage when so much of the work is done. Cllr Wilkinson to keep the Parish Council informed of Fun Day planning meetings, where any councillor is welcome to take on some work.

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64. RUSKIN ROAD

The Chair reported on arrangements for a meeting with Mandy Bishop of B&NES, which would be reported at the next meeting.

65. DECISION MAKING IN PLANNING

Cllr Jackson outlined a training event at B&NEs, she would circulate the slides.

66. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Councillors' Surgeries – Cllrs Wilkinson and Williams reported on their Councillors' surgery at St Peters Church Fete, which had seen positive comments about the Warbler, but not many queries.

Resolved: To stop surgeries for the time being but put a large piece in the next Warbler outlining how local residents can contact the Parish Council office, their Parish Councillors and Ward Councillors.

67. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Peer Review by BANES – Agreed that Cllr Wallbridge is put forward as a representative.

68. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair showed before and after pictures of Larch Court allotment site, which is now complete. He paid tribute to the terrific work by WAGS and Lazy Days.

Cllr Hopkins reported on the very worthwhile Expo event which he and Cllr Cox attended.

69. BaNES COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Jackson reported

- As Chair of B&NES she attended an event where Princess Anne met local volunteers.
- She is re-writing the speech for Citizenship ceremonies to include reference to North East Somerset.
- She urged councillors to accept the invitation to her Civic Service at Radstock Methodist Church on 21st July at 3pm.
- Cllr Neil Butters is visiting Westfield with Cllr Jackson, meeting on Thursday at 10am at Fosseyway Café, all councillors welcome to join them.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

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