

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Boardroom, The Oval Office,  
Cobblers Way, Westfield on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 commencing at 7.00pm**

- Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller;  
Cllrs D Cooper, V Cox, J Honess, R Hopkins, E Jackson, R Moss,  
B Wallbridge, P Wilkinson and P Williams
- Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant.  
1 member of the public
- Absent:** Cllr L Barnes

### Comments from the public

A resident of Longfellow Road attended to advise the Councillors that after resurfacing some weeks ago the road markings are still not in place. This is leading to seriously inconsiderate parking which is dangerous. He had been in touch with the contractors who advised him that the road would be swept this morning in preparation for markings to be placed. It wasn't done and when he called again he was told they'd do it tomorrow morning. The B&NES councillors advised that they had both been chasing for the work to be done as soon as possible.

### 118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

### 120. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Resolved:** The minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 121. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### (a) Environment and Development Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

### **(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

#### **122. APPROVAL OF ANY ITEMS OF £5,000 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY VIREMENT**

There were no items over £5,000 for consideration.

#### **123. WESTFIELD GREEN AND OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP**

##### **Lighting on the Pit Path**

Cllr Hopkins advised that he had been in communication with Gary Peacock of B&NES to discuss the lighting on the pit path. Whilst Gary Peacock said that he would look for funding to provide lighting along the path, it was felt that this was unlikely, after previous communications with B&NES, and the suggestion was that Westfield Parish Council would need to pay for it from the precept.

**Resolved:** to consider this as part of the budget setting process, with the cost of the lights being taken from capital reserves and replaced over four years.

##### **Pavilion at Westhill Recreation Ground**

A show of hands showed that thoughts were very much split down the middle on which roof design is preferable. All Councillors expressed their views and concerns.

**Resolved:** To get more information from the architects to ensure that all aspects have been thoroughly considered before coming to a final decision.

1. A major concern about the tilted roof was the opportunity for people to get on the roof and, once up there, the ease with which they would move across it. The plans show fences abutting the building, which people could climb up. They also show that at the lowest point there is no overhang, making it easier to climb against the wall. Are there any design changes which could help mitigate this risk?
2. Anti-vandal paint was suggested as one way of making sure people do not climb onto the roof – would this be feasible? Are there other means of

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detering this? Councillors bore in mind the proximity with the football pitch - balls will undoubtedly hit the roof from time to time and would need to roll off the roof without impediment.

3. Youth Connect have seen the plans and said that the large overhang will undoubtedly be a congregating point. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but are there any measures which can be designed in to protect the building? CCTV, lighting and anything else?
4. In terms of fitting in with the surrounding area, if the steel tilted roof was chosen, would there be a choice of colour?
5. Taking into account our duty to consider the environment, outline which of the two designs is more eco-friendly in terms of insulation and roof drainage.

### 124. VE DAY 75 WORKING GROUP

It was noted that the next meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### 125. TO CONFIRM THE PROPOSED DATES FOR THE FUN FAIR 2020

**Resolved:** to accept the dates for the Fun Fair at Norton Hill Recreation Ground – to set up from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, operate 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive and leave the site on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### 126. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Various Councillors had been approached by members of the public to congratulate the Council on the Christmas lights switch on.

Cllr Jackson has had a conversation with SWALLOW, advising them that their address is not in Midsomer Norton, but Westfield.

### 127. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

**Mardons** – Cllr Cooper reported that the roof is still leaking. They are looking forward to seeing the Chief Executive of B&NES in January.

**Radstock Museum** - Cllr Jackson reported that the museum Christmas Fair is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### 128. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Fuller said that he thought the Christmas lights switch on went very well and he thanked all volunteers for their work on the night, and the office staff for the organisation of another successful event. Cllr Hopkins asked to thank

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the office staff for the organisation of the lights on lampposts as well, as several people had commented to him in favour of them.

**129. B&NES COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- Cllr Jackson reported that she had attended St Peter's Christmas Fair and Westfield Trinity Methodist's Nativity at the weekend.
- She advised that she had been contacted regarding a damaged litter bin near Shakespeare Road and fly tipping in the area. She had been unable to locate those and asked if anyone knew anything about these issues to let her know.
- Ward Councillors for B&NES have a fund called Ward Councillors' Empowerment fund of £2,000 each. She advised if anyone has any worthy causes that they could think would use the fund to let her or Cllr Moss know.
  
- Cllr Moss reported that he has been in conversation with PCSOs in the area regarding the parking situation on Longfellow Road and speeding cars in the parish. The speeding cars are a problem in Midsomer Norton and Radstock as well as Westfield and police are aware.
- He also advised that, further to conversations with officers in B&NES, the corner on Upper Court now had bollards to prevent vehicles from damaging the grass and hedge.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

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