

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held remotely on Googledrive Hangouts
on
Monday 6th April 2020 commencing at 7.00pm

- Present:** Chair: Cllr G Fuller;
Cllrs D Cooper, J Honess, R Hopkins, R Moss, B Wallbridge (Vice Chair), and P Williams.
- Absent:** Cllrs V Cox, L Mansell, E Jackson, P Wilkinson
- Attending:** Lesley Close, Clerk and Tracey Stephens, Admin Assistant

175. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jackson

176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs R Hopkins and R Moss registered interest in items 8, To agree the Big Local conditions for the £50,000 grant towards the Fitness Track and Outdoor Gym equipment, and 9, Big Local request for ideas to spend the extra support to the community from the local trust and Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in item 10, Youth Connect South West.

177. TO DELEGATE TEMPORARY AUTHORITY, DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS, COLLECTIVELY, TO THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR/CHAIR OF E&D, CHAIR OF F&P AND CLERK TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, BASED ON THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION GATHERED VIA EMAIL AND THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

The delegation of authority had been superseded in recent days with emergency legislation allowing meetings to be held remotely. In terms of protocol it was noted that the press and public can join the meeting at any time (unless it is a confidential item), that the documents for the meeting are on the website and it was agreed that the Chair would call on each Councillor in turn to speak on each item, and voting would also take place in the same way.

178. CORONA VIRUS EMERGENCY

Councillors were asked if they had any further comments on the situation in Westfield other than what Council were already doing. There were no comments.

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179. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd February 2020

Resolved: The minutes of 2nd March 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

180. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 9th March 2020

Resolved: That the minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting held on 9th March be noted.

(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 18th March 2020

Resolved: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on 18th March be noted.

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

The landscape tender in the amount of £25,468 was approved.

Resolved: to approve full payment of pension deficit bill for 2020-23 in year one. Total amount payable £6,860.

182. TO AGREE THE BIG LOCAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE £50,000 GRANT TOWARDS THE FITNESS TRACK AND OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

Resolved: To agree the conditions. All voted in favour. Cllrs Hopkins and Moss did not vote due to their positions on the Big Local.

183. BIG LOCAL REQUEST FOR IDEAS TO SPEND AN EXTRA £50,000 IN EXTRA SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THE LOCAL TRUST, TO HELP DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Cllr Moss reported on what has been happening with the fund so far: A hot square meal project, Family weekly food project and Small stuff baby bank project are underway at a cost of £15,000. There have been discussions with Becky Brookes of the Journal to pay for advertising for businesses in the area once things get back to normal. Another suggestion was for street parties to bring people together. Cllr Moss will suggest that to the Big Local. Cllr Hopkins said that this money was not only available for funding during the virus outbreak but afterwards as well and welcomed any suggestions for spending from Councillors.

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184. YOUTH CONNECT SOUTH WEST

Resolved: To agree payment of £2,615.54 for the first quarter.

185. GUIDANCE ON THE NEXT WESTFIELD WARBLER

It was noted that the next edition, due in May, would be very light in content as events are cancelled in the parish, and that distribution would be a problem.

Resolved: to defer/miss the May edition, but to find a way of advertising heavily for local businesses in the first edition printed afterwards

186. WESTHILL PAVILION

The planning permission was noted and all agreed to move to the next stage following agreement from F&P.

187. GREEN AND OPEN SPACES WORKING GROUP

No meeting had been held and there was nothing to report

188. VE DAY WORKING GROUP

This event has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak

189. CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

As yet there had been no meeting.

190. FUNFAIR 2020

This event has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak

191. TO ADOPT THE LOST CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY IN PREPARATION FOR THE TIME WHEN COMMUNITY EVENTS RESUME

Resolved: to agree the policy for lost children and vulnerable adults during events

192. CREATING COMMUNITY IDENTITY

It was suggested that street parties would contribute to community identity once the coronavirus outbreak was over.

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193. OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS

Mardons - Cllr Cooper reported that after having had a visit from the MP, Right Honourable Jacob Rees-Mogg, the club had been contacted by Nick Arnold, Construction Director at Linden Homes, who said that he will visit the club when things get back to normal.

194. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman wanted to thank Councillors for their patience and the office staff for their work in keeping Westfield informed during this time of crisis and he hoped everyone would keep in good spirits.

195. B&NES COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllrs Jackson and Moss had sent emails previously advising on work within B&NES. Cllr Moss reported that the Chief Executive was in regular discussion with group leaders.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm

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