

WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Oval Office
Monday 6th March 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr B Wallbridge, Vice Chair, in the Chair
Cllrs: D Cooper, R Hopkins, E Jackson, L Mansell, P Millard, R Moss, and P Williams

Attending: Shaun and Krystal Rogers for item 4. Lesley Close, Parish Clerk

143. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Honess, Fuller and Wilkinson.

144. Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

145. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 6th February 2023

Resolved: the minutes of 6th February 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

146. Shaun Rogers of Shaun Rogers Funfairs

Following the decision by the Parish Council to cease having the fun fair on site due to a ride being brought on site last year against the direction of the Parish Council because it was apparently without a safety certificate, Shaun and Krystal attended the meeting to outline what had happened. There was a full discussion.

Resolved: to investigate further and delegate authority to the Environment and Development Committee to make a decision the following week. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact the Health and Safety Executive for more information.

147. Committee and Working Group reports

(a) Environment and Development Committee – 13th February 2023

The minutes of the Environment and Development Committee meeting of 13th February 2023 were noted.

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(b) Finance and Personnel Committee – 22nd February 2023

The minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting of 22nd February were noted.

148. Approval of any items over £5000 and consideration of any virement
£ 27,975.13 – Kompan, new swings at Norton Hill – was approved.

149. Fixed Asset Register as recommended by F&P Committee

Resolved: to agree the Fixed Asset Register as circulated.

150. Coronation Big Lunch

A sign-up sheet for volunteers on the day was circulated.

151. Inspirational Citizen Award

Resolved: to delegate authority to the Environment and Development Committee to make a decision the following week. In the meantime, Cllr Jackson was asked to follow up on a suggested nominee.

152. Beat the Street

There were no councillors available for the Beat the Street meeting on 9th March.

153. Supported Bus Services

Feedback from the Leader of B&NES was received.

154. Outside Bodies reports

Mardons – Cllr Cooper gave an update on the legal situation which Mardons now finds itself following a possible sale of the building. The Club is looking to set up as a Community Interest Company.

Radstock Museum – Cllr Jackson gave an update which outlined plenty of people now visiting this attraction.

155. Creating Community Identity

Concern was raised that articles in the Journal and in Midsomer Norton Life still refer to clubs and organisations within Westfield as being in neighbouring towns. However, it is good to see that Swallow now has Westfield in its address on its letterhead.

Resolved: to write again to B&NES regarding the lack of street signage to Westfield and to chase the missing Welcome to Westfield sign at Welton Road.

156. Chairman's report

There was no report.

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157. Bath and North East Somerset Councillors' reports

Cllr Jackson's written report and Cllr Moss's verbal report were received with thanks.

- A decision on the future of the 82 Bus is awaited in B&NES.
- B&NES is creating a Health and Wellbeing Policy.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

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