

Westfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the
boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on
9th October 2023 commencing at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Diana Cooper (Chair), James Cradock, Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins (Vice Chair), Eleanor Jackson, Paul Millard and Pat Williams, Phil Wilkinson

Also attending: Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk, Caitlin Brown, Admin Assistant

Absent: Cllr James Honess

69. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

No apologies were received.

70. Declarations of interest and dispensation

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 5 – planning application 23/03485/OUT as she is a member of the adjacent church.

71. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th September 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

72. Neighbourhood Plan working group

Cllr Hopkins gave a report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan review. There has been ongoing correspondence with B&NES and he is in the process of arranging a meeting. Most of the work on the original form has now been done.

73. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following:

Date Rec'd	App No	Applicant	Location	Case Officer	Proposal	Response By
21/9/23	23/03485/OUT	Mr Mike Hill	60 Wells Road Westfield Radstock Bath And North East Somerset BA3 3US	Danielle Milsom	Erection of single dwelling on land to west of existing dwelling (Outline Application with All Matters Reserved).	12/10/23

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21/9/23	23/03512/TPO	M H Landscaping	1 Fosseway Cottages Somerville Road Radstock Bath And North East Somerset BA3 3TX	Jane Brewer	8no. Conifer, fell, roots believed to be affecting house foundations	12/10/23
29/9/23	23/02927/FUL	Motor Fuel Group Limited	Elm Tree Filling Station Wells Road Westfield Radstock Bath And North East Somerset	Owen Hoare	Erection of single storey rear extension to existing sales building following removal of Jet wash bay. Installation of new EV Chargers and Canopy.	20/10/23
06/10/2023	23/03745/FUL	Mr Michael Wise	44A Longfellow Road	Kirsty Smith	Erection of single storey rear extension	27/10/2023

The Deputy Clerk advised of changes to the below application which we have previously provided a comprehensive response to.

2022/0614/OUT | Application for Outline Planning Permission for erection of up to 180 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access (amended info. rec'd 26.07.2023). | Land South Of Fossefield Road Fosse Way Stratton On The Fosse Shepton Mallet Somerset

Resolved: to resubmit original comments made in January

74. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

75. Speeding data collected on A367

An update was given. Quotes for two speed devices and installation have been received. There would be an additional charge if the devices were solar powered.

Potential location sites along the A367 were discussed.

Resolved:

- (1) Use existing posts adjacent to Highfields (Northbound) and the corner of Westhill Road (Southbound).
- (2) The Clerk to continue investigating grant funding options.

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76. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

- **New Office** – verbal update was given by Cllr Cooper. Quotes had been received. A meeting with the builder is being arranged to look at costings and to see where savings can be made.
- **Tree Report** – the Ash trees all have Ash dieback and therefore it has been recommended and agreed that they will be felled.

Resolved:

- (1) To obtain quotes for the felling of the Ash trees, asking that a stump is left in place to encourage regrowth.
- (2) To put an article in the Warbler explaining why the trees are to be felled.

77. Recreation Ground – Westhill

- **Changing Rooms** – verbal update given by Cllr Cooper. There is a meeting arranged with the Architect on site to establish the new boundaries and plans for the building.

Resolved:

The Parish Clerk will look at funding options once the estimated cost has been established.

- **Tree Report** – it was noted that the Ash tree has Ash Dieback

Resolved: The Ash tree with Dieback to be felled leaving a stump to encourage regrowth.

- **Verbal request for a shelter** – this was been declined as the removal of it initially had been on the advice of the police.

78. Waterside Valley

- **Bridges** – verbal update given by Cllr Cooper. Grant funding is being investigated.

79. Bath Urban Treescape

Verbal information and leaflets handed out by Cllr Jackson. Cllrs passed on their thanks for Cllr Jackson's continued work in this area.

80. Events

- **Christmas Lights Switch On** – 30th November 6.30pm – verbal update given by Admin Assistant Caitlin Brown. Planning is coming along well.
- **Grant Presentation Event** – 12th December 2023 6.30pm - verbal update given by Deputy Clerk Tracey Stephens. Cllr Jackson will send a list of invitees in respect of the Westfield in Bloom awards.
- **Christmas Lights Competition** –
Resolved: to go ahead this year on Friday 15th December, led by Cllr Cooper and Cllr Wilkinson. Judging and presenting of awards will take place in the same evening.

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To resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

81. Quotes

Resolved: to delegate authority to Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Hopkins in respect of quotes obtained for a consultant to work on the Housing Needs Survey.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

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