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23rd May 2024

- TO: (a) All Members of the Environment and Development Committee
 Cllrs Diana Cooper (Chair), Kit Biggs, James Cradock, Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins
 (Vice Chair), Eleanor Jackson, Paul Millard, Pat Williams.
 - (b) All other Members of the Council for information

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment and Development Committee of Westfield Parish Council on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7pm at the Board Room, Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield BA3 3BX.

The meeting will consider the items set out below.

Ms L J Close Parish Clerk

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Before the meeting there will be a 15-minute public session to enable residents of Westfield to ask questions, and make comments.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to approve the reasons given.



- 2. Declarations of interest and dispensations Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items, in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct. The Parish Council may consider agreeing a dispensation, providing the request is put in writing and the dispensation is allowed on the grounds set out in s.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting To agree the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 13th May 2024 (Pages 1-4)
- 4. Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group
- 5. Planning applications for consideration (Page 5)
- 6. Planning decisions (none at time of print)
- 7. Recreation Ground Norton Hill
- 8. Recreation Ground Westhill
 Changing Rooms to note we are out to tender with a deadline of 28th June
 2024. Query on whether planning permission is required.
- 9. Waterside Valley Update on the meeting with Miriam Woolnough of Somer Valley Rediscovered 21/5/24 (Page 6)
- 10. HighwaysSpeed indicator devices verbal update
- 11. Events
 - D-Day 6th June 2024 at 2pm feedback
 - 30 Days Wild June verbal update
 - Love Parks week July/ August verbal update
- 12. B&NES Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation (Pages 7-17)

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.

- 13. Quotes
 - Footbridge (1) installation and (2) project management



Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 13th May 2024 commencing at 7pm.

Present:

Cllrs Diana Cooper (Chair), Kit Biggs, Geoff Fuller, Ron Hopkins

(Vice Chair) and Eleanor Jackson.

Also attending: Lesley Close, Parish Clerk, Tracey Stephens, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Cllrs James Cradock, Paul Millard, Pat Williams and Phil Wilkinson

1. Election of Chair

Cllr Jackson nominated Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hopkins seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Resolved: Cllr Cooper be elected Chair of the Environment and Development Committee 2024-25.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Fuller nominated Cllr Hopkins, Cllr Jackson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Resolved: Clir Hopkins be elected Vice Chair of the Environment and Development Committee 2024-25.

3. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cradock, Millard, Williams and Wilkinson.

4. Declarations of interest and dispensation

• Cllr Jackon declared an interest in item 6 – Neighbourhood Plan Working Group as a Director of RADCO.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th April were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Review working group

Cllr Hopkins and the Clerk reported on a meeting with B&NES Planning Officers that day. It was confirmed that the Housing Needs Survey carried out was suitable evidence to unlock the Local Plan Rural Exception Site Policy RA4 in Westfield.

Minutes subject to approval at the nex	t meeting.
Signed	Dated

Resolved: to approach a variety of Housing Associations to advise that B&NES Planners had confirmed that Housing Need in Westfield was such that it unlocked their Rural Exception Site Policy RA4 and suggesting that they consider submitting a planning

application on land east of the industrial estate accordingly.

7. Planning applications for consideration

There were no objections to the following applications:

24/01263/FUL	11A, Glebelands	Erection of garage to side elevation
24/01402/FUL	12 Longfellow Road	Erection of a single storey rear extension and pitched roof single garage following demolition of existing rear extension and conservatory

8. Planning Decisions

The planning decisions were noted.

9. Recreation Ground – Norton Hill

Tree roots at the football field – A quote was brought to committee for removal of tree roots from the football field as they were considered a hazard, making the pitch unplayable. It was pointed out that this would be a one off cost as the Ash trees are being cut down.

Resolved: to accept the quote from Greensward for £850 + VAT to remove the tree roots from the football ground.

10. Recreation Ground - Westhill

Changing Rooms – the question was raised about whether planning permission would be needed to convert the old skittle alley to changing rooms. Cllr Jackson to investigate.

The plans were circulated.

Resolved: (1) to include in the spec the making good of the pothole at the entrance to the car park; (2) to go out to tender with the final plans; (3) to talk with Radstock TC about their experience of obtaining a Levelling Up grant.

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11. Waterside Valley

A verbal update was given on a recent meeting with Miriam Woolnough of Somer Valley Rediscovered.

A letter from a resident of Waterford Park showing concern over the state of the overgrown hedge/trees in the Valley had been received. The resident had already been advised that the Parish Council is working with Somer Valley Rediscovered and getting professional advice on how best to proceed.

12. Highways

Speed indicator devices – verbal update.

Committee were advised that the signs had been ordered and things are moving along.

A letter had been received from a resident regarding motorbikes using the pathway between Lynton Road and Woodpecker Avenue, asking for some restrictions on the pathway. The resident had been advised that the Parish Council had done a survey last year. The majority response had meant that no further action was to be taken due to concern about accessibility. Cllr Hopkins advised that he thought he knew of a method that would mean motorbikes could not get through, but that accessibility for buggies and wheelchairs would be possible. Cllr Hopkins to investigate further.

13. Hanging basket and flag/Christmas tree poles weight testing -

Committee were advised that the work had been done on the brackets and flagpoles and all had now passed the weight test.

Concern was raised about a letter in the Journal from a resident who had complained to B&NES about the grass cutting in Westfield not being done and making Westfield very untidy. It was noted that some of the area around the shops/Wesley Road on the Wells Road was B&NES responsibility and some was CURO responsibility. Cllr Jackson had already contacted CURO to ask that the cut was done before the D-Day commemoration on 6th June.

Resolved: (1) to make a request to B&NES to see the cutting schedule.
(2) to send a letter to the Journal showing the Parish Council's concern about the same issue.

14. Events

D-Day - 6th June: an update was given - all plans are in place for this event.

30 Days Wild - June - an update was given of events and social media posts during this month.

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Love Parks Week July/Aug – an update was given of activities in the parks that week.

Resolved: to accept the quote of £50 an hour for Tai Chi during Love Parks Week.

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15. Quotes

Plates to commemorate the 1908 pit explosion on the Norton Hill Coal Truck planter

Resolved: to accept the quote of £672 plus VAT from Signefex for a plaque to commemorate the 1908 pit explosion on the Norton Hill Coal Truck planter.

Repair to water leak at the allotments at Waterford Park.

Resolved: to accept the quote of £750 plus VAT from Preston underground water services Ltd for excavation, repair of the leak and make good the area on completion.

The Social Media Policy for the Allotment Society was circulated and noted with no comments. Councillors thanked WAGS for advising Parish Council of the policy.

Footbridge at Waterside Valley.

A quote had been received to replace a footbridge at Waterside Valley.

Resolved: to bring back to the next meeting after investigating further options.

The meeting closed at 8:22pm

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Westfield Parish Council Planning Applications – JUNE 2024

Date	App No	Applicant	Location	Case Officer	Proposal	Response By
14/05/24	24/01760/FUL	M Ben Padfield	14 St Peter's Road	Danielle Milsom	Erection of one storey rear extension and loft conversion including installation of dormer.	04/06/24 – ext confirmed to 11 th June
21/05/2024	24/01862/OUT	Landex Properties Ltd	11 Cedar Terrace Angus Harris	Angus Harris	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of an attached two storey dwelling to the side of no.11 Cedar Terrace.	11 th June
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Indicates application received since agenda printed

Parish Clerk

From:

Parish Clerk

Sent:

21 May 2024 12:40

To:

Diana Cooper; Eleanor Jackson; Geoff Fuller; James Cradock; Kit Biggs; Pat Williams;

Paul Millard; Phil Wilkinson; Robin Moss; Ron Hopkins

Cc:

Deputy Clerk; Admin Assistant

Subject:

Update on Clerks' meeting with Somer Valley Rediscovered

The quarterly update meeting with the Clerks of Westfield, Radstock and MSN with Somer Valley Rediscovered (SVR) took place today. These are the highlights:

Habitat Management – an Autumn cut is scheduled with M&G. In the long term we hope to bale the arisings, but in this the first year the contractors will rake the arisings to a designated area and leave on site. Miriam at SVR to investigate the impact of this in advance.

Hedge Management – Emma at SVR is getting expert advice

Bristol and Avon Wildlife Trust (BART) Meeting – covered items such as coppicing along the river, wetland creation, boardwalks

Access Improvements – Andy King has been commissioned to write a spec

Volunteers – there are now 29 signed up volunteers. There are weekly workdays, scything planned for the anthill area of Waterside Valley, river detectives to study how the watercourse reacts to high and low flow etc, butterfly surveys.

Events – these are numerous and include singing walks, nature craft connection, tai chi, Go Jauntly walks. We discussed funding sources so that events can continue after the life of the SVR project comes to an end in March 2026.

Update to the masterplan – has been commissioned to include the new field and the BART plans.

Interpretation Boards – Jess at SVR is putting together a spec and we highlighted simplicity, space for event posters, possibly working with the Miners Welfare Trust, maps, lectern style for accessibility.

Best wishes,

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Sent:

21 May 2024 12:20

To:

Council

Subject:

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) Consultation

Attachments:

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PSPO MSN Map.pdf

Dear Westfield Parish Council,

Bath & North East Somerset Council will be launching consultation on two proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in our area. The existing PSPOs will expire in September 2024, and we are informing you of our intention to consult on renewing them for 3 years. The consultation is due to go live on the 28th of May 2024. **We will be sending consultation feedback forms in due course.**

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area (a public space or place) that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone.

In summary, the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order would:

Prohibit people from having alcohol in their possession, care or control in any Public Place within the City of Bath and Midsomer Norton Town Centre (called the "Restricted Area" – the area within the red lines on the enclosed map) where they are or have been consuming alcohol, or intend to consume alcohol, in that area.

It would not be a criminal offence to drink alcohol in this area, but it would be an offence, without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with a request by an Authorised Officer (e.g. a Police officer) to cease drinking or surrender alcohol. A person guilty of such an offence would be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000.

Public Places are defined in the legislation as those to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission. This means the proposed PSPO would include car parks to which the public have access and public parks as well as other public spaces such as streets.

A draft Order and map are enclosed.

The Test: In order to make a Public Spaces Protection Order is that the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

- (a) the consumption of alcohol ("the Activity") carried on in a Public Place within the authority's area has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- (b) it is likely that the Activity will be carried on in a Public Place within that area and that it will have such an effect.

The Council is further satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the Activity -

- (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the Activity unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

Draft Public Spaces Protection Order for Consultation - Bath City

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 (PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2014

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL (PROHIBITION ON THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL) PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (BATH CITY NO.1 OF 2024)) ("The Order")

Notice is hereby given that Bath and North East Somerset Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers and being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") are met, makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order ("PSPO") in relation to the Public Places in Bath City as shown outlined in red in the Schedule ("the Restricted Area") to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the Bath and North East Somerset Council (Prohibition on the Consumption of Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order (Bath City No.1 of 2024)) and comes into force on [17th September 2024]. This Order will have effect for a period of 3 years, until [17th September 2027].

Pursuant to section 74(1) of the Act Public Place is defined as "any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission". The plural of Public Place namely "Public Places" has the same definition.

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For the purposes of the following prohibitions and requirements an "Authorised Officer" is any Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer, or person authorised for the purposes of the Act by the Council.

The following prohibitions and requirements apply to all persons at all times unless one of the Exceptions applies.

Therefore, having consulted as required by section 72, the Council under section 59(4) **prohibits:**

(1)

- a) Any person from having in their possession, care or control in any Public Place within the Restricted Area alcohol where that person
 - i. is or has been consuming alcohol in any Public Place in the Restricted Area, or
 - ii. intends to consume alcohol in any Public Place in the Restricted
 Area

And requires:

(2)

- a) Any person not to consume in any Public Place within the Restricted Area, in breach of the Order, alcohol or anything which the Authorised Officer reasonably believes to be alcohol.
- b) Any person to surrender to an Authorised Officer on request anything in their possession which is, or which the Authorised Officer reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol. An Authorised Officer may dispose of

anything surrendered under (2)(b) in whatever way he or she thinks appropriate.

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, where an Authorised Officer requires that a person complies with 2(a) or (b) or both and the person fails to do so without reasonable excuse, that person shall be committing a criminal offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Pursuant to section 68 of the Act an Authorised Officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 63 in relation to this Order.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER

Section 62 Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Premises etc to which alcohol prohibition does not apply

- (1) A prohibition in a public spaces protection order on consuming alcohol does not apply to—
 - (a) premises (other than council-operated licensed premises) authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol;
 - (b) premises authorised by a club premises certificate to be used by the club for the supply of alcohol;
 - (c) a place within the curtilage of premises within paragraph (a) or (b);
 - (d) premises which by virtue of Part 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 may at the relevant time be used for the supply of alcohol or which, by virtue of that Part, could have been so used within the 30 minutes before that time:
 - (e) a place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol are at the relevant time permitted by virtue of a permission granted under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980 (highway-related uses).

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(3)	In this	s section—
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	"prei	mises licence" has the meaning given by section 11 of that Act;
	"sup	ply of alcohol" has the meaning given by section 14 of that Act.
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Draft Public Spaces Protection Order for Consultation - Midsomer Norton

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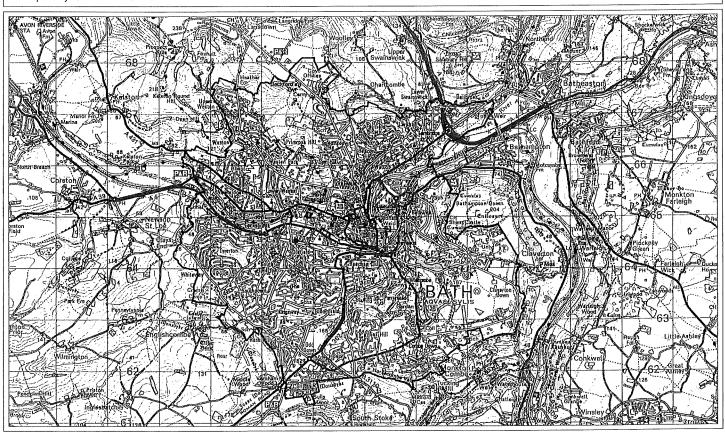
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(4) For the purposes of this section, premises are "council-operated licensed premises" if they are authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol and—
(a). the licence is held by a local authority in whose area the premises (or part of the premises) are situated, or
(b) the licence is held by another person, but the premises are occupied by a local authority or are managed by or on behalf of a local authority.
Signature
Print Name
SCHEDULE - proposed restricted area - SEE MAP

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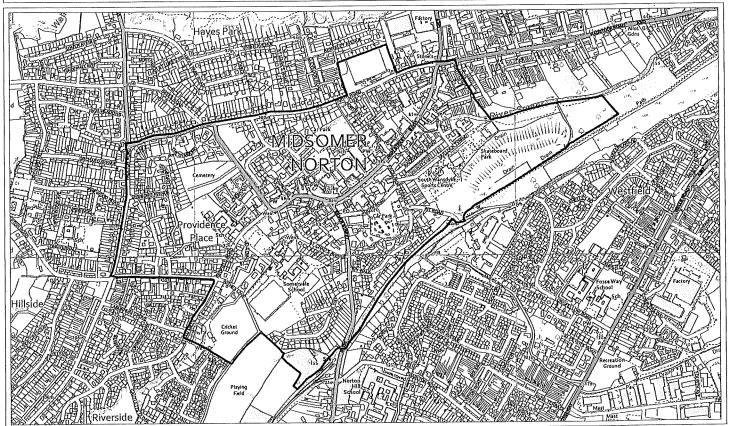
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