

**Westfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Environment and Development Committee Meeting held in the boardroom at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 commencing at 7pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Diana Cooper (Chair), Geoff Fuller, Eleanor Jackson, Paul Millard and Phil Wilkinson

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

**Absent:** Cllrs Kit Biggs, Pat Williams and Ron Hopkins

**70. Apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Biggs and Williams and accepted.

**71. Declarations of interest and dispensation**

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in agenda item 5 as she is on the B&NES Planning Committee.

**72. Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**73. Neighbourhood Plan Review working group**

It was noted that the first draft of the updated Neighbourhood Plan has been written and is with Cllrs Hopkins and Wilkinson for review.

**74. Planning applications for consideration**

There were no objections to the following application:

24/03799/FUL	Ashgrove Motors, Elm Terrace	Change of use from sui generis to funeral directors premises (Use Class E) including minor alterations to the elevations
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Cllrs asked for more information on the below planning application, specifically why the tree has been requested to be removed.

**Resolved:** To request additional information from the planning officer.

24/04098/TCA	Mandeville, Wells Road	T1 removal of Silver Birch to ground level
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**75. Planning Decisions**

The planning decisions were noted.

**76. Recreation Grounds Norton Hill**

**Legionella at the Pavilion** – disinfection of the system had taken place following plumbing works as advised and new samples had been taken. The results are due by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**77. Recreation Grounds Westhill**

**Changing rooms** – The meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November with the Architect was noted.

**78. Waterside Valley**

Cllrs reviewed seating options for the valley which is to be funded by Somer Valley Rediscovered.

**Resolved:** To advise Somer Valley Rediscovered of the preferred options.

- a. 7 x recycled plastic seats from Whitehill Direct, with a back and 195cm in width (cost £549 each).
- b. 3 x Recycled plastic picnic bench at a cost of £749.

**79. Highways**

Minutes of a meeting with Cllrs, Police and Crime Commissioner Clare Moody, Inspector Stuart King and PC George Simpson were circulated and noted.

**80. Events**

**Christmas lights** – It was reported that planning was on track for the event.

**Christmas home decorations** – The event had been publicised in the Warbler and will be shared on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

**Grants presentation evening** – It was reported that planning is on track for the event. All grant recipients and In Bloom winners had been invited.

**81. Consultation on Midsomer Norton regeneration plan**

The email from B&NES outlining the Masterplan was discussed. B&NES officers had offered to give a presentation on the regeneration plan.

**Resolved:**

- (1) To accept the offer of a presentation
- (2) To share promotional information via our website and social media

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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.

**82. Quotes**

- ***Step at the bridge at Waterside Valley (Radstock side)***

**Resolved –**

- (1) to request that Radstock Town Council make a contribution to costs relating to the supply and installation of a step
- (2) to ask volunteer group TCV if they have the capability to assist in installing a step

The meeting closed at 20:05

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