

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING **HELD ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2016** **AT 7 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND**

PRESENT: Mrs Fisher (Chairman - Westonzoyland Parish Council) Messrs Alder, Mrs Ballard, Evans, Ms Perry and Spurrell

County Cllr Mr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present

APOLOGIES: Messrs Burge, Carson and Griffiths

Four Parishioner were in attendance.

The Meeting was chaired by Mrs Fisher (Chairman of Westonzoyland Parish Council)

01 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2015 had been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

02 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

03 Westonzoyland Parish Housing Need Assessment 2016

Esther Carter, who had attended a previous meeting of the Parish Council prior to the survey, was unable to be present but had offered to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. In the meantime the Clerk presented the final report which had been circulated to all members drawing attention to the factors which had contributed to the assessment of affordable housing need in Westonzoyland and the key findings. The assessment showed an affordable housing need of some 24 homes, 20 x affordable rented and 4 x affordable home ownership. In context it was noted that at September 2015 there were a total of 38 families expressly looking for an affordable home in Westonzoyland or were looking for a home elsewhere but had a connection with Westonzoyland registered with the Authority on the Home Finders Somerset CBL Register. A number of the 38 had failed to respond to individual notification of the housing needs assessment and therefore only HNA responses had been used to inform the conclusions of the report. The Clerk explained the relationship of the assessment to Planning Policy and to the continuing Local Plan Consultation and review of the Council's Core Strategy which identified Westonzoyland as a Tier 3 settlement. With the process of the consultation on the Local Plan this indicated a continuing search for pockets of land to develop which local people could support and which might assist the housing need assessment. Notwithstanding general areas identified in the Core Strategy review the Parish Council supported the need for additional affordable housing and this was supported further by the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Esther Carter be invited to the next Parish Council meeting and any ideas for land availability be brought forward to that meeting.

04 Chairman's Report and Resume 2015/16

Mrs Fisher had prepared a report on the activities of the Council during the preceding year. This was her sixth year in the office of Chairman.

She emphasised this was purely a resume and did not cover everything which had been carried out by the Parish Council which was fully reflected in the minutes of the regular meetings. The members of the Parish Council continued to take an interest in all issues affecting the whole community and endeavoured by whatever means possible to keep residents fully informed.

In particular she mentioned the work of the Councillors, the Clerk, and the Ward Members at District and County level. She regretted the loss of Helen Whitehead PCSO and that the new arrangements had not brought regular attendance to Parish Council meetings. She also thanked Ian Moore, for his work in the cemetery, footpaths and playing area. In addition she mentioned the flood relief works, the involvement in Zoyfest 500 and the congratulations of the village for those involved. Two benches remained to be installed. She also reminded the meeting that the Parish website was up and running and a valuable source of information.

05 Public Issues

No questions were raised by members of the public present.

The Meeting finished at 7.25 pm

Signed;
Chairman