

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 08 AUGUST 2022 AT 7.30 PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

- PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Mrs Parfitt, Ms Perry (co-opted), Mr Pearce and Mr Spurrell
- ALSO PRESENT:** County Unitary Councillor Rodrigues (Somerset County Council) and Councillor Ms Perry (Sedgemoor District Council)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Julia Bicker, County Unitary Councillor Andy Dingwall, and District Councillor Anthony Betty

30/22 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 June 2022

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 June 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

31/22 Matters Arising - Co-option (Min 18/22)

The Clerk explained the process which had been followed and the current position with three vacancies.

Resolved:

1. That Ms Liz Perry (former member and District Councillor) be co-opted; and
2. that Andy Dingwall (Village resident and County Councillor and regular attendee) be invited to accept co-option; and
3. that Mr David Chetwynd (member of the public in attendance) be invited to accept co-option to the final vacancy.

32/22 Cycling Initiatives - Westonzoyland to Bridgwater Link

The Parish Council received a brief presentation from Mr Gary Perrett, of the Bridgwater Area Cycling Campaign, on their general work in Bridgwater and parishes in and around the Town, and the pressure to improve cycling links between Westonzoyland and Bridgwater. Solutions were under discussion, partly arriving on the back of the recent solar farms application and now examining solutions with a Feasibility Study being undertaken by Sustrans, focussed on Ruggs Drove to River Lane and Bullhorn to Ruggs, being taken forward with the support of Somerset County Council. Plans were in hand to meet and the Parish Council would be given the opportunity to examine the Feasibility Study with the aims of encouraging local land owners and other parishes. The Westonzoyland Area Cycling Campaign offered to supply a copy of the Active Travel report when this became available.

Resolved: That both the Bridgwater Area Cycling Campaign and the Westonzoyland Area Cycling Campaign be thanked for their contributions and interest, and the Parish Council formally review their position when detail of the Feasibility Study and proposals become available.

33/22 Traffic Matters, Speeding, 20 mph Limits and Village Entry and Speeds Signs (APPM Min 05 and Min 19/22) and Report from SCC Highways following Meeting in Village Assessing Locations

The Clerk reported on all the matters covered in the follow-up report and the progress being made in relation to Village entry signs, locations for SID posts, replacement of brown tourist signs, repair of damage to existing signage on A372, double yellow lines at the junctions of Church Lane/A372, finger-post

maintenance, and the implementation of 20 mph signage in and around the school, and adjacent roads. Further contact had also been made with Towns on the management of vehicles through the Village.

Towns had also offered to sponsor SIDs and finance may be available from police grants to manage speeding. The County Council would also finance the Village entry signs.

Resolved:

1. That the implementation of the 20mph signage around the school, promised by the end of the financial year, be welcomed; and
2. that the Council proceed with the Village entry signs offered by Somerset County Council, agree the new locations for the SID posts, and support all other matters including the proposed double yellow lines at the junctions of Church Lane and the A372 Main Road, and that all other matters covered in the report be followed through to finalisation; and
3. that Katherine Tyson, Traffic Engineer, be thanked for her attention to the projects.

34/22 Footpath Issues (Min 9/22ii) and Route 36/6-36/7

The previous Minute had placed reference to BW36 etc on the back-burner and members now noted action being pursued because of the unacceptable state of the route identified as 36/6-36/7.

35/22 Ward Member Reports

- i. District Councillor Liz Perry - the Council were updated on grants and project grants both individual and for organisations, available through Sedgemoor District Council;
- ii. County Councillor Diogo Rodrigues - Councillor Rodrigues gave an update on response to Climate Emergency bringing both land management and economical declarations and offered to circulate details. He also updated on the Local Government Reorganisation, where progress although significant, was not as quick as had been hoped, and noted that the LCNs planned would be fully financed by the County.

36/22 Police/PCSO Report - none received

Resolved: That the proposed Village Surgery to be held at the Village Hall on 13.10.22 be welcomed and early notice given to members of the public.

37/22 Audit of Accounts 2021/22, Year End and Governance and Internal Audit

The AGAR submission had been completed and outcome was awaited from external audit.

38/22 Play Area RoSPA Safety Inspection and Equipment Update - Repair of Safety Surfacing, Zip Wire and Spinner

The works to the zip wire and spinner had been commissioned and the deposit for the works paid.

39/22 Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements, and Other Matters

Reports were received on all applications outstanding and other issues raised.

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| 53/22/00011 | Hutchings and Son - Erection of an agricultural building on land at Westonzoyland Airfield - submission made raising no objection subject to condition permitting use for agricultural purposes only |
| 53/21/00004 | Durston Products, Airfield Runway, Folly Farm - storage and blending of horticultural growing media (awaiting decision) - further representations on continuing activities. |

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| | Solar Farms, Westonzoyland, Dunwear and Chedzoy (further update awaited from Councillor Betty) |
| 53/20/00023 | Planning consent for two dwellings at 27 Fore Street - Clerk report on representations from Hamrod Lane property reference access to building site. Issues understood to be still awaiting resolution, despite letter from Somerset Highways. |

40/22 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Receipts

Resolved: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid, contained in the Clerks Report dated 01.08.22, be noted and approved, together with the bank statements and reconciliation, and income received.

41/22 Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: That the items recorded in the Report dated 01.08.22 and notified, be noted and actioned where appropriate.

1. Somerset Waste Partnership - monthly reports
2. Security Review of Website - response awaited
3. Battle Boards and Visits - to be followed up, still outstanding
4. Somerset Rivers Authority Annual Report 2021/22
5. WAGs - Notaro Agreement (5 years) - new lease completed, signed and returned for completion (£1000 payment for year 1 from WAGs received)
6. Somerset Carers - part of CCS - noted Village Agents no more - Chairman to follow up with ACRE on information to be supplied
7. T&PC Working Group Meeting Notes 03.08.22 - LGR Programme Update and LCN Update - circulated
8. Public Health Update - circulated
9. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

(Note by Clerk: during consideration of the issues raised in Mins 32/22 and 33/22, the Chairman briefly adjourned the meeting to enable interested members of the public to contribute to the discussion.)

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Signed
Chairman