

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Alder, Mrs Ballard, Evans, and Spurrell

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Carson and Griffiths

16/16 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16/05/16 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17/16 Matters Arising

i. **Trees at Recreation Ground and Entrance to Village Hall Car Park (Min 04/16ii)** - the Clerk reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had agreed the course of action proposed by the Parish Council and to share equally the cost of removal of the three trees. A further quotation had been obtained in the sum of £2,700 and was recommended for acceptance. Attention had been drawn to a fourth tree outside the fencing of the Village Hall and next to "Stoke's" bungalow. A request had been made to assess the safety of this tree. Reference was also made to County Cllr Hall to investigate responsibility - the tree being sited on the highway verge.

RESOLVED:

1. That the action take in respect of the fourth tree, and to be followed up, be noted;

2. that the quotation in the sum of £2,700 from Somerset Tree Services be accepted and the work put in hand for later in the year.

ii. **Speeding into Village (Min 15/16.1)** - the editor was requested to incorporate into the Parish Magazine interest in establishing a speed watch team similar to that which had been in place in the past. Bawdrip had equipment which had been offered and it was confirmed that regular checks a couple of times a month were undertaken by the police, presumably as an outcome of the SID results. County Cllr Hall offered to make further enquiries of the County Council as to options that might be available and to explore any finance available from a revitalisation of the small improvement scheme. Options would be reported.

iii. **Older Children's Play Area - Zip Wire Beam (Min 05/16)** - The replacement of the zip wire beam and wire was awaited from the Sovereign Company.

18/16 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held On 16/05/16**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16/05/16 be noted and in particular the points raised in relation to Westonzoyland Parish Housing Needs Assessment 2016 (Min 03).

19/16 **Housing Needs Follow-Up and Local Plan Review Update - Affordable Housing Project**

Esther Carter gave a brief update following the Report which had been presented on her behalf to the Annual Parish Meeting. She explained the various steps to be taken in the light of the survey and housing needs identified and the exercise in seeking out suitable sites and their being secured for affordable housing. Three criteria were essential in terms of ownership and availability, planning success and accessibility for funding which was now aimed principally at shared ownership.

Members at the Annual Meeting had expressed their support for additional affordable housing provision and members agreed to examine various sites and to refer back to Esther Carter so that the various steps could be followed through. Esther explained the position with various sites which had been identified through the Local Plan and Core Strategy process.

RESOLVED: That members meet independently on Monday 11/07/16 and review availability of sites in the village with a view to further proposals being considered at the Parish Council Meeting on 15/08/16.

20/16 **County and District Councillor Ward Reports**

County Cllr David Hall explained that in the light of the Referendum result and Governmental situation, progress on possible devolution measures to the South West were on hold. HPC continued to await the final investment decision although statements notwithstanding Brexit had been quite positive. The Autumn Statement had been expected to include the Somerset River Authority precepting bill but it was likely this may be delayed although the principle still held good. He gave an update on the connecting Devon and Somerset broadband roll out.

Cllr Alder outlined a bid for housing money some £44m which was being worked up by Sedgemoor together with North Somerset and Taunton Deane.

21/16 **Police and PCSO Report**

No Officers were in attendance and the Clerk would pursue this with Inspector Pritchard, Lead Community Policing Officer.

22/16 **Village Agent Report**

No report was forthcoming although the Clerk confirmed that papers for the meeting and information circulated to the Parish Council was invariably shared with the Village Agent.

23/16 **SDC Parish Cluster Arrangements Review and Proposals for Change**

The Parish Council took note of the proposed changes noting those parishes with which Westonzoyland would now be grouped. This was generally preferred save for the exclusion of Bridgwater Without which formed part of the King's Isle constituency for District members, in the main.

24/16 **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement (Min 11/16)**

53/16/10 Erection of single storey extensions to North and West elevations at workshop building for repair of agricultural vehicles to form converted tractor storage area planned (2) at Weston Court Farm, Main Road - **Resolved:** that no objection be raised whilst expressing surprise that work on the workshop, including roof timbers, has gone ahead prior to the grant of Planning Permission and Planning Officers be requested to take particular note of the expanse of roof which will result, viewed from the North West.

53/16/11 Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of Land within the residential curtilage of adjoining South of 2 St Mary's Road - **Resolved:** that no objection be raised.

25/16 **Audit of Accounts 2015/16**

The Clerk reported that the Accounts had been completed for audit and necessary actions would be taken in accordance with the decisions at Min 09/16 of the previous meeting. No issues had been raised by Internal Audit.

26/16 **Battlefield Site**

Members were informed of planned actions to improve the Battlefield Site with a replacement gate, new railings and a general tidying up prior to the anniversary of the battle.

RESOLVED: That this work proceed as advised.

27/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) contained in the Clerk's Report dated 20/06/16 and the income be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation.

28/16 **North Petherton Council - Application for Neighbourhood Area Status for Parish Planning**

The application was noted.

29/16 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the Report dated 20/06/16 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Parish Magazine - June 2016
2. TRO Church Lane
3. TRO Liney Road
4. Speeding SID results
5. SCC Listening, Learning, Changing
6. Centenary Fields
7. SDC Conference - Loneliness and Isolation - report by Chairman noting suggestion of role for Village Agent
8. Notaro Allotment Agreement and WAGS Agreement Renewal
9. National Salary Award - 1% - agreed
10. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

30/16 **Additional Items**

1. Welcome Packs for New Villagers - members considered this a very worthwhile suggestion but had no single source of information on those coming into the village.

2. Village Hall/Recreation Field Fencing (play areas) - it was understood that the cost of some £1,200 - £1,400 would be involved which had been provided within estimates. **Resolved:** to proceed

The meeting finished at 8.32 pm

Signed;
Chairman