

# **WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL** **HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM** **AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Carson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Ballard, Evans, and Spurrell

County Cllr David Hall was also present

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Alder, Burge, Griffiths and Ms Perry,

### **86/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18/01/16 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **87/15 Matters Arising**

i. **Lloyds Bank Accounts - Mandate (Min 72/15i)** - confirmation had been received that the mandate with the new cheque signatories had now been completed and each of the new signatories were required to complete a further form of personal details for record purposes. These were issued.

### **88/15 County and District Councillor Ward Reports**

County Cllr David Hall gave an update on the County Council budget position and remarked on the issue of the precept by the District Council for 2016/17 which included a small percentage towards funding of the Somerset Rivers' Authority.

He remarked upon the continuing EDF/HPC saga and expectations for the FID later in the year. He also commented on the works going forward through the Environment Agency and the Somerset Rivers Authority in relation to the Sowy and KSD and consultations on the siting of a River Parrett tidal surge barrier. Broadband continued to be rolled out. In addition the County highway works continued actively benefiting from savings through the better winter weather.

In closing it was noted that works had been carried out in Liney Road and it was understood that this drainage problem had now been resolved. Both Cllr Hall and the Clerk would check this out with Laurence Hackling of Somerset Highways.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Alder, in giving his apologies, had referred briefly to the pursuit of works to trees in Sycamore Close and Woodland Avenue by Sedgemoor District Council and to examination of trees at the Community Centre where significant disease had been found upon inspection. The affected trees were understood to be those by the gate at the school end and one by the main gate. It was intended to follow this up and it would require liaison with the Village Hall Management Committee to judge how

the necessary works which could include removal would be funded.

**89/15**

### **Somerset Levels and Moors 20 Year Flood Action Plan**

The Clerk reported on the open event held at Othery where information had been presented on the Somerset Rivers Authority proposed enhancement of the River Sowy and the KSD. Several members and representatives from the village had attended. It was noted how this would operate in relation to the trigger points. The Clerk also reported on attendance at an Environment Agency presentation in relation to the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier and examination of seven potential sites. It was the intention through consultation to reduce this list to four upon which further assessment and detail would be judged based on cost, impact potential and maximum benefit bearing in mind that the plan required the scheme to be completed by 2024. Although examination would continue this could well mean that a separate bridge crossing may be required in the future or alongside rather than incorporation within the tidal barrier proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That this be noted and continuing updates requested.

**90/15**

### **Police and PCSO Report**

No Officers were in attendance although the Clerk had been in contact with PCSO Dan Wheller, who was now part of this beat, and who had agreed to attend if any issues arose.

**91/15**

### **Village Agent Report**

Kate Symonds had confirmed that new bus timetables for Webber bus route 34 would be available by the end of the month. This incorporated the desired route between Bridgwater and Yeovil via the "Zoys".

**92/15**

### **Parish Council Website**

The Clerk confirmed that following improvements by Somerset Web Services, the Parish Council Website had been transferred to a new platform at no additional cost.

**93/15**

### **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement (Min 80/15)**

- 53/15/22 Residential development and formation of accesses to proposed development and existing dwelling (outline) - land at 1 Broadstone - **Resolved:** That no objection be raised provided dwellings are maximum two storey and developed in such a way to prevent overlooking of existing properties.
- 53/16/01 Erection of detached garage - Moorcroft 19 School Road - **Resolved:** That no objection be raised.
- 53/16/02 Retention of change of use of agricultural building to commercial vehicle workshop storage building on land to north of Manor Farm - **Resolved:** That no objection be raised.

**94/15**

**Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and to be paid as contained in the Clerks Report dated 07/03/16 and the income be noted and approved; and
2. that the Section 137 amount for 2016/17 at £7.42 per elector be noted (*note by Clerk: to be based on 1414 @ 1/4/16*).

**95/15**

**Publications and Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** That the items recorded in the Report dated 07/03/16 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Parish Magazine - February and March 2016
2. Lloyds Bank Accounts - updates
3. SRA/EA Sowy - KSD drop in information
4. SRA/EA River Parrett Tidal Surge Barrier
5. The Stream - SRA progress update January 2016
6. SL&M - case study on community resilience
7. HMRC electronic payment advice - referred to SDC for payroll
8. Policy RLT2 & 3 - funds update March 2016
9. HM the Queen 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Medals
10. SLCC Exec Minutes 04/03/16
11. SLCC Finger Posts - check cost of replacement
12. TROs Temporary Closure of Church Lane and Chilton Polden Hill and Fowlers Plot Road
13. Local Plan Consultation Programme Update
14. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

**96/15**

**Additional Items**

1. Fencing at Village Hall - wooden fencing had been replaced on part of the length alongside Cheer Lane. Members agreed to take a view on this and inform the Chairman with a view to similar being provided on the length between the gates together with appropriate fencing alongside the play areas.
2. Parish Magazine - Peter Evans gave notice of his taking over as Editor of the Parish Magazine and invited articles and information for inclusion from any contributor.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm

Signed:  
Chairman