

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Ms Bicker, Mr Evans (late arrival), Mr Griffiths, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Pearce, Ms Perry and Mr Spurrell County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) and District Cllr Anthony Betty were also present

17/19 Declaration of Interest - District Cllr Ms Perry

Ms Perry advised that she had been elected a member of the Development Committee of SDC and as such would take no part in any proceedings of the Parish Council which involved planning applications or matters which might go before the Development Committee.

18/19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13/05/19 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19/19 Matters Arising

i. **Towens Site, Springway (Application 1/53/18/12) SCC Regulation Committee (Min 06/19ii)** - following up the previous minute, the Clerk advised that the application had not been submitted to the County Regulation Committee on the 13/06/19 and that it was now expected that it would be submitted to the July meeting. Confirmation and details of the report to the Committee were awaited. The Clerk would make arrangements with Ms Perry for Parish Council representation at the meeting.

(The Chairman declared an interest in this application, with ownership of adjacent land)

ii **Play Area - New Equipment DDA Roundabout and Painting (Min 06/19ii)** - the Clerk confirmed that painting of the existing equipment had been completed and enquiries continued to source a DDA roundabout. Enquiries would continue given the high costs which had initially been indicated.

Resolved: That the invoice for repainting in the sum of £650 be paid and options be pursued for provision of a DDA roundabout.

20/19 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13/05/19 and Matters Arising (Min 04 and APC Min 06/19vi)

Traffic matters, speeding and representations to Highway Authority and Police and speed signs.

Resolved: That the response from the Police be noted, the Parish Council continue to press for action and to support the representations by Michael Tucker and follow up the quest for speed signs in the Village.

21/19

County and District Ward Member Reports

County Cllr David Hall highlighted the return of a Health and Wellbeing budget for County Cllrs with applications opening in September, with up to £2k available. Members would consider options. Cllr Hall also explained the position with the Somerset Rivers Authority and the Private Members Bill in Parliament, confirming also that he had been elected Chairman of the SRA. Members congratulated David. He also commented on the River Dredging Consultation. In addition he commented on the financial position of the County Council with the saving of £6 million, revamping of gritting routes and the coming into use of the jetty at HPC. Local Authorities meetings in relation to new nuclear had moved from this area to Sizewell and soon to Cumbria.

District Cllr Perry confirmed the appointment of Peter Clayton as Chairman of SDC and the appointment of Alan Bradford as Vice-Chairman. She advised the Drainage Board were also monitoring proposals for dredging of the Parrett from Oath to Burrowbridge.

22/19

Defibrillator(s) (Min 06/19v)

It appeared that agreement had now been forthcoming for provision of a defibrillator at the shops and at the Village Hall. Members noted the information provided from Middlezoy Parish Council but considered that effective registration with the Ambulance Service should overcome any issues and this would be followed up. Consideration was given to training and to nomination of First Responders.

Resolved: That the Clerk take the action necessary to proceed with the provision of the two units including the defibrillators, electrical connection and registration.

23/19

Audit of Accounts 2018/19, Year End and Governance and Internal Audit

Resolved: That the action in pursuance of the resolution to Min 09/19 be noted and as a consequence of the income and expenditure in year both being less than £25k, an exemption certificate be submitted.

24/19

Grant Applications

Resolved: That the applications received for 2019/20 from Music on the Levels and Sedgemoor CAB be both approved in the sum of £100 each.

25/19

Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements and Other Matters

Reports were received for information on applications 53/18/06 and /20, Weston Court Farm, where planning permission for the high level roof-lights had been granted and enforcement action discontinued.

- 53/19/10 Retrospective applications for stockpiling of chippings etc, former Go-kart Track, Airfield, for Sedgemoor Karting - previous decision to be followed up in light of ongoing activity on site, including evidence of washing of chippings, occupation of accommodation without the grant of planning consent.
- 53/19/05 Erection of agricultural workers dwelling, Middle Farm, Andersea - no objection subject to confirmation of full agricultural justification for dwelling.
- 53/19/13 Revised plans for extension at 4 Main Rd - no objection.
- 53/19/15 Tree works at 1 Grays Avenue - no objection subject to tree specialist advice.
- 53/19/16 Building to store vintage vehicles at 2 Liney Rd - no objection.
- 53/19/18 Extension and alterations to conservatory at 2 Oakley Close - no objection.
- 53/19/20 Tree works at The Vicarage, Church Lane - no objection subject to tree specialist advice.
- 53/19/17 Approval of reserve matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at 59 Liney Road - no objection.
- 53/19/19 Erection of dwelling with attached annex at Southlands, 10A School Rd - objection based on visual dominance and overbearing nature of proposed dwelling likely to impact on privacy with overlooking of other properties on the boundary at a lower ground level, style of new build out of keeping with traditional and existing village properties and likely additional vehicle movements to and from the property based on provision of garage and car parking spaces shown via private access with restricted exit onto public highway.

(Cllr Ms Perry took no part and left the room during consideration of applications contained in Min 25/19)

26/19

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 17/06/19, and payments to LV Ingram and Sons £650, and Mr Ian Moore £1,790, and the income be noted and approved, together with the bank statements and reconciliation.

27/19

Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: That the items recorded in the report dated 17/06/19 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. SWS Website Report - May 2019
2. SWP Waste Briefing - May 2019
3. Social Enterprise Programme Enhancement
4. ALCC Salary Scales
5. Auto Speed Watch (as Village Traffic Matters)
6. LTN21 - Local Councils help to Village Halls
7. ICO - Data Protection Fee - to be registered and paid
8. ANS Police - newsletter Spring 2019 (circulated)
9. Recreational Field - fairground interest further enquiry - Chairman to take up with Village Hall Committee again
10. St Margarets Hospice Care - Somerset Gardens 2019
11. Wessex Commercial Cleaning
12. SDC Planning Seminars 18/07/19 and 30/07/19 - Liz Parfitt to attend on 18/07/19
13. Somerset CC - Annual Civic Service Invite
14. SLCC Branch Meeting
15. SDC Rural Housing Week Briefing - cancellation
16. Somerset Spark - volunteering
17. Sedgemoor Battlefield Tour - Wednesday 03/07/19
18. Financial Services Compensation Scheme
19. SLCC - Code of Conduct Training - Cllr Essentials - Chairman to attend at Somerton
20. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

28/19

Additional Items

1. Church Hall - proposed closure - confirmation no bookings beyond 20/07/19 and letter of advice issued by Vicar to be circulated.
2. Fire Brigade - service delivery operating model proposals - to monitor proposed consultation and possible impact on nearest Fire Station at Bridgwater.
3. Safer Together Programme
4. Village Photos - to be followed up by individuals to the Clerk and to the website.
5. Tree overhanging Highway on Property on Corner of School Rd - to be followed up with occupiers of 11 School Rd.

29/19

Confidential Item - to be taken in the absence of public and press

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of business recorded in Min 30/19 on the grounds that this would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 1 of the Local Government Act 1972

30/19

Clerk to the Westonzoyland Parish Council - Remuneration Salary Grade and Hours

The Council reviewed the Clerk's service and conditions and

Resolved: That with effect from 01/07/19 the Clerk's terms and conditions of employment be increased from 6 to 10 hours per week, placed on the salary scales LC1 (14-17) above substantive range (commencing at £11.67 per hour)

(The Clerk left the room during consideration of this item)

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm

Signed;
Chairman