

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 15 MAY 2023 AT 7.30 PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Mr Alder, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dingwall, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Parfitt, and Mr Pearce

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ms Bicker, Ms Perry and Mr Spurrell and County Unitary Councillor Rodrigues

01/23 Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Mrs Fisher be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for 2023/24.

02/23 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Resolved: That Ms Bicker be invited to accept the appointment of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for 2023/24 (to be ratified at the next meeting of the Parish Council).

03/23 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 06 March 2023

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 06 March 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

04/23 Matters Arising

i. Security Review of Website and Re-Build (Min 89/22.1.) - The Clerk confirmed that this had now been undertaken.

Resolved: That the revisions be reviewed and SWS be invited to ensure the headings reflect the Review.

ii. Meeting with Messrs Towens Representative and SIDs Acquisition (Min 89/22.2. and 90/22) - The Clerk confirmed that the three SIDs were now in position and fully in use. Andy Dingwall gave an update on the data which had so far come forward illustrating the numbers of vehicles in and out of the Village, in the region of 160,000-180,000, and that some 94% were showing under the 30 mile limit. The erection of an additional pole between the chevrons on the entry to the Village from Bridgwater had been contracted and was awaited. The Police Fund Application had been obtained to secure grant for the fourth SID, which on experience so far would be solar. Discussion also took place on impacts through the Village, including the 20 mile limits around the school.

iii. Recreation Ground - Sports Standby Building (Min 95/22) - Agreement had been reached between Middlezoy Rovers FC and the Westonzoyland Carnival Club on future arrangements for the use of the Standby Building and a copy of the Draft Agreement was available.

Resolved:

1. That this be agreed and accepted, and signatures attached to the document from each of the parties;
2. Chairman to confirm the Westonzoyland Brownies' Acceptance;
3. That the Parish Council agree to the consideration of solar panels on the Standby in due course.

05/23 Ward Member Reports

Councillor Dingwall gave an update on LGR items including Working Groups, salary contracts update, Statement of Community Involvement, and consultation in relation to LCNs. Attendance of Councillor Dingwall, and the Chairman and Clerk, had been confirmed for the LCN Levels and Moors Meeting on 22.05.23 to review participants and to examine possible priorities and working arrangements.

Councillor Dingwall also commented on the arrangements for school places at Westonzoyland and the piloting of “soft” recycling through Somerset Waste.

06/23 Police/PCSO Report

The Clerk had attended a recent Forum at Bridgwater and reports had been circulated. No further information was forthcoming at this time.

07/23 Notice of Audit 2022/23 and Engagement of Internal Auditor

Resolved:

1. That the Notice of Audit, with requirement for deadline for submission of 03.07.23 be noted;
2. That Mrs Geraldine O’Loughlin be engaged to complete the Audit as in recent years.

08/23 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Receipts

Resolved:

1. That the Accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid contained in the Clerk’s Report dated 08.05.23, be noted and approved, together with the bank statements and reconciliation and income received;
2. That the Clerk’s salary payments, on a monthly basis with April being the first month of the new system, and payments to Mrs Fiona Tuck, be confirmed.

09/23 Appointments 2023/24

1. Planning Sub-Committee (5) - Chairman and Vice Chairman together with three other members;
2. SALC Representatives (2) - Chairman and Vice Chairman;
3. Village Hall Management Committee (1) - Jackie Fisher;
4. Standby Building and Carnival Shed Project Group (now defunct) - to be examined in due course with new Standby arrangements;
5. Internal Auditor (1) - Mrs Geri O’Loughlin;
6. Cluster Group (2) - Chairman (and or Vice Chairman) and Clerk;
7. Rights of Way Contact/Parish Path Liaison Officer (1) - Ian (Charlie) Moore;
8. Grievance and Disciplinary Panel - Mr Chetwynd and Mrs Parfitt;
9. Appeals Panel (2) - Chairman and Vice Chairman;
10. Parish Magazine Scribe (Zoylander) (1)(including local web contact) - Andy Pearce;
11. Cheque Signatories (Mrs Fisher, Mr Alder, one other member to be confirmed, and Clerk).

10/23 Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements, and Other Planning Matters

Reports were received on information available on all outstanding applications and other matters referred to the Planning Authority for Enforcement examination. No further information was forthcoming in respect of the Solar Farms proposals.

53/21/00004 Durston Products, Airfield Runway, Folly Farm - storage and blending of horticultural growing media (decision still awaited);.

- 53/23/00004 Mr Webb - installation of electrical connectivity panels, The Old Bull Pen, Lake Wall;
- 53/23/00005 Mr Notaro - approval of reserved matters for one dwelling, No 1 Broadstone;
- SCC/4048/2023 Messrs Towans - development of inert material storage facility at Springway Business Park, TA7 OJS - submission made to "Planning Minerals and Waste at Somerset.Gov.Uk";
- Perry Williams Ltd - upgrade of existing radio base station at Musgrove Willow off A372;

Enforcement Issues -Airfield Hangers and Tipping - references for Enforcement Action to be pursued.

- 09/23/00003 Edward Ware (Bridgwater) Ltd - and East of Bower Lane in East Bower, Bridgwater (750 dwellings plus facilities) - representations authorised in view of increasing numbers of dwellings and impact on Highways and NHS etc;
- Westonzoyland ACC/BACC - presentation on Saturday at Bridgwater Town Hall, Travel Impacts - to pursue representations for speed limits and cycle improvements on A372 between Westonzoyland and Bridgwater.

Resolved:

1. That the position with all these matters be noted; and
2. That over the coming months, the possibility of a Village Plan be examined.

11/23 Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: That the items recorded in the report dated 08.05.23, and notified be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Somerset Waste Partnership - monthly briefings and newsletters - as circulated
2. Parish UK Network
3. Environment Agency - Somerset Levels and Moors update - March
4. Tree at Recreation Field Overhanging Dwelling (Twose Family) - quotation accepted
5. Battlefield Boards Renewal (RT Signs - Commissioned) and Repair of Stone Mushroom Features (estimate received ?£2,000 - examine Zoyland Heritage Grants and other sources
6. Airband Community Liaison Officer - Faye Cross - to be invited to a future meeting
7. SALC - notice of first Annual General Meeting - Saturday 29.04.23
8. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

12/23 Calender of Meetings 2023/24

Resolved: That the Calender of Meetings, with the next meeting planned for 19.06.23, be approved and adopted.

The meeting finished at 08.55pm

Signed
Chairman

