

# WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Mrs Ballard, Ms Bicker, and Messrs Carson and Spurrell  
County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present

Apologies: Cllrs Evans, Griffiths and Ms Perry

### **51/18** Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17/09/18 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **52/18** Matters Arising

i. **Airfield - Storage of Road Materials, Vehicles of Various Types, Caravans, Noise, and Towns Site Springway (application 1/53/18/12) (Min 39/18i)** - The Clerk, members and County Cllr Hall gave the latest updates on the various issues concerning the Airfield. It appeared that all, or most, of the various activities continued on site.

With regard to the Towns application 1/53/18/00012, it appeared to have been confirmed that an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) was not required but that in the light of the number of objections this would soon be submitted to the County Council Regulation Committee for determination. Members were reminded of the opportunity this should present for attendance.

**RESOLVED:** That as soon as it is known when the application is to be considered, this be publicised, including the Parish Council website.

ii. **Play Area New Equipment - Order and RLT2 Funding (Min 41/18)** - The Clerk confirmed that the order had been placed with Sovereign Play Areas and the deposit paid. RLT2 funding in the sum of £1,586.00 had been confirmed and was due to be paid by SDC to the Parish Council account.

iii. **Weston Court Farm - Window Insertion in New Build (Min 45/18)** - The Clerk confirmed that the owner of the property had been advised that a Planning Application was required for the window.

iv. **Update on Airfield Proposals Advised at Last Meeting (Min 49/18)** - Members confirmed the advice recorded in the Minutes which had been given to the deputation who had attended the previous meeting with regard to proposals for the Airfield. There appeared to be some flying activity onto a grass runway and the storage of a light aircraft in a hanger but no Planning Applications had been forthcoming. Members contested the planning issues

which this raised, including permitted development, and the impact of an Article 4 direction and continuing concerns about a role for the Civil Aviation Authority in the conflicting possible use of any new grass runway or existing against the use of existing runways.

**53/18**

**County and District Ward Member Reports**

County Cllr Hall presented an update on the activities of Keily Brothers and the storage of stone chippings. Skanska, as the County contractors had been advised that they should not use locations without the grant of planning permission for undertaking County Council contracts. The previous application had been withdrawn but the position might be reviewed should planning permission be granted. In the meantime Keilys were due to move off site in mid-December. An application to the County Planning Authority was still a possibility or could yet involve the District Planning Authority if confined to the storage of stone chippings.

Cllr Hall also confirmed the Council's position in relation to the Library Services Review with the outcome of consultations and Cabinet decisions, the continuing pressure on financial savings with decisions through the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet. The County were also pulling out of leisure activities and the Clerk advised that similar was the case with the Youth and Community Service.

There were no additional District Council Matters.

**54/18**

**Police and PCSO Report**

PCSO Laura Bray presented a Report on changes in the manner of policing which meant that a representative would be able to attend Parish Council meetings and with the manner of policing both visible and demand-led would be back in villages and schools etc, local clubs and more active in the community. The new practices would be open to review but was seen as a return to more visible policing and would include the use of bicycles in localities served in the rural areas. In Westonzoyland she was paying particular attention to the continuing speeding problems in and out of the Village on Main Road and there was a general discussion on possible measures to combat the continuing problems with visual aids and notices. Methods used in other places were discussed and it was noted that the SID programme had now been scrapped completely.

PCSO Bray was welcomed back and assured that an opportunity would be available at all future Parish Council meetings.

**55/18**

**Notice of SRA Flood Risk Questionnaire Via Somerset Community Council**

Jane Birch was in attendance and advised members of the role awarded to the Somerset Community Council in carrying out a Consultation Survey in a number of villages affected by floods in 2013/14. She identified the various issues which were to be raised illustrating this with copy of the proposed questionnaire. This should be available in Westonzoyland in the coming week with posters etc advertising the proposals for reply in December.

Members undertook to inform the Parish and to publicise this through the website and the Parish Magazine.

**56/18 Affordable Housing Needs (Min 42/18) - Follow Up Note by Clerk**

Ester Carter following the Meeting confirmed that outline planning permission for 43 dwellings had been granted on the 12/10/18. The site now being referred to Cooper Tanner for marketing with a closing date for bids of 30/11/18. The Council would be kept informed of developments.

**57/18 Somerset Waste Partnership - Christmas and New Year Arrangements and Welcome Pack Guides for New Residents**

The Clerk confirmed that posters advertising the arrangements were now available and that guides were also available for new residents.

**58/18 Budget 2019/20 - High Level Overview**

Members noted that 2019/20 would see the end of Grant Funding and in the light of this information requested that a Continuation Budget be prepared which would cover the lost amount in income.

**59/18 Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement**

The Clerk confirmed that application 53/18/00013 had been withdrawn.

**60/18 Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid, contained in the Clerk's report dated 05/11/18 and the income be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation.

**61/18 Publications and Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** That the items recorded in the report dated 05/11/18 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Christmas Tree and digging of pit to provide tree at corner of Main Road - **Resolved:** That the Parish Council offer a contribution of £200 subject to receipt of a copy quotation or invoice and this be paid without liability
2. New Year's Eve Fireworks - **Resolved:** That a contribution of £100 be offered subject to match funding from Village organisations
3. Filming at Recreation Field - consent issued subject to signage and notification to the Village Hall Management Committee
4. School 20mph Request - that no action be taken in this respect
5. Somerset Waste Partnership - year end dates and new resident packs (as above)
6. County-wide parking review
7. SWS - web report Oct 18
8. Mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) - update as in PCSO Report
9. Insurance Information Update

10. Middlezoy AFC - Grant Application - support confirmed
11. Planning Training - dates circulated
12. Library Service Recommendations (as County Cllr Report)
13. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

**62/18**      **Planning for Young People's Needs - Letter from Mr Stephen Slapper**

Mr Slapper was in attendance and presented the letter he had submitted on behalf of the children and youth of the Village and others, and which had been circulated to all members. A full discussion ensued on the reasons and reasoning with it being clear that the Parish Council supported the objectives but that with such as the Youth and Community Service curtailed, and the absence of volunteers and support from parents generally in the Village, no one was readily coming forward to recreate a youth club or, indeed, sports clubs where these had previously existed for younger people.

Members accepted the relevance of the letter and the issues which had been raised and were prepared to address these issues from the Village perspective if support was forthcoming. It was clear, however, that most, if not all, villages and locations were in a similar position and the lack of support for action was evident from the lack of attendance in the public gallery. Members agreed the points were well made by Mr Slapper and ideas such as a survey would be pursued if and when community support for action was evident.

**63/18**      **Additional Item - Moors Cluster Meeting**

The Chairman and Cllr Alder had attended this Meeting and briefly reported back.

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm

Signed;  
Chairman