

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

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

Apology: Cllr Carson

74/18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14/01/19 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

75/18 Matters Arising

i. Airfield - Storage of Raw Materials, Vehicles of Various Types, Caravans and Noise (Min 65/18i) - The Clerk and County Cllr Hall gave the latest update on the various issues concerning the former go kart site on the Airfield. The majority of the activities had ceased with little of the stockpile remaining. Cllr Hall confirmed the repeated advice given to Skanska, who were not permitted to use materials from the Westonzoyland site, and it was understood the operating company had now found an alternative location for their operations.

ii. Towens Site, Springway (Application 1/53/18/12) (Min 65/18ii) Update - The Clerk confirmed that following representations from the previous meeting, information on the County Website had been updated, including information from the Secretary of State, confirming that an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) was not required. This updated information had also been placed on the Parish Council Website although there was still no confirmation of when the actual application might be going before the County Council Regulation Committee.

In the meantime, notice had been published of an application for a goods vehicle operators licence for Springway Farm, dealt with in Min 79/18 below.

iii Play Area New Equipment - Installation 06/03/19 (Min 65/18iii) - The Clerk confirmed that the three new pieces of equipment had been installed and completion was awaited, which included replacement of some of the existing safety surfacing that had been vandalised.

iv Somerset Wood, Cheddon Fitzpaine - Tree Planting (Min 72/18.13) - Members had agreed to support this project and enquiries had confirmed the numbers of fallen from Westonzoyland in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. This suggested that a contribution of, say, £50 per year over five year period would be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That this proposal be confirmed and followed up by the Clerk.

76/18 **Sedgemoor Local Plan 2011-2032 - Notice of Adoption and Affordable Housing Needs (Min 66/18)**

The Clerk confirmed that Notice of Adoption of the Local Plan had been received and posted on the Parish Council Website. This included the two residential sites at Westonzoyland, identified to support affordable housing.

Regarding the site at Liney Road, SDC had confirmed that a preferred bid had concluded following marketing by Cooper and Tanner. The preferred developer was now understood to be in contact with SDC to “discuss” the affordable housing and viability of the site.

77/18 **County and District Ward Member Reports**

County Cllr Hall presented an update in which he confirmed the County Council budget and the on-going review of various services. This included an overhaul of highway gritting practices. He also updated the position with the Somerset Rivers Authority and the Private Members Bill referred in Min 80/18 below. He also referred to archaeological findings in the construction of the Cannington Bypass and a book which had been published by Cotswold Archaeology on findings dating to Roman times.

Cllrs Alder and Perry commented briefly on District Council matters and progress following budget approval, including information on the Bridgwater Quayside Festival.

78/18 **Police and PCSO Report (Min 68/18)**

Members were disappointed that there had been no further communication from the PCSO or police report provided. Mr Evans confirmed that the position of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator was not being replaced by the Police Force.

79/18 **Towens, Springway Farm - Goods Vehicle Operators Licence Application**

Members had agreed to follow up representations about the way in which the Towens planning application, referred to above, had been processed. The Bridgwater Mercury had carried notice of a goods vehicle operators licence for Messrs Towens in relation to Springway Farm, Westonzoyland, as a proposed operating centre for ten goods vehicles and two trailers. The Clerk confirmed the ability to make representations confined to owners and occupiers of land. The Parish Council had land in the vicinity.

RESOLVED: That an objection be lodged based on the increasing vehicular movements and landowners encouraged to do likewise based on the notice published on the Parish Council Website.

80/18 **Somerset Rivers Authority - DEFRA Consultation**

The Clerk referred to the information received from the Somerset Rivers Authority and Environment Agency and the National Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council support the establishment of the SRA, either through the process of the Private Members Bill or by Primary Legislation, in terms of legal and financial requirements, not least to give clarity to the community of Somerset in flood risk and flood management.

81/18

Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement and Other Matters

- 53/19/02 Erection of single storey detached building with storage over, 10 Load Lane - **objection** based on adverse effect on visual amenity and impact on adjoining properties, over development exceeding the original footprint and design, scale and height not in keeping with the listed building previously on site. Recommend, if permission to be granted, condition precluding use of business or commercial purposes.
- 53/19/03 Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a detached dwelling on land to the south-east of 51 Liney Road - **approved** due to beneficial use of existing residential land.
- 53/19/06 Erection of two detached dwelling houses with garages on land to the rear of 27 Fore Street - **objection** on the basis the proposal constitutes back-land developments served by inadequate road access due to the narrowness of Hamrod Lane and unsatisfactory junction onto the Main Road with poor visibility and inadequate sight-lines. Increased traffic movements with up to eight parking spaces planned will endanger road users, and concerns are also voiced about existing surface water and sewerage capabilities.
- 53/19/07 Erection of an agricultural building at Cuffys Barn, Hoopers Lane - **no objection**.

(During consideration of the planning applications, the Chairman adjourned the meeting so as to allow members of the public to comment, make representations and objections in relation to the applications under consideration, and in particular numbers 53/19/02, 03, and 06. The meeting was then reconvened)

82/18

District and Local (Parish) Elections - Thursday 02/05/19

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a briefing session at SDC. At the conclusion of the meeting those members or individuals planning to stand for the Council were provided with sets of nomination papers and information in preparation. Members had sought to encourage participation through publicity including traditional methods, the website and facebook.

The Parish Council recorded a debt of gratitude to those members intending to stand down at the forthcoming election, for their service and contribution to the community.

83/18 **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 04/03/19, and payment of £1,505 to Mr Ian Moore for the period 01/01/19 - 31/03/19 including securing and planting laurel hedging at the New Cemetery, and the income be noted and approved, together with the bank statements and reconciliation. Receipt of the NNDR = no payment due also reported.

84/18 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 04/03/19 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Monmouth and Battle Books - reprint underway, publication date awaited, increasing numbers taking part in guided tours noted.
2. Defibrillator - offer of contribution and possible location - details of cabinet/costs provided - agreed to pursue with Chairman to contact Robert Hellier about location at Butchers Shop
3. Speed signs - costs and possible locations reviewed - reference to County Cllr for support and possible financial sources
4. New Cemetery - laurel hedging extensions provided
5. Battlefield Signage - route marker posts - need for refurbishment and renewal - Clerk to take up with SDC, support from tourism sources and Mr Evans to pursue locally
6. RLT2&3 - update 14/02/19
7. Sedgemoor Conversation 27/02/19
8. National Parking Enforcement - Sustainable Communities Act powers
9. SLCC AGM - websites, info and VAT online
10. SWP Waste Briefing - February 2019
11. Insurance Advice - trees inspection regime - to be followed up
12. SCC Chair - Awards for Services to the Community 2019 deadline 07/05/19 for presentations on 04/07/19
13. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

85/18 **Additional Items**

1. Request to site burger van at Village Hall - **agreed** to refuse based on unsuitable location but suggestion to try location at Young Farmers Headquarters in centre of the Village - Cllr Bicker to confirm. (Village Hall Management Committee also understood to be opposed).

2. Next Meeting – Annual Parish Council 7pm followed by Annual Parish Public meeting 13 May 2019.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm

Signed;
Chairman