

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL **HELD ON MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30PM** **AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND**

PRESENT: Cllrs Carson (Vice-Chairman - in the Chair), Alder, Mrs Ballard, Burge, Evans, Griffiths, Ms Perry and Spurrell

County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present

APOLOGY: Cllr Mrs Fisher

31/16 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members and members of the public present.

32/16 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27/06/16 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33/16 Matters Arising

i. **Trees at Recreation Ground and Entrance to Village Hall Car Park (Min 17/16i)** - the Clerk confirmed that the work to demolish the three trees would be carried out on the 5th/6th and 8th/9th (if needed) of September. School times would be avoided as far as possible. Information was still awaited on the condition of the fourth tree. Mrs Ballard asked for a copy of the relevant information for the benefit of the Village Hall Management Committee who had agreed to share the cost of removal of the three trees.

ii. **Older Children's Play Area - Zip Wire Beam (Min 17/16iii)** - the Clerk confirmed that the zip wire beam and wire had been replaced. It was pointed out that the sleeve had dropped again on the zip wire. This would be followed up.

iii. **Battlefield Site (Min 26/16)** – the gate and railings had been replaced, and the memorial mushroom stones power washed.

34/16 County and District Councillor Ward Reports

County Cllr David Hall confirmed that the County Council, with others, continued to put pressure on the Government for an early decision on the HPC project. This, and several other matters awaiting decision by Government, the Prime Minister and the Local Government Minister were holding up local decisions, particularly affecting SCC future funding, devolution issues and austerity measures. There was also some uncertainty over the final broadband coverage of the last 5% of the population. In the meantime the roads programme continued. The funding of the Somerset Rivers Authority had yet to be resolved and was likely to continue in the next

financial year as in 2016/17.

Cllr Hall also advised that the Heritage Service had acquired a painting of the Duke of Monmouth and were prepared to loan this to the Village or to the town of Bridgwater for exhibition at appropriate times. Members suggested that the opening of the church following reordering, due on 03/09/16, would be appropriate. The Clerk would follow this up with Cllr Hall.

An issue had also arisen about flooding in Liney Road in the vicinity of Bawden's property and this was also being followed up by the Clerk and Cllr Hall.

Cllr Alder confirmed that the District Council were back in the business of building council houses with a development in the Sydenham area of some 22 and had also bought back 13 or so previously sold. He also pointed to building control arrangements where Sedgemoor were jointly working with Mendip, West Somerset and Taunton Deane, thereby reducing costs.

35/16

Housing Needs Follow Up and Local Plan Review - Affordable Housing Projects (Min 19/16)

The Parish Council had convened as a group to consider sites which might be suitable for affordable housing to respond to the Housing Needs survey illustrating a need for some 20+ dwellings. Plans were displayed illustrating the sites which the Parish Council had suggested should be pursued, namely H291, H043, H019 and H144. Esther Carter had examined each of these sites and all were being pursued although some clarity was requested in respect of H144, being land to the rear of the Recreation Field.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council continue to support the provision of affordable housing and the sites reported upon.

(Cllr Alder declared a personal interest in site H144 through part land ownership)

(During discussion on this item, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable members of the public to contribute, with comments offered in relation to the site H043 at the rear of properties in Main Road. The particular issue being access and a possible alternative).

36/16

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner - 2016 PCC Priorities Consultation

Members noted that no Police or PCSO report had been received and it was now some months since attendance in person. Although some of the issues faced by the police were understood, this did little for the public perception of policing in the community. Members raised a series of issues from police attendance to issues of speeding and police support and undertook to respond to the Police and Crime Commissioner Consultation. The Clerk would raise further issues about the new policing model which so far appeared not to be achieving benefits for rural communities. Members agreed certain actions in seeking to revive community speed watch and Peter Evans also undertook to circulate Neighbourhood Watch incident

information. County Cllr Hall and the Clerk would also make contact with Alan Jones about possible measures to respond to the problem of speeding into, and out of, the village.

37/16 Village Agent Report

Kate Symmonds had tendered apologies but had relayed two items - one in relation to the essential need to report crimes, no matter how minor, if necessary through the 101 service; and secondly an article she had supplied for the Village Magazine on the Village Agent Service.

38/16 Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement (Min 24/16)

53/16/12 Erection of 18m long stone wall (1.4m) on earth bank (0.6m) 57 Liney Road.

53/16/13 6ft fence panels at 12 King's Drive - report on decision and the fact that Parish Council objection was ignored and apology received.

53/16/14 Redevelopment of football ground, airfield - Middlezoy Football Club.

53/16/16 Erection of storage building at Weston Court Farm.

53/16/17 Erection of two storey and single storey extensions and parking at 9 Monmouth Road

RESOLVED:

1. That no objection be raised in respect of applications /12 and /17;
2. that in respect of the following: /13 the continuing dissatisfaction be voiced maintaining the objections, noting the apology, resolving not to pursue Judicial Review of the decision but to continue dissatisfaction;
3. /14 - no objection, subject to suitable restriction on floodlight times and usage; and
4. /16 - subject to purpose being for storage only and non-residential use at any time.

39/16 Wedmore Parish Council - Application for Neighbourhood Area Status for Parish Planning

The application was noted.

40/16 Accounts for Payment and Receipts

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137

payments where appropriate) contained in the Clerk's Report dated 08/08/16 and the income be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation. The Account Ability invoice was confirmed at £8 for payment.

41/16 Publications and Correspondence

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the Report dated 08/08/16 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Parish Magazine - July 2016
2. Play Area Inspection Report - items picked up by Ian Moore
3. CAB Grant Application - £50 approved
4. Isolation and Loneliness Conference - 25/06/16 - paper received
5. TRO Hoopers Lane and Lake Wall
6. Travel Somerset - information, traffic and travel website
7. SCC Listening, Learning, Changing - surveys - members to respond
8. Needs Assessment 2016
9. Liney Road - flooding - referred elsewhere in Agenda Min 34/16
10. Wessex Water - water supply essential works on 16 and 17/08/16
11. WWA Cemetery Water Supply
12. SALC Transparency Fund Guidance
13. Electoral Canvas
14. Community Council Newsletter and Membership
15. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information
16. Recycling - briefing paper and new measures to ensure swift, smooth and safer visits to 16 Recycling Centres commencing 03/10/16

42/16 Additional Items

1. Village Hall Cladding - Cllr Burge confirmed that a quotation was being obtained and showed an example of the material. The Parish Council had agreed to consider some financial support for the project (Min 97/14 3)
2. Somerset Arts Week - Westonzoyland location - members noted that yellow signs would be provided at the property.
3. Demolition of trees at Cheer Lane - it was suggested that locations for replacement trees might be suggested.
4. Benches Opposite Shop and at Community Centre - it was confirmed that these would shortly be in place.

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm

Signed;
Chairman