

# **WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL** **HELD ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM** **AT THE VILLAGE HALL WESTONZOYLAND**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Ms Vicker, Messrs Carson, Evans, Griffiths, and Spurrell and Ms Perry (from 8.30)

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

### **70/17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20/11/17 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **71/17 Matters Arising**

i. **Airfield - Storage of Road Materials, Noise Issues and Towns Site (Min 56/17i,ii,iii)** - The Clerk, Members and Cllr Hall updated the understanding of the situation with each of the issues. Little progress had been made, and no planning application had come forward. Cllr Hall confirmed that the County as Highway Authority had no continuing involvement with the storage of road materials. This was now seen as an enforcement issue for the Local Planning Authority. It was agreed that the issues and all outstanding matters in relation to the Airfield and the increasing number of vehicles, lorry bodies and caravans that were appearing, would be pursued with the Planning Authority and by the Clerk and Cllr Hall with County Council enforcement.

*(The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Fisher, declared an interest in all matters connected with the Airfield)*

### **72/17 County Councillor Ward Report**

Having commented on various issues under the previous item, Cllr Hall gave an update in relation to the County Council budget position, shortfall and increases sanctioned by Government. This referred to the County Council precept shortly to be confirmed. Other matters related to the involvement of Carillion (a company likely to go into liquidation), in the broadband roll out, the volumes of HGVs and mitigation approved for the HPC development through to September 2018, and the prospect that a Bill would be taken through Parliament which would enable the Somerset Rivers Authority to become a precepting authority. This required House of Commons and House of Lords approval.

### **73/17 District Cllr Ward Report**

Cllr Alder commented on the budget preparations being undertaken by the District Council, and gave a summary of the steps being taken by the District

Council in terms of commercialisation, similar to those being undertaken by a number of district councils in the area. This particularly related to the Mount Street/Northgate site in Bridgwater.

**74/17**      **Housing Needs and Planning Application for Land off Liney Road (application 53/17/16) (Min 66/17)**

The Chairman reported a telephone call from Esther Carter, Housing Development Officer, apparently requesting that the Parish Council should support this development by applying on behalf of the developers for a sum of £7,000 from the District Council to enable the developer to carry out a further ground investigation survey. There was a complete lack of information as to this requirement and the involvement of the Parish Council. After a conversation with the Chairman, the Clerk had sought clarification from SDC and information on exactly what was involved - requested in time for this meeting - but no response had been received.

**RESOLVED:** That in view of the lack of information the Parish Council are disinclined to make application or support the project in this way, and detailed information be sought from SDC.

**75/17**      **Police and PCSO Report**

No officers were in attendance, and no report was available and it appeared that any involvement would now depend upon report of any specific incident.

**76/17**      **Village Agent Report**

No report had been received although Peter Evans, as editor of the Parish Magazine, again confirmed that regular submissions were received from the Village Agent.

**77/17**      **Westonzoyland New Cemetery - Memorial Items and Trees and Hedge (Min 63/17)**

Members reviewed the current position and the implementation of action approved.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the notice confirming the implementation of the rules and regulations be approved and issued forthwith;
2. that with the growth of the laurel hedge, additional trees from the leylandii line be removed, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, or Hugh Griffiths, and the Clerk meet on site with Ian Moore to determine the extent of removal of trees.

**78/17**      **Budget and Precept 2017/18 (Min 60/17)**

Following from the previous meeting and information supplied, the Clerk circulated copies of draft estimates for the financial year ending 31/03/19 based on a continuation budget and precept requirement. The review of

Cemetery Fees for 01/04/18 onwards, reviewed in line with other villages, was submitted.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the cemetery fees review paper and recommended increases be approved, to be implemented with effect from 01/04/18;
2. that the detailed budget paper and estimates as presented based on 28 per band D be agreed (inclusive of recovering loss of grant £312.00);
3. to note that this will give a precept of £17,845.52 and together with grant of £313, a total income of £18,158.52;
4. that a grant of £1,115.84 be made to Westonzoyland Village Hall (Community Centre) Management Committee to cover insurance under the terms of the renewal (grant made under Section 137).

**79/17 Recreation Field Children's Play Area (Min 65/17)**

The Clerk confirmed that he was still checking with different companies, additional pieces of equipment, and would circulate information to members. It was planned that this would be accompanied with the reinstatement of the safety surfacing where this had been damaged.

**80/17 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 08/01/18 and the income be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation.

**81/17 Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement, and Other Matters**

53/17/26 Erection of garage, Weston Court Farm, 2 Main Road -

**Resolved:** That objection be raised on the basis of over development of the site, with a further building of this scale, questioning the need for four garages and the ability, as shown on plan and indicated as proposed garage to house motorhome.

53/17/25 Erection of dwelling - land to east of Hill View, Liney Road - recommendation for approval at SDC Development Committee on 19/01/18.

53/17/17 Building to east of 45 Liney Road - consent granted and closure of enforcement action.

**82/17 Publications and Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** That the items recorded in the Report dated 08/01/18 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Pension Regulator Correspondence - declaration deadline
2. Development Committee Members Site Visits - minor change in procedure
3. Notification of Roll Out of Electronic Consultations on Planning Applications: **Resolved:** That this is seen as another disservice to Town and Parish Councils and to communities, making consideration for members at meetings more difficult in terms of paper copies of the applications, and the service provided at the Sedgemoor Inn for members of the public to view hard copies of planning applications, but SDC invited to give a demonstration to Parish Council
4. CIL Payments Report - to be completed
5. CIL Refresher for Town and Parish Councils
6. SID Contributions, including Othery PC sharing proposal: **Resolved:** That interest be expressed in the joint proposals subject to clarification of the likely costs involved and availability to access the SID.
7. HM Revenue and Customs - VAT 126 claim information
8. Somerset Web Services - web report November and December 2017
9. External Auditor Appointment 2017/18 (5 years)
10. Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme - summary of summer/autumn 2017 consultation (to be circulated)
11. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and product Information
12. SALC Invitation for Nominations to Royal Garden Party

### **83/17 Additional Items**

1. To review possible purchase of projector for joint use by Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee;
2. Grass Cutting and Maintenance - request to review charges - Chairman to follow up with Ian Moore;
3. Christmas Tree Location - to agree application to Somerset Highways through Parish Council;
4. Lakewall - to follow up request for extension of 30mph limit beyond "The Willows";
5. Main Road Sign (opposite Liney Road junction) - to report missing and follow up request for finger post "Westonzoyland" on signpost opposite Bower Lane junction;
6. Property at Standards Road/Willow Close corner - possible Homes in Sedgemoor property - rubble and bark chippings at corner - to be followed up by Cllrs Alder and Ms Perry;
7. Building erected to rear of Standby Building at 21 Liney Road (Min 69/17.1) - Cllr Ms Perry to pursue further;
8. Speeding Stickers for Refuse Bins - Cllr Carson confirmed no joy yet.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm

Signed;  
Chairman