

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Ballard, Beale, Burge, Carson, Evans and Griffiths

APOLOGIES: Messrs Alder and Milbank

61/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21/11/11

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21/11/11 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

62/11 Matters Arising from the previous minutes

- i. **Residential development at Broadstone Farm (kerbing)** (Min 50/11 i). The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's disapproval in the outcome of the investigation had been registered and noted;
- ii. **Somerset Electoral Review** – The Clerk confirmed that a submission recommending 55 county councillors had been made in line with the Electoral Commission's wishes and a further round of consultations would continue;
- iii. **Standby Building and Levels & Moors report** – The Clerk confirmed that there was a further period to 31/03/12 before the remainder of grant funding had to be spent. This had been discussed with promoters of the refurbishment scheme. It was also noted that there was a possibility of some finance from David Wilson Homes.

63/11 Village Allotments – completion of 'Notaro' lease and agreement with WAGs

The necessary agreements had been completed and the tenancy fee of £1000 which would be recovered from WAGs in two instalments had been paid upon signing of the agreement.

The Parish Council had been thanked for their support and assistance in realising the project. A suggestion had been made that the ride on mower used for the community centre grounds could be made available for the allotment site.

RESOLVED:

1. That the completion of the agreement be noted;
2. that grass cutting on the site is a matter for the WAGs and tenants and not for the Parish Council;

64/11

PCSO Report

The Parish Council received a report from PCSO Helen Whitehead outlining the log of various incidents in the village over the last few weeks. She also introduced PC Jon Bartlett, the Beat Manager.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted;
2. that officers pursue the issue of speeding into the village with the Highway Authority and with the police support a request be made for the issue of a sign pointing to the Hamrod Lane junction as a warning to vehicles leaving the village towards Bridgwater.

65/11

Budget and Precept 2012/2013

The Clerk reported budget proposals for 2012/13. The Council considered the requirements for the year, taking into account income and expenditure in the current year, level of balances, annual committed expenditure, projects undertaken and completed and the council plan. Members also noted comments of the external auditors in relation to the low level of reserves, and the intention to review and increase cemetery fees with effect 01/04/12.

RESOLVED:

1. That based on the Band D equivalent of 653.96 a requirement for £23.50 be proposed (the same level as the current year), equating to a precept for normal purposes of £15368.06 in accordance with budget proposals;
2. that a grant of up to £950 be made to Westonzoyland Community Centre Management Committee for insurance, as soon as confirmation is received of the renewal;
3. that additional grant requests be considered in year;
4. that commemorative mugs be obtained for school children and pre-school children to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and the costs confirmed at the next meeting.

66/11

The Veteran Charity – The Forces March May 2012 – Bideford To Bulford Camp

RESOLVED: That Members agree to take part in the march as discussed and this be publicised in the parish magazine, contact made with the school and the bell ringers invited to take part.

67/11

National Grid – Hinkley Point ‘C’ Connection Project

Members noted the current position where the most significant impact was likely to be a connection to the sub-station on the Westonzoyland Road and awaited additional information on the preferred route corridor following further awaited reports.

68/11 **EDF Energy – application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) for Development Consent Order (DCO) and other consent applications**

Members noted the current position, representations made particularly in relation to transport and highway issues, and the need to register for involvement by 23/01/12.

69/11 **Minerals Options Consultation – local impact**

Members discussed the consultation and were particularly concerned that decisions and proposals should not encourage excavation of peat within the airfield or flood plain.

70/11 **Flooding and House Insurance**

Members expressed concerns following notification of increases in insurance premium costs as a result of the Environment Agency's Flood Plain Allocations and notification to the British Insurers Association. Members also considered this likely to affect long term sale prices of houses within the affected flood plain areas.

RESOLVED: That a representative of the Environment Agency be invited to the next meeting or to the Annual Parish Meeting when available.

71/11 **Accounts for Payment and Receipt**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (included Section 137 payments) contained in the Clerk's report dated 09/01/12 be approved.

72/11 **Planning Applications – decisions, appeals and enforcement**

53/11/30 enlargement of existing porch 6 Hamrod Lane

53/11/31 erection of rear conservatory 34a Monmouth Road

53/11/32 erection of single-storey extension 8 Southview

53/11/33 conversion of agricultural barn to unit of holiday accommodation at Penzoy Farm

53/11/34 erection of side attached garage 34A Monmouth Road

RESOLVED: that no objections be raised to any of the applications, but that application no. 53/11/33 should be conditioned to preclude permanent residential accommodation throughout 52 weeks of the year.

(Cllr Carson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in application no. 53/11/30 and Cllr Griffiths in application 53/11/32 as a personal interest and took no part in the discussion and did not vote).

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Publications and Correspondence

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 09/01/12 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. Affordable Housing – invitation to be extended
2. Moors Cluster Group 12/01/12 (£22500.00 remaining in RLT 3- check with Middlezoy Rovers - CB and PB).
3. Consultation paper on Community Infrastructure Levy
4. Parish Magazines – December 2011 and January 2012
5. 2012/2013 budget consultation by Police Authority
6. Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011
7. RoSPA – playground inspection – to be arranged for 2012
8. NALC/CPRE “Planning explained” booklet
9. Queen’s Diamond Jubilee 04/06/12 as agreed above
10. Code of Conduct revisions
11. NALC/CPRE “neighbourhood planning” booklet
12. Magazines, posters and product information

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Additional Items

1. Drain at new cemetery – connection of pumping outlet – to be checked
2. Carnival extension at Community Centre – framework prepared concrete base to be laid (CB)
3. Footway opposite children’s play area in Cheer Lane – sub-standard condition, to be reported to highway authority

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Signed:

Chairman