

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Alder, Burge, Griffiths, Lamb and Spurrell

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Carson and Evans and County Cllr David Hall

99/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19/01/15 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

100/14 Minutes - Matters Arising

i. **New Cemetery Trees and Hedge Planting (Min 91/14)** - The cutting of the Leylandi trees had been completed and would be reviewed again later in the year. Letters of appreciation from Sue Attwell and Veronique Taylor had been received. The hedge planting around the circle and across the back line of trees had been completed by Messrs Moore and Peppard. The rhine had also been examined and by agreement with Mr Paul Onslow would be cleaned from the boundary of his property through to the boundary of the Cemetery where the rhyne had already been cleaned out. The stretch alongside Mr Wilkins would be left to allow the continued growth of the water plants. Mr Onslow had also offered two rolls of green netting to protect the new hedging, the existing hedging and prevent rubbish blowing through the tree line.

It had been suggested that the wood cuttings might be used for a bonfire as part of the Zoyfest - this would be checked out with the Fire Brigade and Police. In addition Mr Onslow had offered a string of electric lights to assist the evening.

RESOLVED: That all these matters be noted with thanks for the work carried out.

ii. **Westonzoyland Carnival Club Tenancy Agreement (Min 97/14ii)** - The new Agreement had been completed but would now require consent from the Court under the Landlord and Tenant Act to preclude a business tenancy being created.

iii. **Battlefield Memorial Site (Min 85/14)** - The replacement stone was being completed. Rubbings would also be taken of the other stones to maintain the carvings for the future.

iv. **Sedgemoor Battlefield Diorama** - following the plans for the reordering of the Church, arrangements were being made for the return of the Diorama (the Battlefield Model) to the Blake Museum at Bridgwater.

101/14 Flood Action Plan, Trigger Document and Flood Defence Works in the Village (Min 86/14)

The Clerk reported an update from Chris Smith in respect of works at Westonzoyland which indicated that the sheet pile wall and anchor plates had been completed and the installation of a filter drain behind the piles was now taking place. This would assist the draining of ground water from the property side of the

defence. Once installed, a concrete capping beam would be constructed. This would commence before the end of March, take six weeks to complete and all reinstatement work should be completed by the end of May.

Further update information had also been supplied in relation to the Monk's Leaze Clyce to Dunball and the trigger points, the feed back on the public consultation in relation to the River Sowy and King Sedgemoor Drain enhancement options for 2016, the public consultation report, and the update on the new pumping platform at Dunball. These items would all be circulated to all members by email for reference.

102/14 SDC Ward Member Report - Cllr Derek Alder

Cllr Alder gave a report on a number of items dealt with by SDC including the setting of the Community Charge, extra financing for economic development, for apprentices and for flood schemes. On Cllr Hall's behalf he referred to the Beer Wall closure due to take place on 17/04/15 where the work would take some three months to complete.

103/14 PCSO Report

Any report received from PCSO Helen Whitehead would be circulated by email.

104/14 Village Agent Report

Any report or information received would be circulated by email.

105/14 Older Children's Play Area and Fitness and Skate Park (Sovereign Plans) (Min 73/14)

No further update was available, with a commencement date for the Scheme to be determined.

106/14 Planning Applications - New Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement

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| 53/15/02 | Use of land to site agricultural worker's mobile home at Middle Farm, Bull Horn Drove, Andersea |
| 53/15/03 | Erection of agricultural storage building, land to the south of 38 Main Road |
| 53/15/04 | Re-roof garage/workshop inc. raising ceiling height at 7 Main Road |

RESOLVED:

1. That no objection be raised to applications 53/15/02 and 04;
 2. that the Planning Authority be advised that the Parish Council are unable to support the application 53/15/03 described as "agricultural implement/fodder and general store" without having more detailed information on usage proposed, associated agricultural use, precise area of agricultural land and type of agriculture to assess impact on the village and community; and
 3. that the decision in respect of application 34/15/01, change of use of former transit gypsy site at Middlezoy be noted and further course of action awaited.
- (Cllr Alder declared an interest as a member of SDC Development Committee, played no part in the consideration of the applications and did not vote thereon.)*

107/14 **Elections - General, District and Parish - 07/05/15**

The Clerk advised members of the availability of nomination papers and information required for those who were intending to stand for the Council at the forthcoming Parish Council elections. Additional information on all aspects was available from the Clerk or from the Electoral Registration Office at the District Council.

108/14 **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 09/03/15 and the income be noted and approved including the final payment to Mr I S Moore for work at the Cemetery in the sum of £1,500 and the payment of the grant of £1,000 (including County Council Health and Wellbeing Grant of £500) to the Village Youth Club.

109/14 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the Report dated 09/03/15 be noted and actioned where appropriate;

1. Parish Magazine - Feb/Mar 2015 - change to be made to Parish Council Meeting entry
2. Moors Parish Cluster Group 25/02/15
3. Zoyfest Programme and Update - variety of events and success so far noted;
4. SALC Meeting at Brent Knoll
5. PAYE/HMRC - Parish Council payroll - confirmation to be obtained through SDC
6. EDF/HPC Plugged-In Newsletter
7. Magazines, Newsletters and Product Information.

110/14 **Additional Items**

1. Notification of consultation, publicity of Trull Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan - noted;
2. Affordable housing - email from Esther Carter - feedback to be given with agreement to join in survey;
3. Offer from SDC to serve proposed legal advice drafting and representation scheme for Parish and Town Councils - noted;

111/14 **Audit of Accounts 2014/15**

Notice of the Annual Audit of Accounts for the year ending 31/03/15 for the Parish Council had been received from Messrs Grant Thornton, the Auditors. 29/06/15 had been set as the appointed day for audit.

112/14 **Next Meeting**

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The Meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Signed

Chairman

