

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL **HELD ON MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30PM** **AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman) Carson (Vice-Chairman) Alder,
Mrs Ballard, Burge, Ms Perry, and Spurrell

County Cllr David Hall was also present

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Evans and Griffiths

31/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 28/06/15 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32/15 Matters Arising

i. **Carnival Club Tenancy Agreement (Min 17/15ii)** -The Tenancy Agreement together with the Statutory Declaration under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, had been signed and was submitted for completion with the signatures of the Chairman and Clerk.

Following the building of the new shed, issues had arisen in relation to disposal of rain water drainage and a letter was submitted from the Chairman of the Carnival Club outlining the position and seeking the support of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That given the information supplied and further information outlined by Cllr Alder, the Clerk be authorised in conjunction with Cllr Alder to pursue the best course for all parties so that the project may be completed and the Village Hall Committee be kept informed.

ii. **Affordable Housing (Min 30/15iii)** - Arrangements had been made for Esther Carter to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council and in the meantime an information event was planned at the Village Hall on 26/08/15. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with Cllr Mrs Ballard and Cllr Alder confirmed that they would be attending at some stage during the proceedings.

RESOLVED: That this be confirmed to Esther Carter.

33/15 Sedgemoor Statement of Gambling Policy - Review 2016/19

Copies of the Gambling Policy and Consultation document had been circulated by email for comment.

RESOLVED: That members advise the Clerk of any comments and this be confirmed at the next meeting.

(Cllr Alder declared an interest as member of the Gaming Licensing Panel, took no part in the consideration and did not vote thereon.)

34/15 **Planning Policy Consultation - Development Boundary Possible Changes**

Confidential copies of this document - the Review of Development Boundaries for "Key Rural Settlements" - No 16 - Westonzoyland - had been circulated by email. In terms of informal comments, members accepted the proposals as contained in the document.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to the consultation appropriately.

35/15 **County and District Councillor Ward Reports**

County Cllr Hall gave a positive report in all aspects except for continuing constraints in the revenue budget. He commented on the EDF/HPC progress, broadband roll-out, and the outcome of the forum into flooding which suggested that a precepting River Authority was preferred. He also referred to the Health and Wellbeing budget for County Cllrs which promised a further £5k available each year. Positive news was also available from the Roads Minister in respect of the A358 and A303. Locally concerns were still being voiced about the blocked culvert at Liney Road and the Clerk, together with Cllr Alder, were asked to pursue this matter considering the possibility of finance from the Flood Relief Small Grant Scheme mentioned at the previous meeting being utilised.

County Cllr Hall responded with information in relation to works to the Sowe River channel.

District Cllrs commented briefly on current issues.

36/15 **PCSO Report**

The Clerk confirmed that contact details for Police Community Support Officers was now available in the Parish Magazine on a regular basis, and on the Parish Council website. No further update was available on the continuing Beat Officer arrangements and this would be chased up.

37/15 **Village Agent Report**

The Clerk circulated a paper received from Alison Hoare; who was again unable to attend. Alison hoped to attend the October meeting with her replacement Village Agent for the villages of Westonzoyland, Middlezoy and Chedzoy - Kate Simmons, and hoped to attend the October meeting for introductions.

38/15 **Community Infrastructure Levy - Update on Scheme in force from 01/04/15**

The Clerk gave a brief update on the Community Infrastructure Levy Scheme which was now in force. It was clear that this process would take

some time to settle down but that the village may be helped by a target list of items for the benefit of the development and promotion of the village. This would continue to be reviewed.

39/15 **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement**

53/15/16 Erection of dwelling, formation of parking and alteration to access onto Load Lane, rear of 17 Fore Street

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised.

53/15/14 Erection of agricultural machinery store, Orchard Lea, 63 Monmouth Road

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised provided existing trees and hedges are retained in the interest of visual amenity of local residents. Question to be raised in relation to the eaves and ridge height which is unclear from the plans submitted.

53/15/18 Renewal of site of temporary Elliot building (E738) Westonzoyland Primary School

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised.

Decisions

Western Court Farm, applications 53/15/05, 53/15/12 and 53/15/13 - refused.

40/15 **Zoyfest Exhibition**

The Parish Council congratulated those villagers who had been involved in the exhibition which had been a great success.

41/15 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Accounts submitted by J B Jetting Services, total £232.25

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and to be paid as contained in the Clerks Report dated 10/08/15 and the income be noted and approved.

42/15 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the Report dated 10/08/15 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Parish Magazine - July 2015
2. Lloyds Bank - cheque signature mandate form - still awaiting completion by Lloyds Bank
3. Code of Conduct Training - details circulated
4. Bridgwater Without Parish Council - shared "Banksman" suggestion -

- Clerk to discuss with Mr Moore
5. Litter Bins - costings - Clerk to pursue with SDC in relation to provision of bins and frequency of collection at the play area and the extended play area
 6. Affordable Housing Presentation on 12/10/15 (as confirmed in Min 32/15 above)
 7. St Mary's Church - grant application supporting letter submitted
 8. Somerset Waste Partnership - August monthly briefing circulated
 9. Somerset Choices - carer support - www.somersetchoices.org.uk
 10. Magazines, newsletters, posters and product information

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Additional Items

1. Rubbish Bins at Church Path - Clerk to take up with SDC
2. Building on Airfield - Clerk to make enquiries of SDC Planning
3. Request for Extension of Speed Limit on Lake Wall beyond the Willow Growers - confirmation that this request had been submitted for consideration by SCC Highways
4. Letter from 11 Cheer Lane in relation to Sycamore tree at Woodland Avenue - Clerk to follow up with SDC for trimming, together with trees in the Church Yard
5. Diorama at Westonzoyland - arrangements to be made to remove from the Church
6. Council Tax Support - reducing Government Grant funding - advance notice of reductions in Grant (currently Revenue Support Grant) through 2016/17 to 2019/20 reducing from £1039 to £0 - this would be examined in conjunction with the Precept setting later in the year.

The Meeting finished at 8.55 pm

Signed;
Chairman