

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Cllrs Alder, Beale, Griffiths and Milbank

APOLOGIES: Cllr Evans

72/10 New Year 2011

The Chairman welcomed all members and wished everyone a happy new year.

73/10 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council – 22/11/10

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 November 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

74/10 Standby Building - update on urgent works and application to Levels & Moors for funding (Min 61/10)

The Clerk confirmed that the funding of £5000 from the Levels & Moors Community Fund had been confirmed and the contract received. Members were given an update from the Football Club representatives on the plans to take this forward with the permanent scheme, which had received support at the Moors Cluster meeting. Details would now be completed for application for RLT3 funding at the Moors Cluster meeting at Middlezoy on 10/03/11.

In the meantime, in accordance with the grant received the first phase of the works to the roofs would be put in hand. To this end a further quotation had been received although contact would now be made with Jeff West who remained the cheapest to check the prices for the work to be put underway. Arrangements had also been made for Three-Ways Fire Prevention to inspect and complete the certification of the building on the 28th of the month.

RESOLVED: That the contract be completed for the Levels & Moors funding and a copy supplied to the lead representatives from the Football Club;

75/10 Middlezoy Recycling Site

Members were referred to letters received and the apparent intention to close the site. Concerns were expressed about the likely impact on fly tipping.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write objecting to the closure to Somerset Waste Partnership and copy in the County and District Councils.

76/10 **Affordable Housing – Housing Needs Survey**

It was anticipated that the survey would be undertaken in the next couple of months and that volunteers were still needed for the distribution of leaflets.

77/10 **Play Area – “Springers” Repairs**

The quote obtained for the repairs had now been withdrawn. An alternative quote would be obtained or longer term replacement examined.

78/10 **Hinkley Point C Connection Project – Community Forums**

Members were given a brief update following the circulation of notes for the most recent Forum meeting.

79/10 **PCSO Report**

Members were advised of the information provided by Helen Whitehead PCSO on recent incidents in the village.

80/10 **Budget & Precept 2011/2012**

The Clerk presented budget proposals for 2011/2012. The Council considered the requirements for the year, taking into account income & expenditure in the current year, level of balances, annual committed expenditure, projects undertaken and completed, and the Council Plan. Members noted that the reclaim of VAT was awaited and also took into account the issues related to SDC’s estimated budget deficit and additional expenditure impact on the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:

- i. That based on the Band D equivalent of 639.06 a requirement for £23.50 be proposed, equating to a precept for normal purposes of £15,017.91 in accordance with budget proposals;
- ii. that a grant of £920.59 be made to Westonzoyland Community Centre Management Committee for the insurance premium as soon as sufficient funds are available;
- iii. that additional grant requests be considered in year;
- iv. that the position in regard to the employment of lengthsman to work across groups of parishes be noted.

81/10 **The Localism Bill**

Members took note of the SALC briefing summary and agreed to await further information as the legislation proceeded through Parliament.

82/10

Planning Applications

- 53/10/75 change of use of existing building from manufacture and sales of concrete products to B1 and B2 Springway Paving, Springway Lane: no objection subject to any necessary improvements to highway access to accommodate any prospective increase in retail activity on site.
- 53/10/78 erection of agricultural building on land to the east of 2 Main Road: no objection provided conditioned for agricultural purposes/use only.
- 53/10/79 siting of two steel containers on land at the Old School, School Road: no objection.
- 53/10/80 erection of 17 dwellings, garages and formation of access at Broadstone Farm, Broadstone: no objection in accordance with permission previously granted, provided highway access to Broadstone is satisfactorily laid out to accommodate 17 units (there are still concerns in locality about the increase in traffic movements that will be generated); LAP provision with commuted sum; and provision of pedestrian links to existing development on Kings Drive etc., to provide alternative route to pedestrian use of Broadstone.
- 53/10/81 erection of two-storey extension to north elevation on site of garage at 47 Kings Drive: no objection.
- 53/10/82 erection of two-storey side extension at 10 School Road, Westonzoyland; no objection

RESOLVED: That the decisions above be referred to the planning authority

(Cllr Alder declared an interest in all applications as a member of the SDC Development Management Committee and took no part in the consideration and did not vote thereon, Cllr Mrs Fisher declared a personal interest in application 53/10/75 and Cllr Milbank a personal interest in application 53/10/78).

83/10

Planning Appeal & Cost Application Decisions – pig unit at Lakewall Farm (Mr W Jenkins) (53/08/29)

Members noted that the appeal had been allowed, the reasons therefore, and the reasons for the rejection of the costs application.

84/10

Accounts for Payment and Income

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment contained in the Clerk's report dated 10/01/11 be confirmed, including Section 137 payments and the grant to the management committee of £920.59 for insurance and to DCF for mower equipment servicing £281.06.

85/10 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 10/01/11 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. Bridgwater Magistrates Court – proposed closure following consultation – objection;
2. Somerset Future Transport Plan (2011/2026) – consultation with little change;
3. RLT3 accumulated funds – Moors Cluster £24385.41;
4. AON insurance;
5. Avon & Somerset Police Authority – budget challenge;
6. RBL “Great Poppy Weekend” 10-12 June 2011 – 90th anniversary – refer to Parish Magazine;
7. Parish Magazine – December 2010 and January 2011;
8. SLCC AGM 28/01/11 – AGM and branch meetings;
9. Posters for parish council elections;
10. Magazines, posters and product information;
11. ROSPA playground inspection – arrangements to be put in hand

86/10 **Additional Matters**

- i. White line at Standards Road – explanation received to be referred again to PCSO;

87/10 **Next Meeting**

In accordance with the Calendar of Meetings the next meeting would be held on Monday 28/02/11

The meeting finished at 8.52pm.

Signed:

Chairman