

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mrs Ballard, Ms Bicker, Mr Evans, Ms Perry and Mr Spurrell
County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present

Apologies: Cllrs Alder, Carson and Griffiths

38/18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13/08/18 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

39/18 Matters Arising

i. **Airfield - Storage of Road Materials, Vehicles of Various Types, Caravans, Noise, and Towns Site Springway (application 1/53/18/12) (Mins 29/18i and 34/18)** - The Clerk, Members and County Cllr Hall gave the latest updates on the various issues concerning the Airfield. It appeared that all the various activities continued on site.

Following the withdrawal of the planning application (53/18/09) being the retrospective application for the change of use of the former Airfield runway from go-kart track to stockpiling of washed chippings and temporary parking of plant, equipment and vehicles in connection with top-surfacing of highways, a fresh application was still awaited. In the meantime the mounds of chippings had reduced but activities were continuing with the Somerset Highways contractors.

With regard to the application 1/53/18/00012, the details of the objections agreed and confirmed at the previous meeting had been submitted. There were now some 26 objections and representations listed including responses from the Environment Agency, an ecologist response, and a minerals and waste response. There had been no clarification of the processing of the application although it was anticipated that this would be submitted to the Regulation Committee of the County Council. Cllr Hall and the Clerk would seek confirmation of this situation which would then enable objectors and residents to attend and, hopefully, speak to the objections which had been lodged.

RESOLVED: That the submission of representations in respect of application 1/53/18/12 be noted and further information sought in relation to the opportunity for personal representations at the determination of the application.

40/18 **County and District Ward Member Reports**

County Cllr Hall presented further information in relation to the financial position of the County Council and the challenges being faced in securing cuts. There was a suggestion that the Government might allow ring-fenced increase for Children's Care rather in the way as had been achieved for Social Services in the current financial year. In the meantime, the conversations about the prospect of unitary status continued but with various options mooted.

Cllr Hall confirmed that he had met with the EDF appointed Harbour Master for the jetty at Hinkley, which would work in association with changes to the SDC piloting of the Parrett and the coastline.

In relation to proposed cuts to expenditure which had been agreed by the Cabinet at the County Council, wide-ranging consultations were expected specific to each of the services.

There were no additional District Council matters.

41/18 **Play Area New Equipment (Min 37/18.1)**

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been held on site and the plans for new equipment and replacement of the vandalised safety surfacing were expected. This would be circulated as soon as received for members confirmation of implementation.

42/18 **Affordable Housing Needs (Min 31/18)**

No further follow-up was available.

43/18 **Local Plan (2011-2032) - Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications**

The Clerk confirmed that the consultation documents had been issued with a deadline for responses of 10/10/18. There appeared to be no significant changes proposed effecting the Parish Council.

44/18 **Neighbourhood Policing - Delivery Changes and Question and Answer Session with the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Clerk outlined information provided by the Police on planned changes in neighbourhood policing, largely designed to increase the visibility of officers on the beat. Further information was expected from the Police and Crime Commissioner's forthcoming invite meeting at the YMCA, Bridgwater.

45/18 **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement, and Other Matters**

53/18/00006 Possible non-compliance with approved plans relating to insertion of first floor window in north east elevation at Court Farm (2), Main Road. Notification had been received from the Enforcement Officer that this matter would be investigated.

46/18 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid, contained in the Clerk's report dated 11/09/18 and the income be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation.

47/18 **External Audit - Declaration and Certificate of Exemption**

The Clerk advised that following submission of the AGAR for audit, it had been confirmed that with expenditure and income under £25k in year 2017/18, the Parish Council qualified for exemption from audit. This had been confirmed by exchange of emails with the Auditors.

RESOLVED: That the outcome of audit for 2017/18 be noted and confirmed.

48/18 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 11/09/18 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Roll-out of Electronic Consultations on Applications
2. Battlefield Booklets - confirmed at existing requirement for 500
3. SWS - web report August 2018
4. Sedgemoor CAB - letter of thanks
5. Somerset Armed Forces Covenant (SAFC) Partnership - Armed Forces Day 29/06/19
6. RLT2 and 3 Contributions - submission of request for any outstanding sums under RLT2 or 3 which might be applied to the children's play area
7. Sedgemoor - free bulbs - requested
8. Footpaths and Bridleways - maintenance - contribution and costs by Parish Council to be reviewed in conjunction with budget for 2019/20 at the next meeting
9. Village Hall Floor - grant application to SDC - approval of grant of £1,000 noted towards flooring in disabled toilets and gents toilet
10. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

49/18 **Chairman's Discretion - Public Session**

With the Chairman's agreement, Mr Julian Hutchings made a presentation and issued plans in relation to ideas for the south eastern side of the Airfield which would maintain the farming needs but, subject to the grant of planning permission, enable two grass runways to be laid and a building for Airfield Heritage to be brought into use. A number of individuals were present and outlined some of the flying history, archive, and the possibilities for vintage aircraft landing, and an aviation museum.

Members were advised that any of these activities would require planning permission and that the Parish Council would be consultees through this process in the normal way. Some members expressed individual opinions. This would not, however, impact on the Parish Council ability to review any

planning application submitted.

The Chairman and Clerk requested that a follow-up presentation be made for the benefit of the Parish Council, when the proposals had been firmed up.

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Additional Items

1. Village Hall Notice Board - to note that the roof on the notice board was being replaced;
2. New Cemetery Report Follow-up (Min 32/18) - to note and agree the way forward in following up the Memorial Tablet laid without payment of the appropriate fee or compliance with the regulations being accepted with that response.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Signed;
Chairman