

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011 @ 7.30PM - COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND

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

APOLOGY: Cllr Milbank

100/10 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council – 28/02/11

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 February 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

101/10 PCSO Report

PCSO Helen Whitehead gave members an update on events in the parish – some 40 that had been logged from 01/03/11. Helen answered questions and gave more detail on some of the incidents. She also reported that PC Miranda Elkins was leaving the patch following transfer to Burnham-on-Sea.

RESOLVED: That Helen be thanked for her report and PC Elkins wished all the best in her move.

102/10 Community Centre Recreation Field and Carnival Shed & proposed extension

Background information on the existing licence and planning permission for the carnival shed was circulated. Members also noted a letter from the Chairman of the Carnival Club indicating their intentions in terms of tidying up and managing the site and intention to apply for planning permission for an extension to the existing building. Local residents were still concerned that some of the conditions were not being complied with and that particular issues were hours of operation, noise, the compound to the east and the visual impact.

RESOLVED: That as a way forward the Clerk write to the Carnival Club outlining the issues, and request that in the Parish Council's capacity as landlords the Club submit their proposals in advance of an application seeking planning permission.

103/10 Standby Building – progress with works and grant funding

The Clerk reported that the submission had been completed to obtain the grant funding, with a further request that the second portion should be paid up front to assist with the completion of the internal works. This was noted.

104/10 Affordable Housing – needs survey

The Clerk reported that as agreed this has been deferred until after the election, but in the meantime Mary Chorley of SDC had indicated that other means of circulating the survey/questionnaires may be available.

105/10 Solar Park proposals

Further correspondence from a local resident Mr Chris Portingale was reported. No further information was forthcoming on the proposed submission of a planning application for Penzoy Farm.

106/10 Election 05/05/2011 - uncontested

The Clerk reported that 5 nominations had been submitted and were elected as a result of the uncontested election. It would now be open to the Council to fill the casual vacancies by a process of co-option. This would be made widely known. Mr Beale and Mr Evans indicated their willingness to offer their names for co-option.

107/10 HMRC – PAYE Regulations

The Clerk reported that as the result of new guidance from HMRC arrangements had been made with SDC to act as payroll provider for the Parish Council.

108/10 Hinkley Point C Connection Project and EDF new build

Information provided in community updates was presented.

109/10 Allotment Provision – petition

The Clerk presented the petition from local residents seeking the provision of allotments. Cllr Beale outlined the key factors in the submission. The issue was still the availability of land, although a suggestion was put forward that land skirted by Broadstone and Monmouth Road would be acceptable, if available.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Clerk invite interest in providing land to lease, or consider purchase through the Parish Magazine;
2. that the submission be referred to the first meeting after the election and included as an item on the agenda for the Parish Public Meeting.

110/10 Audit of Accounts 2010/2011

The Clerk confirmed the notice of audit with the audit date called for 01/06/11. New Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 would be applied.

The Clerk indicated that he intended to bring forward at the first meeting of the new Council updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for approval.

111/10

Planning Applications

- 53/11/05 erection of agricultural building and formation of access north of Myrtle Villa, Andersea;
- 53/11/06 erection of two-storey extension 47 Kings Drive;
- 53/11/07 erection of agricultural workers dwelling south east of Lakewall; *(the applicants' agent spoke in support of the application and representations both in favour and against the proposal were reported).*
- 53/11/08 erection of extension to conservatory 19 Monmouth Road;
- 53/11/09 erection of two-storey rear extension Ham Lawn Farm;
- 53/11/10 agricultural building (amended scheme) east of 2 Main Road;
- 53/11/11 (listed building) internal alterations to bathroom 22 Standards Road

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised to any of the applications, with the following qualifications:-

App 53/11/07 provided the requirements of the agricultural condition and the policy limitations in respect of the dwelling are satisfied;

and in respect of:

App 53/11/10 noting that the building is outside the built development area for the village and must be considered in the context of the amount of new build taking place on the site.

(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).

112/10

Reduction in Highway weed spraying and verge maintenance services SCC/SDC

The impact of the reductions was noted.

113/10

Accounts for Payment and Income

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment contained in the Clerk's report for 18/04/11 be confirmed

114/10 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report for 18/04/11 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. SALC papers – North Area Meeting 17/03/11;
2. Community Centre Management Committee (not available);
3. Broadstone Farm residential development – suggest “Kicks close” for road name;
4. SLCC Resolving Workplace Disputes – Government consultation;
5. SCC letter from Chief Executive consequential to budget cuts;
6. Somerset Rural Youth Project – voluntary youth club support;
7. Parish Magazine – March & April 2011;
8. Bridgwater and Quantock bus timetables;
9. SALC training events and new Councillor training;
10. Internal Audit Services;
11. Magazines, newsletters, posters and product information;

115/10 **Additional Matters**

- i. Church path – overgrown hedges;
- ii. Leaking water tap at new cemetery

116/10 **Next Meetings**

The next meetings would be held on 16/05/11, being the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed immediately by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Signed:

Chairman