

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Cllr Beale (Vice-Chairman), Cllrs Alder, Mrs Ballard, Carson, Evans and Griffiths

APOLOGIES: Messrs Burge and Milbank and County Cllr David Hall

78/12 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21/01/13

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21/01/13 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79/12 Matters Arising – Community Projects – Funding Sources

Following the setting of the Precept the Clerk gave an update of the financial position with a balance of over £10,000 in the current account, approx. £2,500 in the deposit account and RLT2 monies available estimated at £10,000 available until 2017. Other sources of funding were still being sourced. Most would require matched funding.

80/12 Skate Park and Older Children’s Play Area and Fitness Equipment (Min 66/12)

Following the examination of the field and the previous wish list, details were circulated of a variety of options offered by Nant Leisure. Members considered it would be feasible to provide a facility around the perimeter of the recreation field which could include older children’s play equipment and fitness equipment. It might also be possible to use the hard surface area in the vicinity of the standby building or an area alongside the present play area and the youth shelter. Members agreed to continue their examination of the options, and to discuss any proposals with the Community Centre Management Committee. It was evident that a skate park could cost in the region of £40k which was not necessarily available. It was also likely that planning permission would be required.

RESOLVED:

1. That suggestions be published in the Parish Magazine, and included in the Agenda for the Annual Meeting for public comment;
2. That the Clerk with Mr Alder, consider plans for a Planning Application;
3. That a meeting be set up with the Community Centre Committee (or representatives) when possible.

81/12 PCSO Report

PSCO Helen Whitehead was present and gave a report on recent events, logs and recorded activity in the village. She also referred to the Forces intention to achieve

savings required and noted PC Rob Jacobs had now become responsible for the Westonzoyland area as well as adjoining parishes.

PSCO Whitehead volunteered to make contact with the property in Main Road where problems of rubbish etc had been experienced.

82/12 **Precept 2013/14 and Tax Base/Grant Calculation (Min 71/12)**

The Clerk reported that the provisional information provided at the meeting in January had been confirmed and the Council's grant level and tax base confirmed. The Council's Precept as requested, had been confirmed also.

83/12 **Moore's Parish Cluster Group 21/02/13**

The minutes of the Moore's Parish Cluster Group were noted. The next meeting would be held in Westonzoyland in May, most likely 22/05/13, when it was intended to view continuing work on the standby building for which RLT3 monies had been received. The Chairman undertook to make the arrangements with Misses Butt and Milward.

84/12 **Calendar of Meetings 2013/14**

RESOLVED: That the Calendar of Meetings as presented be agreed and published in the Parish Magazine.

85/12 **Planning Applications – decisions, appeals and enforcement**

53/12/07 and 08 (LB) rebuild of existing outbuilding at 18 Fore Street;
53/12/21 erection of dwelling and garage at 15 Liney Road;
53/13/01 erection of single storey extensions to South and West elevations and conversion of loft, including installation of dormer windows at 5 Oakley Close.

RESOLVED:

1. 07 and 08 (LB) that no objection be raised providing existing materials are used wherever possible in the re-build and development is contained within the footprint/external walls of the existing building;
2. 21 that objection be raised to the access via Cramwell Close as inappropriate and will adversely impact on properties already served by the Close. Access across number 15 onto Liney Road would be acceptable. In addition, care will be needed in design of unit, if permitted, to ensure no overlooking of bungalows and amenity space of properties in Cramwell Close;
3. That no objection be raised provided steps are taken to ensure no overlooking of existing properties and amenity from dormer window – at least use of frosted glazing.

86/12 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments) contained in the Clerk's Report dated 11/03/13 be approved and payments noted, as well as the income received from the VAT repayment and the WAGs allotment rental (one year).

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Publications and Correspondence

1. Parish Magazines – February and March 2013;
2. Connecting Devon and Somerset – briefing update;
3. HBC National Grid Connection – local community forums;
4. Cheddar Reservoir 2 – stage 1 consultation: information issues and options;
5. Community South West – competition for community funding;
6. NALC retirement of Chief Executive;
7. NHS Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2012 (referred to Mr Evans);
8. Somerset County Council – notice of election for Bridgwater East and Bawdrip division (including Westonzoyland);
9. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information.

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Additional Items

1. Carnival Club – notice seeking planning permission to rebuild shed;
2. Community Centre Open Day;
3. Request for Minutes on Website;
4. Complaints of dogs mess in Church Lane;
5. Registered blind person complaint about footpath in Cheer Lane opposite the Community Centre (to be reported again);
6. Community Centre – flooding;
7. Praise for allotment site as an asset to the village;
8. 36 Main Road – rubbish and rats (see PCSO item above).

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.

Signed:

Chairman