

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Mrs Fisher (Vice-Chairman), Messrs Beale, Burge, Evans and Milbank

APOLOGIES: Mrs Burgess and Messrs Alder and Keith and Griffiths

83/09 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council – 22/02/10

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22/02/10 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

84/09 Matters Arising

i. Proposed Community Centre extension, Cluster Meeting and RLT3

Funding (Min 74/09.i) – Mr Burge confirmed that at the Cluster Meeting on 09/03/10 the programme and phasing of the proposed works had been approved, although it was now necessary to revise the costings against the programme and this would be done for the next cluster.

ii. **Standby building, roofing and rating issue** (Min 74/09.ii) – further quotations were being obtained for the roof. Mr Alder was seeking funding to help this project. A further issue had arisen in relation to the rating assessment following a bill originally sent to the Scouts, which was now forwarded to the Westonzoyland Cricket Club. Mr Burge would follow this up with the Scouts again through Roger Jameson and issues relating to rating, water supply and electric supply needed to be resolved.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk, together with Mr Burge follow these issues up attempting to resolve the sharing of costs to be paid by the users of the building and to resolve the situation with SDC and the rates, following the recent valuation review.

iii. **Local Action team** – nothing further to report at this stage.

85/09 Future Funding of Local Services & Facilities to support SDC (min 76/09)

The Clerk reported that a workshop to discuss the potential for Town and Parish Councils to work with the District to jointly fund a range of discretionary services was being held on 12/05/10 from 6.30 to 8.30pm at the Sedgemoor Room, Bridgwater House. A circular confirming the services financed by the parish had been completed and returned.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

86/09 Infrastructure Planning Commission, EDF Proposals and National Grid and Community Engagement

The Clerk confirmed the position in relation to each of the items in the heading, referring also to a letter from SCC indicating their view that the route corridor study

in conjunction with the electricity transmission route was fundamentally flawed. A further report would be submitted as the community engagement work was completed.

87/09 **Manor Farm and Westonzoyland Airfield – erection of sheds and buildings (Min 77/09)**

The Clerk reported a further letter from the Enforcement Section of SDC confirming their view that enforcement action was not appropriate because there was “no planning objection” to the development. Members regarded this as an insult and felt that the matter should still be referred to the Planning Committee.

88/09 **Planning Applications**

53/10/04 Erection of single-storey extension with living accommodation to the loft, erection of detached garage and new access at 2 School Road;

RESOLVED: That no objection be raised to any of the application.

89/09 **Planning Applications - Decisions**

53/09/34 Extension to north east elevation to agricultural building on land to south east of Lakewall – deferred for to secure improvements to Section 106 requirements;

53/09/35 Erection of two-storey extension at 59 Liney Road - approved

90/09 **Broadstone House and land adjoining Broadstone (also known as Kicks Farm)**

The Council received a presentation from Mr Andy Lainer of West of England Developments outlining their proposals for 16 houses including three affordable units on the Broadstone Farm site. Issues relating to access both vehicular and pedestrian were dealt with and the possibility of a central play area supported by a commuted sum. Members expressed a desire for the play area/open space to be provided and for a pedestrian link through to the existing adjoining development.

91/09 **The Priory 20 Main Road**

The Clerk reported correspondence from the Enforcement Section of SDC confirming the position following enquiries into the development carried out at the Priory. Members noted the information.

92/09 **Affordable Housing in Westonzoyland**

The Council received a presentation from Felix Marsh Rural Housing Enabler on the need for affordable housing in Westonzoyland, particularly with the identification of a key rural settlement within the Local Development Framework. The opportunity had arisen for a Parish Housing Needs Survey. A copy of the questionnaire would be

provided and circulated so that members could assess the desirability. This was otherwise agreed in principle to be undertaken.

93/09 **Accounts for Payment & Income**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments) contained in the Clerk's report dated 12/04/10 be confirmed and noted, together with the income (Mr Evans confirmed his intention to carry out an audit of the remaining Battlefield Pictures still available for sale).

94/09 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 12/04/10 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. Insurance renewal
2. Sedgemoor to Mendip bus services issue 2
3. SLCC Regional Conference in Plymouth 18/05/10
4. Airfields of Britain petition
5. Victim Support 2010/2011 and funding request – Declined
6. Energy saving trust
7. Somerset Heritage Centre and Records Services office relocation
8. Dog bin emptying rates 2010/2011 at £2.68 per visit per bin plus VAT – Agreed
9. Parish Magazine – March and April 2010 – new editor Lynn Stevens
10. Somerset Community Council subscription request £30 – Declined
11. Centre for sustainable energy
12. Magazines, posters and product information

95/09 **Additional Matters**

1. 12 Kings Drive – storage of 10-12 gas cylinders – eyesore and danger – contact to be made with Fire brigade and Environmental Services;
2. Drains around Sycamore Close – letter to residents from Mike Tucker – reference to Environmental Health and Water Authority noted;

96/09 **Audit of Accounts 2009/2010**

The Clerk confirmed the notice of audit and the requirements to approve the accounts by 30/06/10. The audit return had been called for by 01/06/10, although this may not be achievable pending contact with the Internal Auditor, Mrs Diane Keegan.

97/09 **Calendar of Meetings 2010/2011**

RESOLVED: That the draft calendar be approved as circulated.

The meeting finished at 9pm

Signed:

Chairman