

# **WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2013 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Cllr Beale (Vice-Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Ballard, Burge, Carson, Evans and Griffiths  
Cllr David Hall, County Council Ward Member, was also present

**APOLOGY:** Cllr Alder

### **27/13 Penzoy Farm 500kw Wind Turbine Consultation**

The Council received a brief presentation from Henry Waite of Mi-Grid, who were working with Mr and Mrs Heal to deliver a 500kw wind turbine on land at Penzoy Farm. Mr Waite outlined the concept, described the proposed wind turbine – a three bladed structure measuring 50m to the hub and 77m to the tip. Temporary access would be provided for the construction with connection to the sub-station off Westonzoyland Road. The location had been chosen to have minimum effect on any residential properties. A turbine would produce 2gw sufficient to service some 450 dwellings. Mr Waite described the process and answered questions specifically related to the no-fly zone in relation to Westonzoyland Airfield and MOD clearance and air traffic control, risk assessment, impacts on visual, noise, ecology and aviation, and the provision of the Community Fund. The Parish Council might be invited to facilitate this funding for suitable community groups and endeavours. A full risk assessment would be provided, together with impacts on wildlife and ecology in preparation for the submission of a planning application expected within two months. Mr Waite undertook to provide the Parish Council with a list of locations where similar structures could be viewed.

Members noted the proposal and affirmed that the widest community consultation exercise should be undertaken in conjunction with the submission of the Planning Application.

### **28/13 Westonzoyland Airfield Commemoration and Westonzoyland Aviation Museum (Min 14/13)**

Mr Robbert Turner and Mr Ian Harris followed up their visit to the previous meeting, displaying a model of a suggested Museum building which they thought might be located in relation to the existing Community Centre. They were reminded of the steps which would be needed, including approval of a lease and grant of planning permission. They also reported discussions with the Westonzoyland Community Centre Management Committee where a suggestion of using the current Committee Room for this dual purpose had been considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the use of the Committee Room is the Parish Council preference and that this should be explored by Mr Turner and Mr Harris as a first option.

29/13

**Ward Member Report – SCC Cllr David Hall**

Members received information from the County Ward Member, Cllr Hall, in relation to the Community Benefit Fund for New Nuclear promising some £40 million over a forty year period, although progress with the HPC EDF proposal was still waiting on the conclusion of the strike price negotiations. He also reported that a Regional Growth bid for £1.5m funding from the LEP towards a project at Junction 24 had been unsuccessful but alternative funding was being sought. A series of traffic issues were in the course of being resolved in and around Bridgwater.

30/13

**PCSO Report and Suggestion for Gating of Community Centre Car Park**

No report had been received from PCSO Helen Whitehead, who was now on leave, but she had submitted an item for consideration related to a proposal to gate and lock the car park to the Community Centre. This followed anti-social behaviour for sometime, much of which was associated with the gathering of vehicles in the Community Centre car park in the evenings and after dark. Members acknowledged that this had been considered before but had not met with a positive reaction although it was now indicated that the Westonzoyland Community Centre Management Committee supported the idea and had in place proposals for the opening and closing of the gate. A similar situation existed in Middlezoy where the gating of the car park had been successful. PCSO Whitehead had offered £300 towards the cost.

**RESOLVED:** That in principle, the proposed gating be approved subject to written confirmation of the way this will be operated and suitable signage and that three quotations be obtained for the work with the Parish Council providing up to £700.

31/13

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 June 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24/06/13 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32/13

**Matters Arising**

1. **Skate Park and Older Children's Play Area and Fitness Equipment** – Deferred for consideration at the October Meeting in conjunction with the Carnival Club proposals for their extension as illustrated in the Plan provided;
2. **Carnival Club Proposals** – Planning application fee 50% if submitted by Parish Council for this purpose, to be considered; and
3. **Work carried out by Mr I S Moore** – itemised.

33/13

**Parish Council Vacancy – Co-option**

The Clerk reported that following advertisement, no request had been received for election to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council. In the event members were invited to put forward nominations for co-option.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Nathan Lamb of 28 Judy's Orchard, Westonzoyland, TA7 0HT, be elected to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council until the end of the current electoral term.

*The Chairman welcomed Cllr Lamb to the Parish Council, who then stayed for the remainder of the business.*

**34/13      Moors Parish Cluster Meeting – 22/08/13**

Members noted the Agenda for the Cluster Group Meeting, which would be attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**35/13      Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) contained in the Clerk's Report dated 12/08/13 including the Minister's fees for burials, and the income be noted and approved.

**36/13      Planning Applications – new applications, decisions, appeals and enforcement**

53/13/11 – two-storey extension, 2 School Road - **approved**

53/13/12 – bay window, 29 Monmouth Road - **approved**

53/13/13 – single storey extension, 23 Bussex Square

53/13/15 – first floor extension, 52 Main Road

53/12/19 (appeal) – detached dwelling and garage/workshop, 53 Liney Road

**RESOLVED:** That no objection be raised to the new applications and the appeal at 53 Liney Road noted with the Parish Council views already expressed at the application stage.

**37/13      Publications and Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** That the items recorded in the Report dated 12/08/13 be noted and actioned where appropriate;

1. Play Area Safety Inspection Report
2. Parish Magazine – July 2013
3. Neighbourhood Policing Awards
4. Speed Indicator Installation (SID) – cancellation – representations to be made
5. SALC – AGM and All Area General Meetings 28/09/13 – copies to be circulated
6. NALC – A New Future – draft strategy for consultation – to be circulated
7. Rural Fair Share Petition – Ian Liddell Granger MP – sheets issued
8. SDC Dog Bins – quotes
9. Community Centre Management Committee – rubbish disposal contribution £150 to be paid
10. NALC Salary Award 2013/14 – implemented
11. Cheddar Reservoir II
12. Community Council Membership – referred to Management Committee
13. CAB Annual Report and Grant Request - £50 approved
14. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

**38/13      Additional Items**

1. **Westonzoyland Carnival Club “Buy a Brick” Campaign** – acquire £35;
2. **Overhanging Sycamore Tree, Woodland Avenue/Cheer Lane (Burton)** – to be reported;
3. **Noticeboard at Old Post Office** - toughened glass to be replaced (CB/HG)

4. **Overgrown Flower Border and Brambles, Church Lane** – to be reported to County Highways.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Signed:  
Chairman: