

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Ms Bicker, Mr Evans, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Pearce, Ms Perry and Mr Spurrell

County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) and District Cllr Anthony Betty were also present

APOLOGY: Cllr Griffiths

31/19 Planning Application 53/19/00019 - Erection of Dwelling with Annex Southlands, 10A School Road

The Clerk reported that since the previous consideration, the application had been substantially amended, including single storey where previously two storey had been proposed, thus reducing the impact on the surroundings. The applicant's agent was present and explained the changes illustrating on plan.

The application was to be considered by the Development Committee at SDC on Tuesday and arrangements had been made to provide any views from this meeting. It was understood that local residents may still have objections.

Resolved: That SDC be advised that the Parish Council note the changes and the reduced impact but wish the application to be considered in the revised form, and in the event that planning permission is to be granted consideration be given to obscure glass in the south-east elevation window (the boot room) and that any metal cladding should be non-reflective.

(Cllr Perry left the room during consideration of this revised application.)

32/19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24/06/19 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33/19 Matters Arising

i. **Towens Site, Springway (Application 1/53/18/12) SCC Regulation Committee (Min 19/19i)** - following up the previous minute, the Clerk advised that the application was due to be considered by the SCC Regulation Committee on 05/09/19.

(Note by Clerk - since the meeting advice has been received that the consideration of the application has been delayed until the 3rd October meeting, having awaited response in part from Natural England to complete assessment under the Habitats Regulations.)

(The Chairman declared an interest in this application, with ownership of adjacent land.)

ii **Play Area - New Equipment DDA Roundabout and RoSPA Safety Inspection Report (Min 19/19ii)** - the Clerk confirmed that he continued to source an alternative company to provide a DDA roundabout at an acceptable cost. In the meantime the Safety Inspection report had been received with no major issues raised, but some minor items requiring attention.

Resolved:

1. That the situation with the provision of a DDA roundabout be noted;

2. that the Clerk confirm with Ian Moore the items requiring attention and notwithstanding the safety measures put in place on the ex-roundabout stake this be removed as soon as possible.

iii. **Traffic Speeding and Representations to Highway Authority (Min 20/19)** - see Min 34/19 below.

iv. **Defibrillator(s) (Min 22/19)** - This was still being pursued.

v. **Grants (Min 24/19)** - Letters of thanks received from Sedgemoor CAB and Music on the Levels.

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County and District Ward Member Reports

County Cllr David Hall reported a number of matters including updates on the Somerset Rivers Authority, the HPC Jetty now partially in use, and the Small Community Health and Wellbeing Grant available to County Ward members for which applications were invited.

He then reported fully on the following two items:

i. **Sedgemoor Karting** (application number 53/19/10) - approval with conditions of retrospective application for change of use of Airfield from go-kart track to stockpiling of washed chipping, stones etc. He advised that the County Council still had issues with SDC about the way in which this application had been dealt with. However, the behaviour of the major county contractor Skanska was felt to be appalling to the Village and to the County Council. As a result they had requested the company with the contractor, to attend a meeting of the Parish Council. They had indicated they were not prepared to attend a meeting open to the public but Cllr Hall agreed to set up a meeting with representatives. Members agreed to this, somewhat reluctantly, and noted specifically the nine or so conditions attached to the approval requiring action within three months.

ii. **Traffic Matters** - Cllr Hall had arranged for Highways to attend a site meeting, which could be held in late Summer and to which the Police would also be invited. Cllr Hall would set this up and Mike Tucker would be invited to join the Parish Council representation.

Cllrs Perry and Betty commented on matters raised at the District Council from the revised Community Strategy through to response to fracking and a report on the planned Highway Strategy outlining especially improvements to the A372. The Council had also opposed the removal of one appliance through the Fire Service Consultation.

35/19 **Battlefield Signs and Visitor Centre Noticeboards (St Mary's Church)-Update**

Resolved: That the Clerk chase up a response from the District Council to assist with the refurbishment of the Battlefield signage and noticeboards.

36/19 **Website Matters**

1. Play Areas/Youth Shelter

Resolved: That after due consideration the Parish Council stand by the decision to retain the Youth Shelter in its present location as most appropriate, but following on from the Safety Report, implement a programme of more frequent clean-ups;

2. 5G Roll-Out

Resolved: That the observations be noted but not supported;

3. Request for Identification of Dog Training Space

Resolved: That the outcome be noted.

37/19 **Fire Service Consultation (Min 28/19.2)**

Resolved: That the Consultation Event on 27/08/19 at Bridgwater Library be noted but subject thereto opposition be voiced to the removal of one fire tender from the Bridgwater Station in view of the significant growth in the Town and surrounding areas, the location of the two motorway junctions, and the proximity of the HPC development with the additional major infrastructure and impacts this has brought to the area.

38/19 **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements and Other Matters**

Follow-up reports were received for information on applications 53/19/10 Sedgemoor Karting, Airfield and 53/19/16 2 Liney Road

Decisions

53/19/19 Dwelling with annex, Southlands 10A School Road (see Min 31/19 above)

53/19/21 Detached dwelling, outline application with all matters reserved on land to SE of 51 Liney Road - **confirmed approval** as beneficial use of existing residential land

- 53/19/22 Extension and conversion of existing garage to form playroom and parking spaces at 2 Knights Close - **no objection**
- 53/19/23 Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 17/27 annex at W elevation to accommodate Hinkley Point worker at 43B Monmouth Road - **no objection** subject to limit to single occupation at any one time
- 53/19/24 Change of use and conversion of agricultural building and yard to dwelling house with associated works at Bullhorn Farm, Andersea Road - **no objection**
- 53/19/25 Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to form 4 number units for B1 and B8 including demolition at Bullhorn Farm, Andersea Road - **no objection** subject to Highway Authority comments, possible concerns about road access
- 53/19/26 Erection of single storey extension at Weston Court, 22 Main Road - **no objection**
- 53/19/27 Erection of single storey extension for farm office at Bussex Farm, 65 Liney Road - **no objection** subject to impact reference bats, provision of roof lights and floor levels
- 53/19/28 Erection of extension to existing building and use of land for mixed use of agriculture and non commercial storage and workshop on land to SW of Andersea Farm - **no objection** provided limited to non commercial use by way of condition.

(Cllr Perry took no part and left the room during consideration of applications contained in Min 38/19.)

39/19 Accounts for Payment and Receipts

Resolved: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid contained in the Clerks report dated 12/08/19, be noted and approved, together with the bank statements and reconciliation.

40/19 Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: That the items recorded in the report dated 12/08/19 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. ICO - Registration and Circulation of Guidance and PC Toolkit
2. SWS Website Report - July 2019
3. SWP Waste Briefing Q&A 2019
4. Community Safety Team - main topics and publicity
5. Future of Acute Mental Health Services
6. Poole Farm Tree - cutting back completed
7. Sedgemoor Economic Development Strategy - 2050
8. May 2019 Local Elections Research
9. National Allotments Week - WAGs article in Somerset Life

10. Electoral Canvas 2019
11. Somerset Road Safety - talks available for local organisations
12. SCC Chair - Annual Service 14/09/19 Williton
13. River Parrett Dredging Consultation - completion
14. Rural Housing Week
15. NALC - law and procedure notes including Parish and Community Council meetings, public sector websites and mobile applications and marking the death of senior national figures
16. SALC - dealing with and handling intimidation for Councillors
17. SDC Planning Seminar - circulation including CIL information as issued
18. Sedgemoor Battlefield Tour - Wednesday 03/07/19 - possible take-up of local Battlefield tour (PE)
19. Police Public Forum - 24/09/19 at Minehead
20. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

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Additional Items

1. **Tree Planting** - to encourage and support campaign for more tree planting in the district and suggest possible sites at the School, Community Recreation Field, orchards and Cemetery.
2. **Microlights and light aircraft activity from Airfield over Village** - Cllr Alder to refer to information in his possession.
3. **Website photographs** - thanks to Cllr Pearce for supply of additional and replacement photos.
4. **Planning enforcement** - pursuance of case at Andersea - Cllr Ms Perry.
5. **Parish Magazine** - in light of closure, all requested to review possible combination with existing magazines in surrounding villages.

The meeting finished at 9.40 pm

Signed;
Chairman