

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTONZOYLAND

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Griffiths and Keith

59/11 Resignation of Mr Phillip Keith

The Clerk reported an e-mail from Phillip Keith in which he had conveyed his apologies and tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. This left the Parish Council with six members, but with the next elections due in May 2011, less than six months away, this was sufficient for the work of the Council to continue.

RESOLVED: That Mr Keith's resignation be accepted with regret and he be thanked for his work for the Parish Council and no steps be taken to obtain additional members pending the next elections.

60/11 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council – 11/10/10

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the addition of declarations of interest in planning application numbers 53/10/25 of a personal and prejudicial nature by Mrs Fisher and in 53/10/25 and 53/10/66 by Mr Milbank of a personal nature.

(previous minutes revised accordingly).

61/10 Standby Building - update on urgent works and application to Levels & Moors for funding (Min 48/10)

The Clerk confirmed that the Levels & Moors Community Fund had offered a grant of £5000 towards the urgent works to the Standby Building. With other monies available this would enable the project to proceed, which was confirmed by representatives of the football clubs.

Members discussed again the position with the Community Centre Management Committee, the Cluster Meeting and the application for RLT3 funding. This had been further investigated although it was still not clear, given other applications that had been approved, that the Standby Building works did not qualify. Members agreed that this should be pursued again at the upcoming Moors Parish Cluster group meeting on 09/12/10. This would be taken forward again based on the information put together by the football clubs' representatives. Emphasis could be placed on the DDA aspects and disabled toilets as well as the improvements for proper changing facilities.

Members were also acquainted with an application going forward from the North Petherton Bowling Club that related to car parking improvements.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the grant offered from the Levels & Moors be accepted and the project proceed;
- ii. That based on the information gleaned this matter be raised again with the Cluster meeting on 09/12/10 on the basis that the Standby Building will be a permanent facility and the relevant issues and the fact that the extension to the centre as proposed will not be proceeding at this time;
- iii. That Mrs Fisher represents the Council with the papers provided.

62/11 **Westonzoyland Community Centre Management Committee 01/11/10**

Members noted the position as discussed in relation to the Standby Building and repairs to the Youth Shelter roof to be paid for by the Parish Council.

63/11 **PCSO Report**

RESOLVED:

- i. That the report from Helen Whitehead PCSO as now reported, be circulated to all members by e-mail;
- ii. that Helen be thanked for the grant she has obtained to provide mobile goals for the football clubs;
- iii. that arrangements be made to circulate widely through the village and through the Parish Magazine advice about the postal scam advised by members.

64/11 **Budget & Precept 2011/2012**

The Clerk confirmed the tax base for 2011/2012 which had increased marginally to 639.06. A draft budget would be submitted to the meeting in January, although members had already observed the information about funding cuts from the District and County Councils, and had agreed in principle, to deal with the second dog bin and to make appropriate provision within the estimates for emptying two bins in 2011/12.

65/11 **Electoral Review of Sedgemoor – Publication of Final Recommendations**

The Clerk reported confirmation that the final recommendations had been published. These did not affect the parish council boundaries for election purposes in any way, but for representation of the Kings Isle Ward on the District Council, Bridgwater Without and land as known as North East Bridgwater had replaced Stawell and Sutton Mallet.

RESOLVED: That this be noted, in particular the reduction in the size of SDC from 50 to 48 members.

66/10 **Hinkley Point C Connection Update**

Members were advised via correspondence from National Grid that they hoped to be in a position to make an announcement on the preferred route corridor once they had

completed a detailed appraisal to assess all the different system options, including underground and sub-sea cables as well as overhead lines.

67/10 **Planning Applications**

- 53/10/68 retention of car parking area at front of 2 Townsend
- 53/10/71 erection of single-storey extension partly on site of existing at 2 Load Lane
- 53/10/72 renewal of permission for house and access adjoining 9 Liney Road/23 Townsend
- 53/10/73(LB) work to chimneys and installation of boiler at Shillingsbury, Church Lane
- 53/10/74 erection of single-storey extension front of Momella, 25 Standards Road
- 53/10/76 change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling, Barn C on land at Moorland Farm, Lakewall

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

(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).

68/10 **Planning Application Decision – Renewal of Temporary Classroom unit at Primary School (53/10/65)**

RESOLVED: That the approval of the application be noted.

69/10 **Accounts for Payment and Income**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment contained in the Clerk's Report dated 15/11/10 be confirmed, including the payment of £1.40 recorded delivery.

70/10 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 15/11/10 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. SALC newsletter October 2010 and meeting on 02/12/10;
2. Guide to winter service for highways;
3. Temporary road closure River Road, Burrowbridge;
4. Project 65 – veterans charity;
5. Parish magazine November 2010;
6. Police Authority newsletter;
7. Bus timetables;
8. Magazines, posters and product information;

71/10 **Additional Matters**

- i. Battlefield pictures – Mr Evans to make available at St Mary's Church in connection with the battlefield displays as most appropriate place for sale (subject to confirmation with Rev. Chris Keys);

- ii. Model Standing Orders – to be reviewed before the end of the financial year;
- iii. Prospective closure of Middlezoy recycling site – prospect of additional objections to closure;-support;
- iv. Affordable housing – Needs Survey – deferred to new year with request for volunteers to hand delivery forms;
- v. Information circulated by Hinkley C Connection Group (HCCG) – additional communication channels to ensure good communications with Parish Councils.

71/10

Next Meeting

In accordance with the calendar of meetings the next meeting would be held on Monday 13/01/11

The meeting finished at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Chairman