

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTONZOYLAND

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

APOLOGIES: Messrs Burge & Milbank

36/11 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15/08/11

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15/08/11 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

37/11 Allotments – Update (Min 26/11)

The Clerk outlined the actions that had been taken since the previous meeting and gave an update on the current situation. Other sites had been examined again, but for one reason or another had fallen by the wayside. The Westonzoyland Allotment Gardeners (WAGs) had pursued a proposal to lease land off Main Road at the rear of properties at the entry to the village. A series of objections and representations had been received from residents and members were made aware of the content. As a result changes had been made to the proposed scheme to try and overcome some of the issues.

With examination members had accepted that the site at the new cemetery was not acceptable.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited local residents to give their views.

Mike Tucker on behalf the WAGS, explained the scheme, contact with the Landowners' Agent, and amendments that were proposed to overcome objections.

Pip Turner, on behalf of the residents, outlined the range of objections and their opposition to the planned site. She suggested that an alternative within the same field but further away from the properties might be possible and indicated that the landowner, notwithstanding plans to grant another tenancy on parts of the field, may be interested in this change.

Members took note of the variety of issues raised, in particular access from the main road, the likelihood of parking in Liney Road and alternative access.

RESOLVED:

1. That the use of the new cemetery land be not pursued;
2. that the Clerk and the WAGs be invited to investigate use of another part of the field further from the bungalows;
3. that any other options, including the Notaro land, be followed up as another option;
4. that it be noted that other land off Liney Road is not available

38/11

Matters Arising from the previous minutes

- i. **Standby building – update on RLT3 funding and levels & moors grant (Min 27/11).** The quarterly report and financial submission had been made to the Levels & Moors group.
- ii. **Residential development at Broadstone Farm (kerbing).** Planning Enforcement and the Highway Authority had been asked to examine the kerbing being laid at the entrance to the Broadstone Farm development because of concerns at the reduction in width of the carriageway in Broadstone and possible danger.
- iii. **Residential development at Broadstone Farm (Application 53/10/27 and 80).** A letter from a local resident complaining about the way in which this application had been dealt with, in particular the increase from 16 to 17 units and the impact on adjoining properties was read and noted.

39/11

PCSO Report

The Clerk had circulated a report from PCSO Helen Whitehead via email outlining the log of various incidents in the village over the past month.

40/11

Joint Local Funding of Services 2012/2013

RESOLVED: That the letter received from SDC be noted and taken into account at the forthcoming budget meeting.

41/11

National Grid – Hinkley Point ‘C’ Connection Project

The National Grid had announced their preferred route corridor and were now beginning the next stage of engagement and consultation on the project. The Parish Council continued to share representation at the Community Forums, which were an essential part of the process. Members noted the effect upon Westonzoyland in relation to the enlargement of the sub-station off Westonzoyland Road.

42/11

EDF Energy – application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC)

Members were notified that the application to the IPC for a Development Consent Order was about to be submitted by EDF Energy. The IPC would then have 28 days to confirm the validation of the application, whereupon full consultation would take place.

43/11

Somerset Electoral Review and 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

Members noted the likely impact of suggested changes to the Somerset County Ward that included Westonzoyland and to changes in the Parliamentary Constituency, which would impact upon the Bridgwater and West Somerset constituency, although the latter would not affect Westonzoyland.

44/11

Planning Applications – decisions, appeals and enforcement

53/11/24 erection of dwelling, double-garage, stables and access at Liney House Farm, Liney Road

- 53/11/25 renovation of existing outbuilding, link walkway, windows etc, at Shillingsbury Church Lane
- 53/11/26 (LB) same development at Shillingsbury Church Lane
- 53/11/28 erection of two-storey extension to include garage at 24a Kings Drive
- 53/11/07 (APPEAL) agricultural workers' dwelling on land to south east of Lakewall – Informal Hearing - decision awaited

RESOLVED:

1. That no objections be raised to any of the applications;
2. that the position with the appeal be noted

(Cllr Alder declared an interest in all applications as a member of the SDC Development Committee and took no part in the consideration and did not vote thereon).

45/11 Accounts for Payment and Receipt

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments) contained in the Clerk's report dated 17/10/11 be approved.

46/11 Publications and Correspondence

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 17/10/11 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. Moors Parish Cluster Group and PACT – 29/11/11
2. Sedgemoor Core Strategy– adoption following Inspector's Report
3. Sedgemoor Children's Centre cluster advisory board – need for members – no nomination
4. Community Council for Somerset – Hidden Somerset website – agreed £24 fee to be paid
5. Parish Magazines – September and October
6. CPRE and NALC – planning guide (passed to Mr Carson)
7. Temporary road closures at Westonzoyland Road and St John's Street and Grenton A361 - noted
8. RLT3 receipts by SDC – noted
9. SALC meetings, accounts and elections for SDC Standards Committee – noted
10. Queen's Diamond Jubilee 04/06/12
11. Affordable Housing follow up
12. Magazines, posters and product information
13. Winter Service 2011/12 – de-icing material and depot open evening – 09/11/11

47/11 Additional Items

1. Dog fouling Community Centre recreation field – action taken by Management Committee
2. Surfacing at Community Centre – estimate £2000.00 to restore surfacing – agree in principle to part fund subject to budget meeting and quotations being obtained.

3. Names of Parish Councillors to be placed on noticeboards
4. Community Centre – provision of new seating to be considered with estimates
5. Group oil scheme – options to be followed up by Members

48/11

John Milbank

The Council recorded their best wishes to John.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.

Signed:



Chairman

21/11/11