

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 JUNE 2012 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Fisher (Chairman), Cllr Beale (Vice-Chairman), Cllrs Alder, Mrs Ballard, Burge, Carson and Griffiths.

Cllr David Hall, County Council Ward Member was also present

APOLOGIES: Messrs Evans and Milbank

12/12 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 14/05/12

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14/05/12 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/12 Matters Arising

- i. **Forces March 25/05/12 (Min 04/12iii)** – the Council recorded thanks to the Chairman Mrs Fisher, Mrs Ballard and Mr Griffiths who had taken part in the march and Mr Evans who had assisted. The event had been a success and plans were already being made for an event in 2013. The Chairman had passed on a donation of £200 to the charity;

RESOLVED:

1. That Mr Evans be asked to pass photos to the Parish Magazine
2. that a letter be sent to the Bell Ringers thanking them for their involvement
- ii. **Queen's Diamond Jubilee mugs** – the 9 remaining mugs would be passed to the school and church (PCC) for use at their forthcoming fetes.

14/12 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14/05/12

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14/05/12 be noted.

15/12 Matters Arising

- i. **Environment Agency flood zoning presentation** – the information had been widely distributed and made available to the Parish Magazine including the contact number;

16/12 PCSO Report

A report received from PCSO Helen Whitehead via e-mail outlining a log of various incidents during the past month had been circulated.

17/12 Audit of Accounts 2011/2012 and Governance Statement (Min 06/12)

The Chairman and Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer had signed the accounts and submitted them to the External Auditors.

The Clerk drew attention to two cheques which had not been cashed and which the Internal Auditor had requested be followed up, including one for £500 issued to the Parochial Church Council for audio equipment.

RESOLVED:

1. That the action taken in approving the accounts and governance statement and submission to audit be endorsed;
2. that Mr Carson check the position with the cheque passed to the Vicar.

18/12 **SLCC Summer Branch Meeting 06/07/12**

Members noted that the Summer Branch Meeting of the Society would be held at the Community Centre on 06/07/12. The meeting would be followed by lunch at the Sedgemoor Inn. Mrs Fisher as Chairman would be welcoming attendees and Mrs Ballard undertook to help provide coffee and biscuits prior to the meeting from 9.30am.

19/12 **Code of Conduct and New Standards Regime**

The Clerk explained that the current standards regime would change with effect from 01/07/12 and the Monitoring Officers across the county were working on a model code of conduct. A model had also been prepared by the National Association of Local Councils and it was possible for local councils to adopt their own code following the issue of new regulations by government. The SLCC meeting would receive a presentation from the Monitoring Officer of SDC on changes to the code and thereafter a further report would be brought forward.

20/12 **Bench at Community Centre**

The Parish Council were informed of the desire of Mr Stan Boyland to present and place a bench in a suitable location on the community centre path to commemorate his wife and their 60 years together. The Management Committee had agreed the siting. Arrangements would be made for the bench to be delivered to Mr Burge to be installed by the Carnival Club.

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyland be thanked for his generous donation and members seek an estimate for the possibility of refurbishing the pathway and what sources of grants may be available.

21/12 **Planning Applications – decisions, appeals and enforcement**

53/12/10 erection of single-storey side extension to form annexe accommodation including bedroom in loft at 31 Liney Road

53/12/11 erection of single-storey rear and side extensions with front porch and first-floor extension at 19 School Road

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

(Cllr Alder declared an interest as a Member of the Development Committee of SDC and took no part in the consideration and did not vote on either application: and Mr Griffith declared a personal interest in application 53/12/11)

22/12 **Accounts for Payment and Receipt**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed for payment (included Section 137 payments) contained in the Clerk's report dated 18/06/12 be approved.

23/12 **Publications and Correspondence**

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 18/06/12 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. EDF Energy – DCO application and hearings update
2. HPC Connection project update
3. Parish Magazine – June 2012
4. Somerset Electoral Review – information and decision expected shortly
5. SALC affiliation 2012/2013 - £411.83 to be paid
6. Appointment of External Auditor 2012/2013 and future years (5 years) – Grant Thornton UKLLP – no objections raised
7. Civil parking enforcement update
8. Magazines, posters and product information

24/12 **Additional Items**

1. Battlefield pictures – remaining examples passed onto church to aid roof fund
2. Distribution of Queen's Diamond Jubilee mugs commemoratively to members of the Parish Council
3. Matters held over from previous meeting including Cheer Lane Footway, overhanging hedges and trees at Townsend and property in Fore Street opposite Kings Drive, including impact on sightline from Hamrod Lane - to be referred to property owners, highway authority and planning authority as appropriate.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Chairman