

# **WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTONZOYLAND**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Evans and Beale

### **88/10 Public Speaking**

1. **Westonzoyland Community Centre Management Committee recreation field and carnival shed** – the Council received representations from local residents in relation to activities at the carnival shed including tree removal, activities in the shed and compound, and proposed extensions. Members were also addressed on behalf of the Carnival Club explaining their position and their intentions. Members were reminded that the site was the subject of conditions attached to the grant of planning permission, and the licence under which the premises were held. A discussion on a way forward took place.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the permissions and conditions in terms of both the licence and the planning consent be reviewed and copies supplied;
  - ii. That the Carnival Club be invited to submit to the next meeting in as full detail as possible their plans and proposals on 18/04/11 and residents given an opportunity to comment
2. **Solar Energy** – the Parish Council received a presentation on behalf of AEE a German company with proposals to establish a solar energy park of some 25 hectares on land at Penzoy Farm. Members were acquainted with proposals at various stages of development for several sites in the vicinity, in particular two sites in the parish of Bridgwater Without and possible other sites in Westonzoyland. Representations were also heard on Penzoy Farm and from a local resident opposed to the number of parks being brought forward. It was understood that the District Council were examining principles for the creation of solar parks in terms of planning, environment, and agriculture and currently in relation to the local development framework. It was agreed that due publicity would be given in response to any form of planning application received.

### **89/10 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council – 17/01/11**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **90/10 Standby Building - update on works and funding (Min 74/10)**

Plans for the building had been developed and it was planned to take the application forward to the Moors Cluster meeting on 10/03/11. The initial phase of urgent works to the interior and roof were being put in-hand, funded partly by the Levels & Moors community fund grant. Other resources towards the project were also confirmed. Invoices had now been received for the preliminary work and been submitted for grant.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. That the action in respect of the emergency phase works including the main roof be confirmed and actioned to include the two smaller roofs and the work be taken forward in three phases: the building, the plumbing and electrical (over and above emergency works already carried out);
- ii. that alongside this work the Clerk resolve the issue of the surrender by the Scouts Association

**91/10            Affordable Housing – housing needs survey**

The Clerk provided copies of the address lists for the project. Members took copies to review, but felt that with the delays this should be deferred until after the election.

**RESOLVED:** accordingly

**92/10            Hinkley Point C Connection Project**

The Clerk had circulated copies of the community update, which indicated that all options were under consideration and the preferred connection would be announced in Spring 2011. Copies had also been received of the protocol for the parish representative at the project meetings, which coincidentally was meeting today.

**93/10            Hinkley Point C EDF Consultation and update on and proposed changes to “Preferred Proposals” from stage two**

The Clerk confirmed that a further round of consultation was now underway with a closing date of 28/03/11. Documents were available at various exhibitions and also through the EDF website.

**94/10            Election 05/05/2011 and Revision of Meetings’ Timetables**

It was agreed that the meeting of the Council planned for 18/04/11 would go ahead, but for routine business only and that the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 16/05/11.

**95/10            Planning Applications**

53/11/01            removal and replacement of reed and lime plaster ceiling to engine house at Westonzoyland Engine Museum (LB);

53/11/02            erection of two-storey extension to west elevation Penzoy Paddock, Westonzoyland Road;

53/11/03            change of use and conversion of existing buildings from manufacture and sale of concrete products to light industrial use (B1 and B2) Springway Paving, Springway Lane;

53/11/04            formation of new vehicular access and changes to boundary line Myrtle Villa, Andersea

**RESOLVED:** That no objection be raised to any of the applications, but the planning authority be requested to take into account the comments of the Bridgwater

and District Civic Society in relation to the plaster ceiling to the engine house museum.

*(Cllr Alder declared an interest in all applications as a member of the SDC Development Management Committee and Cllr Mrs Fisher a personal interest in App. 53/11/03 and took no part in the consideration and did not vote thereon).*

**96/10**      **Enforcement Notice Appeal – change of use of land for motor sport in form of motorcycle riding on land to north of Knowle Drove, Springway Lane – appeal by Mr Anthony Robinson**

**RESOLVED:** That objection be raised to the development that has been carried out without planning permission on the basis of inappropriate location in open countryside and noise.

*(Cllr Mrs Fisher declared an interest of a personal nature in this matter and took no part in the consideration and did not vote thereon).*

**97/10**      **Accounts for Payment and Income**

**RESOLVED:**

- i. That the accounts listed for payment contained in the Clerk's report dated 21/02/11 be confirmed, including Section 137 payments and Wessex Water £71 and SALC subscription £391.03;
- ii. that in relation to government proposals on payments to suppliers of £500 or more members note that all payments are published and available in the papers for meetings.

**98/10**      **Publications and Correspondence**

**RESOLVED:** That the items recorded in the report dated 21/02/11 be noted and actioned, where appropriate:

1. SALC papers – North Area meeting 17/03/11;
2. Community Centre Management Committee;
3. Hinkley Point C connection project – update;
4. Payments to suppliers over £500 – SDC actions;
5. Community Centre insurance – as advised;
6. Sedgemoor CAB – thanks for grant;
7. SDC budget briefing 24/02/11;
8. SCC parish lengthsman pilot scheme;
9. Parish Magazine – Feb 2011;
10. Letter reference proposed solar parks on land off Westonzoyland Road, Bridgwater Without (referred to above);
11. HMRC – revised advise on Clerks salary and PAYE – need to register and deduct tax;
12. Community Council for Somerset – invitation to subscribe – referred to Community Centre Management Committee;
13. Magazines, posters and product information;

**99/10**      **Additional Matters**

- i. Recycling centre at Middlezoy – consideration of options ie: closure or reduced hours;
- ii. Branch libraries – consultation exercise with similar outcome.

The meeting finished at 9.50pm.  
Signed:

Chairman