

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

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

County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) attended later in the Meeting.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Alder and Evans, District Cllr Anthony Betty (attending Bridgwater Without Parish Council alongside County Cllr David Hall)

42/19 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19/08/19 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

43/19 **Matters Arising**

i. **Towens Site, Springway (Application 1/53/18/12) SCC Regulation Committee (Min 33/19i)** - The Clerk confirmed that the application was to be considered by the SCC Regulation Committee on 03/10/19 and copies of the Report to the Committee had been circulated. The Clerk had registered to speak on behalf of the Parish Council and the local community. Michael Tucker had advised that he was registered too late to speak but would be submitting a further statement. The Clerk advised the issues he would address in the light of the Committee Report and additional information provided. It was also reported that there had, in the past few days, been activity on site which included some tidying up although the concerns of residents in the vicinity remained.

(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 33/19ii)** - the Clerk advised the quotation received from Wicksteed and a further quotation awaited from Hags. In each case the actual roundabout was about half the cost of that available from Sovereign. Subject to receipt of the second quotation, provision of the roundabout was to be pursued and would include the submission of an application for Wellbeing Grant from the Ward County Cllrs budget. Other action advised previously had been completed.

iii. **Traffic Speeding and Representations to Highway Authority (Min 33/19iii)** - a date for the proposed meeting, to which Michael Tucker would also be invited was awaited.

iv. **Defibrillator(s) (Min 33/19iv)** - revised prices had been obtained with electric connections to be provided at the Shop and at the Village Hall.

v. **Road Signs etc** - Cllr Pearce confirmed that he had contacted the Highway Authority and the Clerk had also reminded County Roads of the offer of the Parish Council to pay for a replacement for the missing road sign opposite Bower Lane on the A372. Cllr Pearce indicated the volunteer arrangements which the Highway Authority sought and the qualification to act having attended a course run by the Highway Authority. Cllr Pearce and the Clerk would follow this up for Cllr Pearce to attend.

44/19

County and District Ward Member Reports

County Cllr David Hall upon his attendance later in the meeting, gave updates on the EDF position in relation to the HPC scheme and budget, the SCC cancellation of the contract for broadband rollout and the impact, additions to the winter gritting programme and the likely different route to be pursued by the Government to legislate for the establishment of the SRA with precepting capability. He also advised that the Enterprise Partnership was now to be Chaired by Karl Tucker, a Somerset businessman. He confirmed that dates were awaited for meetings with SKANSKA and to address the highway issues for which the Parish Council had submitted dates.

Cllr Perry reported on attendance at the Grants Panel and advice that a grant application by Middlezoy Rovers had been deferred pending Parish response and involvement. Although a request had been received to help with tree planting, no formal application or suggestion of costs had been submitted.

45/19

Liney Road - Proposed Residential Development - Public Exhibition

The Clerk and individual members reported upon attendance at the Public Information event and the information which had been provided to the effect that the site would be part affordable homes (Housing Association) and part joint-ownership. This had raised issues with local residents. Cllr Parfitt pointed out that no garages were shown on the plans. Neither had information been provided on traffic arrangements via Townsend and drainage, although these issues would have to be addressed in a more detailed planning application. A letter had been received from Mr D Wickens, relating to the foul drainage issues and surface water. This would be referred.

Resolved: That the Clerk follow up the information available so far with Duncan Harvey and Esther Carter, and Stonewater and the letter be referred to the Company and/or SDC.

36/19

Website - Issues Raised

1. **Somerset Story Fest** - request for grant "one tree" at Middlezoy and Westonzoyland Schools - **Resolved:** That before this can be considered the Company be invited to advise the finance being looked for;

2. **JOOBLE** - search engine - That the Parish Council decline any involvement with this company;

3. **Middlezoy Rovers Tree Planting - Resolved:** that the Club be asked to indicate the finance required given the span of the overall project.

47/19 **SALC AGM and Area Meeting Agendas 26/10/19**

Resolved: That the Chairman represent the Parish Council at the meetings in Somerton.

48/19 **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements and Other Matters**

Follow-up reports were received on a number of current issues. This included application 53/19/10 - Sedgemoor Karting, Airfield, where contraventions of the conditions of the recent approval had been reported and were being investigated, and where activities had also moved onto an adjoining strip of the former runway on the other side of Burdenham Lane and an enforcement investigation was underway. This covered siting of caravans, portable toilets, office trailer and parking of lorries.

Applications

53/19/29 Change of use of land to equestrian and construction of an all-weather riding arena, Andersea Farm - **No objection**

53/19/30 Continued use of land for the siting of a temporary agricultural workers mobile home, Middle Farm - **No objection** subject to proven requirement for agricultural need

53/19/31 Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land to site static and touring caravans on land at the Airfield, Manor Farm - **Agreed** that the Parish Council have available no contrary evidence to the definitive statements submitted and acknowledge that they have sought enforcement action against the lack of approval over a number of years with no action pursued by the District Planning Authority. Acknowledge also the need to ensure that the requirements of relevant Communities and Caravans legislation is fully met and that any certificate granted does not permit extension beyond the existing area of the site as submitted.

34/19/06 Windmill Retreat, Back Road Westonzoyland to Middlezoy - 9 chalets and gym - no issues to be raised, left in the hands of Middlezoy Parish Council.

(Cllr Perry took no part and left the room during consideration of applications contained in Min 48/19)

49/19 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Resolved:

1. That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid contained in the Clerks report dated 29/09/19

(together with the payment to Mr Ian Moore of £2018 for the period from 24/06/19-30/09/19) be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation; and

2. that the position with the updated records held by Lloyds Bank including cheque signatories be noted.

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Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: that the items recorded in the report dated 29/09/19 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. SWS Website Report - August 2019
2. SWP Waste Briefing - September 2019
3. NALC Policy Consultation E-Briefing - 5G mobile coverage in Rural Areas (ref Min 36/19 2. from previous meeting)
4. Policy RLT2 and RLT3 Contributions Update (Westonzoyland nil)
5. Marie Curie Support
6. St Margaret's Hospice Care Newsletter 2019
7. Joint Parishes Cluster Agenda - 08/10/19 - Chairman to attend
8. NALC - Code of Conduct template and information on Code of Conduct from SDC - to be circulated to all members
9. Data Sharing Advice, Protection Toolkit and Use of Personal Email Addresses and Devices
10. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

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Additional Items

1. **Microlights and light aircraft activity from Airfield over Village and flying on grass runway, Flying Club presence and direction of flight path on grass runway, museum etc** - Cllr Alder requested to follow up information in his possession.
2. **Cycle Campaign via Sustrands etc, including route from Village to Bridgwater** - Cllr Parfitt to pursue and report back.
3. **Website photographs** - to follow up with Web operators.
4. **Westonzoyland School** - 20 mph limits or traffic hump requests - as previous to support school and advise District Cllrs to work through County Cllr David Hall as Ward Member.
5. **SLCC Branch Meeting 27/09/19.**
6. **SALC training and other matters including allotments, budget setting etc** - as circulated.
7. **Plot opposite Kings Drive** - National Power request for information on ownership - none available, referred to SDC.

The meeting finished at 9.10 pm

Signed;
Chairman