

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 06 MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dingwall, Mr Pearce, and Mr Spurrell

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Anthony Betty

APOLOGIES: Mr Alder, Ms Bicker, Mrs Parfitt, and Ms Perry, and County Unitary Councillor Diogo Rodrigues

87/22 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 09 January 2023

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 09 January 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

88/22 Matters Arising - Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Information for Register of Member's Interests (Min73/22)

All members provided the additional information which was missing, for reference to SDC and completion on the website.

89/22 Additional Matters Arising

1. Security Review of Website and Rebuild (Min 74/22) - the Clerk confirmed that the arrangements for the rebuild by SWS had been advised on 11.01.23 and was now proceeding.
2. Meeting with Messrs Towens Representative and SIDs acquisition (Min 75/22 Resolution 3) - the Clerk confirmed that Messrs Towens had agreed payment for the three SIDs which had now been acquired and the Company invoiced. In due course, provision would be made on each of the poles acknowledging the Towens contribution.

90/22 Traffic Matters, Speeding, 20 mph Limits and Village Entry and Speeds Signs, Follow-Up Report on Expected SCC Highways Actions and Anticipation that All Outstanding Matters Would Be Picked Up by the End of the Financial Year

Councillor Spurrell presented a letter from a local resident supporting the provision of a pavement from Hamrod Lane to the New Cemetery.

Resolved: That the position on all the outstanding matters be noted and the proposal reference the pavement be pursued with the Highway Authority whilst noting the obvious difficulties created by the land ownerships and layout.

91/22 Ward Member Reports - Including LGR Items, Working Groups, Contracts Update, Statement of Community Involvement and Notices from New Somerset Council, including LCN Updates

Resolved: That all the various information be noted including the consultation period from 01.02.23 - 16.03.23 on the Somerset Statement of Community Involvement.

Members noted that this would be the last meeting for Councillors Anthony Betty and Liz Perry as Sedgemoor District Councillors and acknowledged thanks for their contribution during their term of office. It was also noted that Liz Perry was unwell and best regards were recorded for her.

92/22 Police/PCSO Reports

Resolved: That the Sedgemoor Police Newsletter dated February 2023 as circulated, be noted, and the Clerk's intention to attend the Police Forum at Bridgwater Town Council on 07.03.23.

93/22 Play Area and Equipment (Min 77/22) - Representation on Defects etc, and Action in Hand

The Clerk reported the representations which had been received, the action taken, and action in hand to deal with the various problems.

94/22 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Receipts

Resolved: That the accounts listed for payment (including Section 137 payments where appropriate) and paid, contained in the Clerk's report dated 01.03.23, be noted and approved, together with the bank statements and reconciliation and income received.

95/22 Recreation Field and Relinquishment of Standby/Sports Pavilion - Two Offer Submissions

In light of the demise of Westonzoyland AFC at the end of the current playing season, the Chairman and Clerk reported on the future position with the Standby building/Sports Pavilion. Two offer submissions had been received to take on the management, maintenance and likely upgrading of the building, from the Westonzoyland Carnival Club and from Middlezoy Rovers Football Club. Members agreed, in the light of the history and use of the building, including by the Brownies, a notice should be distributed to establish whether any other group or organisation within the Village might wish to submit an interest in taking on the facility. A deadline of 21.03.23 was planned whereupon the Parish Council would set up a meeting to discuss and determine the future of the building and facilities it offered in the best interests of all allied to the Recreation Field.

Resolved: That the action taken be approved and a public notice issued.

96/22 Recreation Field Boundary Tree (Twose)

The Clerk reported that no interest had been shown by Cannington College in following up an enquiry about the removal of the tree and as a consequence a local specialist and a local company had been contacted.

Resolved: That the quotation by Arboricare Ltd be accepted in the sum of £950 plus VAT and a purchase order issued.

97/22 Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements, and Other Matters

Reports were received on information available on all outstanding applications and other matters referred to the Planning Authority for enforcement examination.

No further information was forthcoming in respect of the Solar Farms or the outstanding Durston Products, Airfield Runway, Folly Farm (application 53/21/00004). This had been referred again to SDC.

Application 53/23/01 - Glanville - variation of condition 2 of permission 53/04/00008 orchard to equestrian and stables, now 10 Load Lane not 27 Fore Street - **decision** - to advise SDC of the Parish Council's support

for the representations submitted by neighbours in the area of the application site and the need for enforcement examination.

Application 53/23/00002 - erection of spectators stand at Ethan Berry Pavillion, Main Road, Westonzoyland - to confirm **no objection** to the application.

Application 53/22/00019 - Mitchel - erection of single storey extension to South East elevation, 9A School Road, Westonzoyland - **no objection**.

Application 09/23/00003 - East of Bower Lane, Bridgwater Without, hybrid application for 750 dwellings and infrastructure - to follow-up representations in respect of traffic impacts following likely impacts of other applications and number of dwellings planned in and off Westonzoyland Road impacting A372 into Bridgwater via Railway Bridge and St John Street.

98/22 Airband Community Internet Limited

Resolved: That the Community Liaison Officer be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting to present information on the project.

99/22 Battlefield Boards and Renewal (Min 85/22.3.)

Efforts had been made to follow-up the original information on the Battlefield Boards with the aim of securing a higher resolution. In the event, nothing had come forward and following a further visit to RT Signs it appeared that the artwork was entirely suitable for the purpose.

Resolved: That in the absence of any alternative, the quotation from RT Signs in the sum of £426.22 including VAT, be accepted.

100/22 Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: That the items recorded in the Report dated 01.03.23 and notified, be noted and actioned where appropriate.

1. Somerset Waste Partnership - monthly briefings and newsletters
2. Parish UK Network - already agreed to join at no cost
3. Environment Agency - Somerset Levels and Moors Update - February
4. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

101/22 Next Meeting

It was noted that the Special Meeting would be held following the issue of the public notice, referred to in Min 95/22, and that the planned Annual Parish Council Meeting and Parish Public Meeting would need to be moved from 08.05.23, the date of the King Charles III Coronation..

The meeting finished at 9.33 pm

Signed
Chairman