

# WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## HELD ON MONDAY 09 MARCH 2020 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Mrs Parfitt, and Ms Perry

County Cllr Mr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Ms Bicker, and Messrs Evans, Griffiths , Pearce and Spurrell , and District Cllr Anthony Betty

### **73/19**      **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13/01/20 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **74/19**      **Matters Arising**

i.      **SRA Community Engagement Team (John Rowlands) (Min 64/19i) - Agreed** not to pursue the attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting.

ii.      **Play Area - New Equipment - DDA Roundabout Installation (Min 64/19ii) -** to note that the new roundabout is in place, the invoice paid and a photo opportunity for County Cllr David Hall to be arranged in recognition of the Health and Wellbeing grant received.

iii.      **Traffic Speeding and Follow-Up to Meeting - Village Gateway Features (Min 64/19iii) - Agreed** to pursue the Village gateway features at both ends of the Village in the new financial year subject to the outcomes of the meeting in terms of Highway Authority approval, Highway Authority suggestions and confirmation of action offered including repainting of bollards, lining etc.

iv.      **Middlezoy Rovers - Tree Planting (Min 64/19iv) -**

**Resolved:** To pay the grant of £250 to Middlezoy Rovers FC.

v.      **Defibrillator(s) (Min 64/19v) -** Chairman to follow up with local resident contribution to costs with a view to implementation in next financial year.

vi.      **One Tree - Many Branches, Somerset Story Fest (Min 64/19vi) -**

**Resolved:** To pay the grant of £320 following confirmation of approval of the grant from SDC.

### **75/19**      **School Campaign for 20 MPH Signage**

Members noted that the County Council were embarking on an offer to supply advisory 20 mph signage on roads serving schools in the County.

Having offered to support the Schools Campaign the Parish Council welcomed this offer and invited County Cllr David Hall to advise details and means of access to the scheme.

**76/19**      **Affordable Housing Needs - Liney Road Development (Min 66/19)**

No further information had been forthcoming from Sedgemoor Planning or the Affordable Housing Team.

**Resolved:** That District Cllr Ms Perry be requested to chase up the latest position including the recent Planning Application to which the Parish Council had responded.

**77/19**      **County Ward Member Report**

County Cllr Hall having commented on the Health and Wellbeing grant and the 20 mph campaign, gave a brief update on other County Council matters. This included some £1million pounds for climate change involvement for which criteria was being drawn up, a letter from the Secretary of State inviting a submission on unitary status for which the County Council were now building a business case, an update note of the corona virus impacts and implications confirming web access authorised, and the latest position in relation to the Somerset Rivers Authority and the actions seeking precepting powers. This was still an issue being pursued with no clear pathway to legislation.

Further discussion on issues raised by the planned unitary authority submission took place, highlighting issues which had been raised by the Leader of Somerset County Council through a recent presentation including attendance by the Clerk at an SLCC meeting. It was clear there was significant impact on Town and Parish Councils in the event this was pursued and the need to review any business case submitted by County or by Districts. Work on the River Sowey and King Sedgemoor Drain which had been highlighted at a recent public gathering in the Village was also noted.

Cllr Perry commented on the approval of the District Council budget with a 5% rise in Band D tax and rents being increased by 2% and the garden waste fee increased to £55.50 per year. She also confirmed that the Westonzoyland Engine Trust had been awarded a grant of £2.5k for improvements at their site.

**78/19**      **Westonzoyland Airfield and Related Activities including Towns Site**

Both the Clerk and Cllr Alder had had conversations with Mr Tim Bawden about activities on the Airfield and confirmed the Parish Council's position. There had been no response to the meeting held with the County Council Highways Director, Skanska and Keilys, and County Cllr Hall agreed to follow this up. Members noted the position with the grant of consent on the Airfield runways following Mr Bawden's application and approval and the compliance with conditions and activities on the Towns site unrelated to Mr Bawdens land.

*(The Chairman declared an interest in matters affecting Messrs Towns as a consequence of interest in adjoining land.)*

**79/19**      **Terracycle Recycling (background information circulated by email)**

Diece Timmins had requested the Parish Council support for consideration of setting up a recycling operation via this company which could benefit local organisations and support the reduction in carbon footprint etc. Diece was present and explained the way this operated and, for example, the involvement of Compass in Taunton and a local placed deposit at King Alfred. She suggested that this might be based at the school, preferably where supervision was available, although other sites might be possible and it might be feasible to work through the Compass operation initially before setting up a stand-alone set-up to benefit the Village.

Members discussed the options.

**Resolved:** That Diece Timmins be requested to contact the school and report back if there is a positive outcome.

**80/19**      **Youth Shelter Issues and Solar Light**

The Council discussed recent issues with the operation of the Youth Shelter and contact with Police resulting in regular visits, particularly through the recent school holidays. Increased regular cleaning and frequent rubbish removals were now in place although there was still had to be an obligation on individual users, particularly those with young children, to look after their welfare and wellbeing. The possibility of a solar light was considered but would not be pursued. The use of the Youth Shelter would continue to be monitored.

**81/19**      **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements and Other Planning Matters**

**Applications -**

53/19/00039 55 Liney Road - Certificate of Lawfulness for existing storeroom, greenhouse, boiler room with biomass etc - **No objection**

53/20/00001 Land to the rear 27 Fore Street - erection of two detached dwellings with garages - **Refusal** recommendation submitted based on location, impact, inadequate road access and access lane, and capacity to facilitate surface water run-off and capability of the sewerage system - **Recommendation** ratified

**Enforcement Issues** - erection of hangers on Airfield and tipping near Airfield tower - **Confirmation** investigation under way and enforcement report awaited.

**Resentations via District Councillors from Resident Mr Michael Tucker** - roll of Planning Control within Inward Growth and Investment and conflict of interest - **Representations** submitted.

*(Cllr Ms Perry took no part and left the room during consideration of applications contained in Min 81/19)*

## **82/19**      **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 02/03/20 be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation, and payments and the receipt of WAGs annual rental of £1000. Payment to be made to S Notaro Ltd.

## **83/19**      **Publications and Correspondence**

**Resolved:** that the items recorded in the report dated 02/03/20 and notified be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Somerset Waste Partnership - Jan 2020 - Slim my Waste, Feed my Face Extra
2. Fit for my Future - improving community health and care
3. Sedgemoor Tree Fund - questionnaire completed
4. River Sowy/KSD Enhancements - drop-in (referred above) and Ms Parfait to follow-up support for idea of a cycle route which might follow the KSD and link to a Bridgwater area cycling campaign/Sustrans for better cycling connections between Westonzoyland and Bridgwater
5. RLT2 and 3 Funding 2019/20
6. River Parrett Trail Enquiries - possible reference to the Pumping Station location
7. One.network Traffic Information Sign-up
8. SWS - web reports Jan and Feb 2020 - to chase up additional and replacement photos submitted by Andy Pearce
9. Somerset Citizens Panel - clinical commissioning group
10. VE Day 08/05/20 - 75 years [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org)
11. Enso Energy - solar energy application - noted
12. SLCC Meeting including One Somerset - Setting Unitary Scene - presentation to be made by County Cllr David Hall at Annual Parish Meeting
13. SDC Public Space Protection Order Review - withdrawn - but to ensure retention of areas within the Village covered
14. SW and T Public Space Protection Order - consultation
15. British Toilet Association - survey
16. Rain Water Harvesting System - not to be pursued
17. Low Flying Aircraft - reports over Airfield and Village - advice and response provided by Cllr Alder noting conflict of routes on existing permitted sites and the grassed runways used on the Airfield Museum side whilst microlight and small aircraft use on other side managed in accordance with conditions and air control management - Cllr Alder to make further enquiries
18. Joint Parishes Cluster Meeting - Thursday 26/05/20 - to be attended by Chairman and Cllr Perry
19. Magazines, Newsletters, Poster and Product Information

## **84/19**      **Additional Items**

1. **Sedgemoor Rebranding** - Cllr Perry to make enquiries.
2. **Fingerpost Signs** - to be followed-up with SDC and Westonzoyland sign opposite Bower Lane to be followed-up with SCC.

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**Planned Resignation of Vice-Chairman (Min 62/19.4)**

**Resolved:** To request Chairman and Clerk to discuss further with Peter Evans.

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm

Signed;  
Chairman