

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Fisher (Chairman - in the Chair), Mr Alder, Mrs Ballard, Messrs Carson, Evans and Griffiths, Ms Perry and Mr Spurrell
County Cllr David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present

Apology: Cllr Ms Bicker

64/18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12/11/18 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, noting that Min 54/18 refers to PCSO Lora Bray rather than Laura as printed.

65/18 Matters Arising

i. **Airfield - Storage of Road Materials, Vehicles of Various Types, Caravans and Noise (Min 52/18i)** - The Clerk and County Cllr Hall gave the latest update on the various issues concerning the former go kart site on the Airfield. Activities had decreased considerably but had not been removed completely although stockpiles remained and notwithstanding the withdrawal of the planning application, no further application had been submitted. Cllr Hall advised that on site the washing of the stone element had ceased which meant that the storage of chippings was purely a District Council Planning Authority matter. The County had formally advised Skanska that it was not acceptable for their 19/20 programme to use materials from an unauthorised site. The County had written requesting confirmation on this, even though the site was operated by Keilys rather than Skanska directly.

The Council had received correspondence from Michael Tucker, a Village resident requesting confirmation of the detailed position in respect of this site and whether an application would be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr Tucker to speak.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Ms Perry pursue this matter with the District Planning Authority in terms of enforcement and the anticipated planning application, and the District Council be requested to confirm the position.

ii. **Towens Site, Springway (Application 1/53/18/12)(Min 52/18i)** - The Clerk had received advice about the application in the light of various staff changes at the County Council and the lack of clarity over the need for an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) and highway issues. Together with the apparent lack of information on the County Planning website it appeared the application may at the earliest be presented to the County Council Regulation Committee in February.

The meeting was again adjourned, in the light of correspondence from Mr Michael Tucker seeking confirmation of the position with the application and the EIA, and the lack of information on the County Council website, for public address.

County Cllr Hall undertook to check the position with the website and advise the Clerk so that members and the public could be informed. The Parish Council would publish advice as soon as a date for the committee stage of the processing of the application was known.

iii. **Play Area New Equipment - Installation Due 23/01/19 and Receipt of RLT2 Funding (Min 52/18ii)** - The Clerk confirmed the receipt of the sum of £1,586.00 in RLT2 funding, that the deposit had been paid, and displayed a plan showing the new pieces of equipment for the smaller children's play area. *(Note by Clerk - Installation now delayed to 06/03/19).*

iv. **Christmas Tree and Digging of Pit to Provide Tree at Corner of Main Road (Min 61/18.1)** - The Christmas tree had been in situ and the invoice received for the digging of the pit in the sum of £380 plus VAT. A sum of £190 was due from Village funds.

v. **New Years Eve Fireworks (Min 61/18.2)** -

RESOLVED: That the contribution of £100 be made to the Village Hall Committee.

66/18 **Affordable Housing Needs - Development of Liney Road Site (Min 56/18)**

No further information had been received by the Clerk although Cllr Alder later confirmed that the site was going forward.

(Note by Clerk - subsequent to the meeting the Council received advice that the Local Plan had received approval in the amended form including this area off Liney Road.)

67/18 **County and District Ward Member Reports**

County Cllr Hall presented an update in which he confirmed additional monies made available to the County Council including a pilot business rate retention. This would enable, among other things, subsidised bus services to be continued for a further year. The additional monies were working in conjunction with the District Councils. Salt bins would also be refilled through the winter, although there had been little call due to the milder weather to date. County projects continued where possible, including the building of a new school and plans for junction 25 M5 improvements. He also made reference to the Highbridge-Centre, Somerset Day on 11/05/19, and the inauguration of the Somerset Wood at Cheddon Fitzpaine. Members agreed that the Parish Council should support the latter and that further enquiries should be made as to the cost and obligations.

Other than the reference to Liney Road and the residential development, there were no additional District Council matters.

68/18 **Police and PCSO Report (Min 54/18)**

PCSO Lora Bray had sent an apology but confirmed that she was pursuing action in respect of speeding on Main Road and Fore Street at both ends of the Village. She still sought additional volunteers to support the Police Action.

The meeting was adjourned to pick up a representation from Mr Michael Tucker, particularly related to Fore Street and seeking support for continuing representations for action to combat speeding into the Village.

Members confirmed their full support and the action which had been taken, including meetings with the police, and with the County Highway Authority, and all agreed to continue to press for action. Cllr Griffiths confirmed the actions he had pursued and agreed to pass over information to Mr Tucker.

69/28 **Budget and Precept 2019/20 (Min 58/18)**

Following on from the previous meeting and information supplied, the Clerk circulated copies of draft estimates for the financial year ending 31/03/20 based on a continuation budget and a precept requirement designed to cover any lost amount in income and grant.

RESOLVED:

1. That the detailed budget paper and estimates as presented be approved;
2. that based on the tax base of 637.17, a Band D figure of 30.00 be agreed (inclusive of recovering loss of grant of £313.00);
3. to note that this will give a precept of £19,115.10 as the total income for the year (other than cemetery fees etc); and
4. that a grant of (*amount to be confirmed* - £980.75) be made to Westonzoyland Village Hall (Community Centre) Management Committee to cover insurance under the terms of the renewal (grant made under Section 137).

70/18 **Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement and Other Matters**

53/18/13 Installation of replacement doors and replacement double glazed rear windows and installation of patio doors, 22 Standards Road - **no objection**

53/18/17 Land to rear of 17 Fore Street, variation of conditions 2 and 4 of approval 53/15/16 (erection of dwelling, formation of parking and alteration to access onto Load Lane) to amend approved plans for installation of solar panels, a wood burning stove and flue, alteration to roof lights and flood resilience measures - **no objection**

- 53/18/18 Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of planning permission 53/17/25 (erection of dwelling with detached garage on site of existing agricultural building) to amend design of dwelling and relocate access and garage on land to the east of Hill View, Liney Road - **no objection**
- 53/18/19 Erection of a bungalow and formation of associated access, parking and turning, 21 Liney Road (*Meeting adjourned to allow presentation of plans by Agent on behalf of applicant*) - **no objection to the development but point to be made about narrowness of road at this point and likely increasing traffic, also to School and Village Hall, with prospect of additional dwellings to be built on Liney Road development**
- 53/18/22 Erection of three number holiday cottages, conversion of former tractor shed to recreational space and erection of indoor swimming pool on site of barn, ruins and former cow byre, to be demolished, at 26 Liney Road - **no objection**
- 53/18/23 Erection of two storey extension to south elevation Penzoy Paddock - **no objection**
- 53/18/24 Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural building for fodder and machinery storage, land west of Greinton Turning Nursery - **no objection, noting position in relation to Airfield and possible use of grass runways**
- 53/18/26 Application for the prior approval of the propose change of use of an agricultural building to B8 storage use, barn on land north west of Andersea Farm, Andersea - **no objection (Note by Clerk - subsequent objections received from neighbouring property via Parish Council website, to be referred to Planning Authority in conjunction with Parish Council comments)**

71/18 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 07/01/19 and payment of £135 for stone repairs, and the income be noted and approved together with the bank statements and reconciliation; and
2. that the unused Treasurer Account known as the Westonzoyland Special Fund be closed.

72/18 Publications and Correspondence

RESOLVED: That the items recorded in the report dated 07/01/19 be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Monmouth and Battle Booklets - awaiting confirmation on reprint

2. Mendip Community Transport - 10 villagers registered - no grant to be made
3. CIL Report 2017/18 - nil
4. Local Plan News Updates 30 and 31 and Open Space Survey - Local Plan now approved
5. SRA Flood Risk Consultation - completed
6. SCC Parish Path Consultation - noted
7. NALC Info - 2018/19 Salary Award - approved and to be reviewed
8. Workplace Pension - Increase from 06/04/19
9. SWS - Web Report Nov and Dec 2018, and 2019 Website Costs - to be reviewed
10. Public Sector Bodies (websites and mobile applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018
11. SALC and SLCC AGMs
12. NALC Digital Mapping Tool Kit
13. Somerset Wood Proposal - referred above (Min 67/18) to be pursued
14. Avon and Somerset Police - P&CC Newsletter
15. Cemetery Seat - plaque - wording agreed with "Mr Tidbull" to be engraved at PC expense
16. Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan
17. SALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party 29/05/19
18. Scope Charity - site for collections
19. NHS Somerset Community Partnership/Taunton Foundation Trust - merger and patient information
20. School Admission Arrangements – consultation
21. SDC - May election introduction, member interest etc. training event
22. January Parish Magazine
23. SALC Items - essential clerk training, trading standards articles and NALC spring conference
24. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters and Product Information

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Additional Items

1. Brownies 50 Year Celebration - agreed to contribute subject to cost, to be confirmed by Chairman and Clerk;
2. Parish Magazine - notice handed in by (PE) Editor - possibly one more production;
3. Carnival Club -
 - i. Party in Park on 08/06/19
 - ii. Congratulations on presentation of seven cups in Shepton Mallet area;
4. Elections May 2019 - to be publicized and encourage younger people interest;
5. Village Pub - rateable value - confirmation of the position from Cllr Alder and Clerk with advice that discounted rateable value should be available in years 19/20 and 20/21.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm

Signed;

Chairman