

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
23rd JUNE 2014
HELD AT MANORHALL, COALPIT HEATH

Present: Councillors: J Butler, D Boulton, J Wright, P King, A Gibbs, A Fay, E Carey, D Lee
Officer – F Thornton Clerk/RFO

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

2. **Declarations of Interest under The Localism Act 2011**

None

3. **To approve minutes of the meetings held 19th May 2014**

Decision: proposed by Cllr P King and seconded by Cllr J Wright to approve the minutes. Agreed by all. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising**

Provision of Bin at Greens Newsagents – email received from owner

'We have decided not to proceed with this for the time being.
Thank you for your assistance and apologies for any inconvenience.'

5. **Bitterwell Lake**

- a) **Committee to discuss refurbishment works – update from Councillors appointed to oversee works**
Cllr D Boulton reported works not any further forward. The next bank to complete is the road side bank but due to growth of reeds the timing of the works will be scheduled around this.
Grass has grown where concerns were previously raised.
- b) **Committee to discuss planning permissions re: potential café area/building**
Clerk to go back to Mr Smith as it was previously reported that the supplier of the log cabin structure was to supply drawings and apply for planning permission.
Clerk to request Mr Smith to provide a complete proposal for the next meeting.
Clerk to obtain details of supply/installation of log cabin to include planning permissions.
- c) **Committee to discuss Chalet**
Planned maintenance works to fell tree - Western power shutdown is booked for the 10th July 8.30 am
Mr & Mrs Reid are in the process of moving out of the Chalet.
Standard of Chalet to be assessed when it becomes vacant.
Any future lease also needs to be discussed at next meeting.

6. **Committee to discuss and agree additional grass cutting**

Email from Headgroundsman Ltd

Looking at the grass lately I would strongly advise we look at cutting with the Gang Mower weekly and Cricket outfields 2 times a week at present. Over the last 5 -6 weeks the growth rate has been around 4- 6 inches a week and with the current cutting cycle is accumulating on the surface, my concern at the moment is if we don't see a change in the weather patterns and continue as we are we could end up with so much dead grass on the surface that the mower won't go through it, thus leaving us with loads of dead rotting grass on the surface.

The Clerk reported that any additional cutting will not be charged to the Council immediately. We are contracted for a certain number of cuts per year so any additions will be invoiced at the end of the cutting season

Email from Pauls Place

The grass desperately needs cutting on the pathway on Henfield road between Serridge lane and the railway arch. Paul's Place is a charity which supports adults with physical disabilities from the cricket club on Serridge lane. During the summer months when the weather is kind we like to go out for walks especially down to the Ring of Bells public house. Unfortunately the grass is and brambles are so high along the path it is not only impeding the path but injuring our members by scratching them.

The Clerk reported that this area has now been cut in the last week by SGC. However this is on their rural core cut so will not be done on a regular basis.

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Proposed by Cllr E Carey and seconded by Cllr D Boulton that Council add this to the contract with The Headgroundsman Ltd contract as well as SGC carrying out their rural cut. Agreed by all.

7. Committee to discuss future youth provision within the parish, to include

a) Reformation of a Joint Parishes Youth Forum

b) Use and future of Brockridge Youth Provision

c) Email from M Crompton

You may be aware that Frampton PC are looking at the structure of Youth services in our area ... I am part of the Working Group and we are looking at lots of Ideas ... do you think with Coalpit Heath being so connected to FC your council would be interested in a joint venture ? I have been talking to Youth Gloucester who run joint parish groups where funding is pooled and youth provision is provided over the whole area .I am hoping to pop along this evening. So would I be able to raise this for the council to consider, I will then take the idea back to the working group. We are due to consider the working group format on weds and if it's something you're interested in looking at it would be good to have a representative on the group.

Decision: Proposed by Cllr J Butler and seconded by Cllr E Carey, that council defer any decision on items a) and b) Cllr E Carey will join the working group with Frampton Parish Council to investigate what can be provided in this area. It was generally agreed that Coalpit Heath and Frampton Cotterell were a more suitable union than the present Yate, Sodbury and Dodington forum. Agreed by all.

8. Committee to comment on planning applications

None

9. Committee to approve payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Gross (£)</u>	<u>Net (£)</u>
Npower	Aerators Feb – June	111.48	106.17
Manor Hall	Room Hire	54.00	54.00
Mediatube	Deposit Invoice	0.00	240.00
F Thornton	Quarterly expenses	134.41	134.41

Decision: proposed by Cllr D Lee and seconded by Cllr J Wright. Agreed by all the payments were approved.

10. Items of Report

(Items can be discussed but members can make no decisions – a council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not specified in the summons.)

1. Parishioner has complained regarding brambles, nettles etc at edge of cyclepath making it impossible to use – referred to South Glos Council
2. P King attended meeting re: Church Road repairs. The road will close for six weeks from 20th July 14. C Young has arranged another meeting for 4th July 14
3. Hedge at Manor School is very overgrown with brambles and nettles sticking out over the pavement.
4. R Carey asked for more representation at SSCG from this parish to aid any funding applications. Next meeting 2nd July 14 at Brockridge Centre. Cllr D Lee to attend.
5. Cllr A Gibbs reported from the Henfield Paddock planning application site inspection
6. Cllr D Lee reported from Frome and Ladden Environmental Group explained changes in funding and possible impact onto other areas.

11. Date of Next E&L Committee Meeting – 21st July 2014

Signed

Date: 21st July 2014