

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
25th April 2016
HELD AT MANORHALL, COALPIT HEATH

Present: Councillors: B Taylor, A Gibbs, G Jancey, M Crumpton, A Fay, S Blackmore, C Nicholls,
Officer – F Thornton Clerk/RFO

In the absence of Cllr J Butler (chair), Cllr M Crumpton (vice chair) chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs J Butler, D Boulton,

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

None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21st March 2016**

Proposed by Cllr B Taylor and seconded by Cllr G Jancey agreed by all. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting

4. **Fenced off childrens play area attached to Manor Hall - update**

No update other than they have been in touch with suppliers.

5. **Community Noticeboard at Manor Hall – prices**

Prices and specifications were circulated for a board size of 8xA4 sheets of paper.

Cllr J Butler has advised this size is too large and thinks a 6xA4 board would be more suitable; in landscaped format with a rubber pin mat as opposed to the existing wood one. She suggests an open board, as notices would regularly be changed/updated and would make it easier for the public to use.

The Clerk reported that the aluminium boards are all glazed and lockable; the wooden boards, if glazed are opened by a thumb twist. Notice –It Ltd use a ‘self healing’ rubber pin mat, which is different to other suppliers.

Decision:

Further quotations required for a wooden, open, landscaped board 6xA4 size

6. **Request for stile at Bitterwell Lake car park (to replace gate at top end which is to be removed)**

Cllr A Fay reported that local residents still desire to have an access to the play area from the car park.

Cllr G Jancey reported he had asked Almondsbury Forge to quote for a stile, simply because they were on site measuring for the new gate. He advised that a stile would be an expensive option; especially in light of what Cllr A Fay had reported. The general consensus was to maintain the existing gate and leave it in situ.

Agenda item next meeting.

Cllr A Fay also reported that a parishioner had been very angry that he could not access the whole Lake, which had been closed for a fishing match, barring access to the whole perimeter of the Lake by the general public.

Clerk to contact Mr Smith for an explanation

Cllr A Fay further reported that early morning fishing is causing a noise disturbance due to slamming of doors.

Clerk to contact Mr Smith.

7. **The Pound – committee to discuss necessary works**

Photographs of the Pound, taken by Cllr B Taylor were circulated, showing the overgrown state of the interior section.

Decision:

Proposed by Cllr G Jancey and seconded by Cllr C Nicholls to obtain quotations to clear and treat the areas in question.

Clerk also to follow up on land registry query.

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8. Committee to consider the planting/sowing of bulbs/wildflowers, and placing of planters on Council land in Westerleigh Village

Cllr B Taylor advised committee that volunteers have formed a 'Westerleigh in Bloom' committee, with the purpose of enhancing the village environment. They wish to erect planters to the right and left of the War Memorial, and in the Pound (when WPC has first cleared the weeds). They also wish to sow wildflowers along the wall on Pansy Vale and plant additional bulbs. These proposals are not yet confirmed, and WPC agreement in principle is sought

Decision:

Proposed by Cllr C Nicholls and seconded by Cllr S Blackmore that 'Westerleigh in Bloom' volunteer group be permitted to plant bulbs, sow wildflowers, and place planters on Parish Council land in Westerleigh Village.

9. Bitterwell Lake

a) Update to Oil Leak

The Clerk reported that no report had been received, however, additional absorbent pads had not been required by Mr Smith. Cllr A Gibbs reported that the problem appeared to have ceased.

Clerk to contact Mr Smith asking for a full update

b) Front Gate – prices

Cllr G Jancey reported that he had asked Almonsbury Forge to quote (as they had been on site) He will obtain 2 further quotations.

10. Payment of Account

Decision: proposed by Cllr B Taylor, seconded by Cllr A Fay and agreed by all the following payments were approved for payment.

Payee	Details	Gross £	Net £
Yate Town Council	Clerking of 7 joint parishes meetings	443.83	369.86
South Glos. Council	Centrex line	64.00	53.33
Avon Wildlife Trust	Delivery of education, community and monitoring programme at Says Court Solar Farm	6262.80	5219.00
Mrs F Thornton	Office expenses incl. phone/broadband; pc security renewal; stationery; mileage; postage	212.28	212.28

Clerk to contact Avon Wildlife Trust to arrange a joint site visit to Says Court Solar Farm.

11. Date of next E&L Committee meeting 20th June 2016

Signed

Date: