

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
7th April 2014
MANOR HALL COALPIT HEATH

PRESENT

Councillors: D Lee(chair), J Butler, A Gibbs, D Boulton, P King, J Wright, A Fay, E Carey, K Arathoon
Officer: F Thornton (Clerk)
District Councillor C Young

1629. Apologies for absence

None

1630. Declarations of Interest under The Localism Act 2011

None

1631. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the parish (not on this agenda)

Cllr C Young reported

Planning issues

Sites, Places and Policies DPD

I attended the meeting in Chipping Sodbury Town Hall and later in the month the meeting between the Parish Council and Jessica Bett of the strategic policy team.

Woodlands Manor Nursing Home

The applicant has submitted further information but I do not yet have a new committee date.

Proposal to build a Sainsbury's Local in the car park of the Badminton Arms

The site visit took place on 28th March. It will be considered by the DC (East) planning committee in Kingswood in their meeting starting at 3pm on 8th May

Top Yard, Westerleigh

I have spoken again to the case officer. Work on the case is still ongoing.

Beech Hill car sales

I reported that car sales were happening again. The fence that was supposed to be going up for the new cycle path has been delayed and is now likely to be erected in the next two months.

Says Court Solar Farm

Planning enforcement served a breach of condition notice as the weekend working continued. The next step would have been a temporary stop notice, however the plant was successfully connected on 31st March and Sun Edison have promised that all works will be fully in-line with the conditions now that the time pressure is off. The council have made it clear that a temporary stop notice will be used if this isn't the case. The upside of the work being completed by the deadline is that the community benefit will not be reduced.

Westerleigh traffic calming

In late March the officer now responsible for the traffic calming scheme responded to my query about what was going on by saying that having spoken to other teams within the council, the work would now be carried out during the May half term, the week beginning 26th May, because Shorthill Road would need to be closed. This would allow the necessary pre-site work to be completed including booking the road closure. I emailed the Head of Street Care to express my concern about this further delay and last week received the advanced warning of the closure for the week beginning 16th May. The notice allows for up to 5 days closure but it is only expected to take one day.

Westerleigh village resurfacing

Westerleigh village is included in Street Care's patching programme for 2014/15 and they intend to surface dress through the village in 2015/16.

Henfield Road and Quiet Lanes Scheme - speeding traffic

At the Frome Vale Area Forum on 6th March, both the investigation schemes relating to the Quiet Lanes Scheme were chosen – investigating traffic calming measures on Henfield Road and reviewing the existing measures to see if they can be improved. The investigations will be carried out in 2014/15. Any implementation would require funding in a future financial year. The comments from residents and Parish Councillors were a significant part of achieving this.

Nibley Lane

The Area Forum allocated funding for going ahead with the formal advertisement for lowering the speed limit to 20mph on Nibley Lane between Nibley and Iron Acton, as part of a wider scheme.

Church Road bridge works

Although this is outside the Parish, it will have a major impact for many parishioners.

From 7 April, Church Road will close for three weeks while preliminary works are carried out on the existing bridge. Diversions will be in place during this time. Church Road will reopen after this phase.

From 28 July, Church Road will close for six weeks to allow for demolition of the existing bridge and construction of the new bridge. The work has been scheduled to take place during the school summer holidays to minimise disruption to school bus service. Diversions will be in place during this time.

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While Church Road is closed for the first stage of work on the weak bridge, bus services will be diverted. From Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April, services 327, 581, 482/3, 81 and 82 will operate their normal route from Yate centre to the station, then divert via Stover Road, Yate Road B4059 and Bristol road B4058 before resuming the normal route. The Bristol to Yate services will follow the reverse of this route.

For passengers who require bus services from the Church Road area, arrangements have been made with Severnside Transport for the 222 bus service to divert hourly Monday to Friday. The route to be taken is Church Road (part unaffected) Clyde Road, Park Lane and Beesmoor Road and then towards Yate Shopping Centre where connections to the other bus services are available. This service will also operate on Saturday 12th April 2014 as a direct shuttle service between Coalpit Heath and Yate Shopping Centre only for connections.

Parking around the council offices

At the Area Forum, we considered objections to the proposed waiting restriction changes on the trading estates close to the council offices. We agreed to implement the proposals as advertised, excluding the section of Waverley Road that extends beyond the adopted highway and the planned removal of the existing waiting restriction on Woodward Avenue. The latter was decided after a member of the public successfully argued that it would make the road less safe for pedestrians and not increase the available parking as people who currently have access to a car park would use it as it is closer to their workplace.

The good news for residents on the small rank of cottages on North Road is that this means they will now have parking permits to use the road outside their houses so that people from the council offices don't stop them parking there.

Changes to recycling services

New recycling collections were introduced alongside the garden waste subscription this week. People can now put out for collection **cartons** (Tetrapaks) such as those used for juice, milk and chopped tomatoes and **small electricals** such as toasters and hairdryers in their **green box**.

The **plastic bottle bag** can now be used for a wider range of **mixed plastics**. As well as bottles residents can include things like:

- yoghurt pots
- margarine tubs
- plastic punnets
- meat trays

You can't put out:

- black plastic - e.g. ready meal trays, as it confuses the optical sorting machine at the processing plant
- rigid plastics - e.g. children's toys
- plastic films - e.g. cling film and carrier bags, although many supermarkets collect the latter
- polystyrene

South Glos Council is consulting on removing the recycling bring banks in the car parks of supermarkets, village halls and social clubs. All of the materials are now collected with the fortnightly recycling collections and the money saved will be reinvested to provide recycling services for all flats, which they haven't had to date. It would be welcomed by people who have asked for the banks to be removed to free up extra car parking spaces and would cut back on the litter and commercial use that have been problems at some of the sites. Bring banks at Sort It centres and those operated by charities or other organisations would not be affected. If you have any comments, you can find a list of the affected sites and make your views known via the council's consultation web page by 25th April.

Safer Stronger Community Group

I attended the March meeting, which was held in Iron Acton Village Hall. The two priorities identified were fracking and Latteridge Road issues.

National Composites Centre

On Tuesday 4th March I attended the topping out ceremony for the second stage of the National Composites Centre at the Science Park. There will be a large event for the opening of this extension when it is complete.

Local Strategic Partnership Conference 2014

On Friday 7th March I attended the Partners' Conference 2014 in Filton. This year the theme was closing the gap – looking at how we can help people and communities benefit from and contribute to economic success.

Town and Parish Council Forum

I attended the Town and Parish Council Forum in my role as Chair of Communities. Issues included planning enforcement and signing up all Parish Councils to the Compact with the community and voluntary sector.

Unfortunately their next meeting clashes with another appointment for me but I would recommend sending a representative to these meetings.

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1632. Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies on matters relating to the parish (not on this agenda)

None

1633. Confirm Minutes of Council meeting held on 3rd March 2014

Decision: Proposed by Cllr P King and seconded by Cllr J Wright the minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

1634. Matters arising

None

1635. Finance – approve payment of accounts

Decision: Proposed by Cllr P King and seconded by Cllr J Butler and agreed by all, the attached payments were approved.

1636. Correspondence/Communication with Council

REQUIRING RESPONSES/COMMENTS/ACTIONS/INFORMATION (*)

1. Winterbourne Medieval Barn Trust (WMBT) forthcoming events(*)
2. Fairer Fares for All Consultation – First Group (*)
3. Minutes and the appendix for the Joint Cycleway Group Meeting that was held on 5 March 2014.(*)
4. JPYFSG meeting 14th April 14
5. Equalities Conference - Working together to stamp out hate crime and harassment
Monday 12 May 2014 9.00am to 1.00pm followed by lunch BAWA, Southmead Road, Filton

FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

1. Consultations:

Consultation on the proposed removal of recycling bring banks.

There currently are 37 bring bank sites in South Gloucestershire which include supermarket car parks, village hall car parks, and social clubs. South Gloucestershire Council is proposing to remove the bring banks it currently operates for the following reasons:

• All of the materials collected at bring banks can now be recycled using the kerbside recycling collections

The savings made by these proposals will be reinvested to provide recycling services for all flats, who are currently unable to recycle all of these materials

The council has had a number of requests to remove bring banks from car parks to free up additional parking spaces

At some locations there have been issues with local businesses using the bring banks to dispose of commercial waste

At some locations we experience problems with fly tipping and litter which is expensive and time consuming to deal with

Bring banks at Sort It!* centres and those operated by charities or other organisations will not be affected.

We would like to invite you to visit our consultation webpage, where you can also find a list of sites affected by the proposals: <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation>

2. agenda for
Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership, Friday, 21st March, 2014
Council meeting on the 19 March
3. Street Trading Renewal Application - - Out 'T' Lunch, Stover Trading Estate, Millbrook Road , Yate (*)
4. Home improvement loans through South Glos Council (*)
5. Temporary closure of Shorthill Road details
6. draft version of the South Gloucestershire Compact for agreement

PUBLICATIONS

CVS e-alerts, SCCG Newsletter, Senior Siren 18, Advice South Glos Newsletter, Healthwatch April edition, Fields in Trust (*)

(*) indicates emailed to all Council members

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1637. Planning Matters

None

1638. Council to discuss Fracking

E Carey reported from the last SSCG meeting which she attended.

Local authorities are putting in place policies regarding Fracking and it was suggested we contact SGC to see what their policy is, before any actually takes place.

Decision: Clerk to write to SGC for any information and ask what policy they are putting in place, or already have in place.

1639. Council to respond to SGC Consultation: Local Green Space Designation

As per attached list

1640. Council to discuss website design

Decision: Clerk to invite Mediatube to a council meeting so they can outline their services and costs.

1641. Items to Report

1. Clerk to arrange meeting with Sun Edison to discuss Community Benefits
2. J Wright is unable to attend Manor Hall meeting 8th April – A Fay to attend
3. E Carey referred to recent PS&PP questionnaire and outlined a village she had visited which had successfully incorporated new housing and questioned the number of proposed new housing which Westerleigh could accommodate

1642. Date of Next Meeting

12th May 2014 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by AGM, Westerleigh Village Hall

Signed

12th May 2014

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