

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
7TH JULY 2014
WESTERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

1670. Apologies for absence

None

1671. Declarations of Interest under The Localism Act 2011

None

1672. 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 have been forwarding on evidence from residents regarding Woodlands Farm to the strategic planning team, scanning letters so the team gets everything by email. I have also forwarded other issues raised where residents have wanted me to do this and will be putting in a response as ward councillor.

Box Hedge Farm

I have been continuing to make enquiries about the work on the passing places, signs and the fencing along the public right of way. The work on the passing places is now planned for July.

The enforcement officer and a Public Rights of Way officer attended a meeting on site to resolve a query from the applicant regarding the route of the public right of way. Work on the fence should have taken place last week, with a site visit planned this week to check.

The enforcement officer has also been in touch with the Highways officer who will be supervising the works on the road. He will ensure that the signs are installed once the work on the road begins.

Messenger site (opposite New Inn, Mayshill)

The officer has been out of the office but I have requested an update on this case.

Henfield Paddock

I attended and spoke at the site meeting on 20th June. Due to the need for officers to investigate further some of the issues raised, it was not possible for the application to go to committee on 3rd July. Instead it's expected to be determined at the 31st July meeting.

Henfield Barn

In my last report, I said that the appeal had been dismissed and I had written to officers to ask them what the next step was, given the building was already in place. Officers subsequently confirmed that they had already served an enforcement notice. Following the initial refusal of permission last year the applicants did subsequently gain planning permission to retain about half of the building, so the enforcement notice requires them either to remove it entirely or to reduce it to that which has been permitted. They have until 28th July to comply with the notice.

Radio Mast at Tubb's Bottom

With the development now going ahead at Emerson's Green East, the radio masts will be relocated to Tubb's Bottom, with preliminary work starting in August. Arrangements will be made for a meeting with local ward councillors and Parish Councils.

10 Oakwood Gardens

The site visit is expected to take place on Friday 18th July with the application going to 31st July committee.

56 Ram Hill

A retrospective application has been submitted for the new wall.

Church Road Bridge works

On Friday I attended a meeting with Shaun Wilson of Street Care. The engineers are aiming to close the bridge starting on Sunday 20th July (so after the Frampton Festival). The road will hopefully reopen at the start of September, but traffic light working will remain in place afterwards to complete the work and there will be a further closure of Bridge Way that will stop people from Park Lane being able to go out that way. The existing bridge is going to be replaced by a new hi-tech composite bridge deck, which should be lower maintenance and therefore reduce future disruptions.

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The following changes are being made based on the lessons learnt from the Easter closure:

- No other avoidable road works will take place at the same time on the diversion route (Badminton Road, Stover Road, Iron Acton by-pass)
- Large interactive display boards will keep residents and drivers updated
- Improved signage of the diversion will be put in place
- Arrangements for bus service changes will be put in place in good time
- The South Glos. Website will be kept up to date.
- There will be a 20mph advisory limit on Nibley Lane, as it will not be possible to get the permanent speed limit in place by then.

The new bridge will be re-opened under 3 way traffic light control to enable the parapets to be rebuilt re-using the original local stones which have been safely stored, the services (water, phone lines, broadband etc.) to be relocated from their diversion via the temporary footbridge to under the new bridge deck and the pavements and road surface to be re-laid. The plan is to reopen the road fully by the end of November.

Some people had raised concerns that there have been long periods when nobody seemed to be working on the bridge. Shaun assured me that that was not the case. During the previous closure there were people there working day and night, including the bank holiday weekend. All the work was being done by the various utilities companies, the council was only supervising. Since then people have been working beneath the bridge so people going past won't have seen them.

Unfortunately it will be necessary to turn off Hambrook lights in August as they are being completely replaced. Although not on the diversion route, it is still in the general area. It cannot be delayed as doing so would require the money for doing it being handed back to Government.

I explained that we had been contacted about the work on the radio mast, which is due to start in August. Shaun undertook to investigate further and it may be appropriate for a highways officer to attend our meeting with them.

Westerleigh traffic calming

I have chased up the speed limit signs. A number of people have raised concern that the pinch points aren't slowing traffic sufficiently. The engineer has made observations and believes they are working as designed, it wasn't possible to narrow the roads any more due to them all being used by buses. He has promised speed monitoring will be done to see whether they are reducing speeds.

Westerleigh smell

Unfortunately it appears I spoke to soon on the issue of the smell. In the last couple of weeks it has reappeared. We now have a new Environment Agency officer to deal with, as their policy is that officers are only allowed to inspect a site for a maximum of 4 years. I have reported the latest incidents and am in email discussion with the new officer.

Frampton End Road

Along with my Frampton Cotterell colleagues, I attended a meeting with officers to look at replacement gates following the vandalism. The plan is now to install metal gates and to have a key rather than a combination. The key will be issued for free to those who can demonstrate a need but replacements will be charged for.

967 bus service saved

On 11th June I attended the Planning, Transport and Strategic Environment committee to speak on behalf of local parents about the need for the 967 bus service, which serves pupils at Chipping Sodbury Secondary School and Brimsham Green School. The committee agreed to save the service.

Waste collection round changes

Where I have become aware of problems, I have referred them to the waste manager. Overall, the statistics show this change has gone more smoothly than previous ones, but that is no consolation for those who have been affected by problems, in some cases for multiple collections. If there are any remaining issues, please let me know so I can get officers to investigate.

Bus fares

Following a consultation, First Bus have announced new fares for our area. The main changes are:

- The cost of single tickets will be based on the distance you travel within your chosen area.
- There will be no return tickets but First Day tickets will still be available and are probably the best option for multiple journeys.

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- Up to 2 children under five travel free with each fare-paying adult or young person.
- There will be a 50% discount for children aged 5-15.
- There will be a 30% discount for 16-21 year olds and students.

You can find out more on their website.

I would be interested to hear people's comments on the reliability of the buses. Having been delayed myself recently, I found the other users had experienced this multiple times.

Youth provision figures

Getting hold of the figures is proving difficult. I do now have information from St Nicholas, where there are 3 Westerleigh Parishioners out of 123 users (not including the junior club). I have chased information from the other 3 providers who have yet to provide figures.

Community composting consultation

South Glos. is currently consulting on the future of the three community composting sites at Thornbury, Shireway and Hawkesbury as there is no budget for them from next April. My colleagues representing those areas have been working with the groups running them to try to find alternative ways of keeping them going. However, the Shireway Community Association has told South Glos. they no longer wish the site to be on their property because it's not manned to any extent and as a result the facility is being abused, probably by commercial concerns.

Safer Stronger Community Group

At last week's SSCG meeting, issues discussed included the police's stop and search powers, the closure of Brockeridge Youth Centre pending a review and road safety on Woodend Road, particularly around the Post Office (which you may recall was raised at the last Parish Council meeting).

Frome Vale Area Forum

I will be chairing the Area Forum on Thursday. Items on the agenda include a presentation about the current consultation on community composting sites, applications for community grants and Positive Activities funding for your people, updates on the New Homes Bonus scheme and progress reports on local transport schemes.

Fly grazing

On Thursday I made a presentation in London in my Chair of Communities role about how South Glos. has tackled fly grazing. Fly grazing is putting your horses to graze on another person's land without permission. If anyone has any information on such incidents locally, please get in touch.

Westerleigh Energy Group

I have had two meetings now with a group of local residents who are interested in renewable energy and other sustainability issues. To date, we have talked to those involved in running a number of community buildings within the Parish about whether they were interested in working together on any projects. We are now looking at the appropriate form for our group to take and what our role should be. We would be interested in working with the Parish Council, some in the group have expertise and experience in the field which may be helpful in carrying out projects on Parish Council buildings for example.

Consultation on Climate Adaptation Strategy

Last year South Glos. Council adopted the first part of its Climate Change Strategy, the Low Carbon Plan. That sets out how the council is working with others to reduce dangerous emissions. It's now consulting on the second part of the strategy, the Climate Adaptation Plan. This Plan aims to provide a guide for managing the impacts of climate change. The key questions are:

- Does the Plan highlight all of the key issues and risks?
- Are there any other relevant activities in progress or planned that should be included in the Plan?
- Are there any other actions you think need to be considered?

The consultation runs until 31 July.

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1673. Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies on matters relating to the parish (not on this agenda)

Cllr E Carey – attended SSCG meeting along with Cllr D Lee

- a) Police gave a talk as to how the community perceive policing or have any comments to make. Conclusion was police officers were sufficiently experienced to make the decisions.
- b) Youth club closing was discussed and police expressed concerned as they feel the children who attend are those who are not necessarily members of other clubs and so would have nowhere to go.
- c) Payment of waste collection of green bins and consultation on community composting was discussed

1674. Confirm Minutes of Council meeting held on 9TH JUNE 2014

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

1675. Matters arising

None

1676. Finance – approve payment of accounts

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

1677. Correspondence/Communication with Council

REQUIRING RESPONSES/COMMENTS/ACTIONS/INFORMATION (*)

1. First Bus cycle swap with me event – 6th July (*)
2. ALHA funds available (*)
3. Forthcoming lectures at Yate Heritage Centre (*)
4. Email correspondence re: Frampton Cotterell radio site (*)
5. Town and Parishes Council Forum – agenda 10th July (*)

FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

Consultations:

Future of community composting sites in South Gloucestershire

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/communitycomposting2014/consultationHome>

Agenda for:-

Frome Vale Area Forum – agenda 10th July (*)

Audit and Accounts Committee on 30/06/14.

Environment Forum meeting is being held on Wednesday 9th July, 7-9pm Park Centre in Kingswood (*)

Children & Young People Committee, Wednesday, 18th June, 2014

1. Design of replacement gates – Frampton End Road (*)
2. Church Road works meeting – 1pm 4th July (*)

PUBLICATIONS

Planning Enforcement News (*)

(*) indicates emailed to all Council members

1678. Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

278 Badminton Road Coalpit Heath Bristol

Works to 1no. Oak tree to crown lift to 7m covered by Tree Preservation Order SGTPO 03/97 dated 21 October 19997.

PT14/2362/TRE

Decision: No objection, tree officer will determine

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Boxhedge Farm Lane Coalpit Heath

Construction of all weather menage with new access and associated works.

PT14/2091/F

Decision: No objection but wish to see the proviso that it is for personal use only

Land Adj To 166 Badminton Road Coalpit Heath

Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated works.

PK14/2192/F

Decision: No objection

56 Ram Hill Coalpit Heath

Removal of existing hedgerow and erection of 1.5metre high (max) wall along boundary with Ram Hill.(Retrospective)

PK14/2522/F

Decision: OBJECTION due to the encroachment of the boundary line. Council feel the wall should be moved back to the original boundary line of the hedgerow

Also, the application form states the wall is of a height of 1.5m whereas the accompanying paperwork states the wall is infact 1.8m in height

PLANNING DECISIONS

Bourne End Down Road Winterbourne Down Bristol South Gloucestershire

Description: Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission P.2146/1 dated 7 February 1973 to remove the agricultural occupancy condition.

Application No: PK14/0547/RVC

Decision: Approve

Kemps Plants Oakley Green Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8QZ

Description: Installation of 2no. Liquid Petroleum Gas storage tanks, erection of 2.1m high fencing, creation of lay-by and associated works.

Application No: PK13/4571/F

Decision: Refuse

Old Kemps Plants Site Westerleigh Road Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8QH

Description: Change of use of nursery/garden centre (sui generis) to Storage and Distribution (Class B8) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Application No: PK14/0341/F

Decision: Refuse

131 Badminton Road Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2SY

Description: Erection of first floor to provide additional living accommodation

Application No: PK14/0439/F

Decision: Approve with conditions

Land Adjoining The Old Parsonage Westerleigh Road Westerleigh Bristol South Gloucestershire

Erection of 1no. dwelling (Outline) with access and layout to be determined. All other matters reserved. Change of use of 2no. dwellings to 1no. dwelling with annexe.

PT13/1047/O

Decision: Approve with conditions

Grass Verge At Junction Of Badminton Road And Woodside Road Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2QP

Prior Notification of the intention to remove existing replica telegraph pole and antennas and replace with 15 metre high replica telegraph pole with 6no. antennas within a shroud (relocated approximately 4m). Installation of 2no. equipment cabinets and 1no. meter cabinet associated works.

PK14/1841/PN1

Decision: no objection

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1679. Lease of Chalet, Bitterwell Lake – council to determine terms of lease

The Clerk reported that the Chalet was now empty. Mr Smith (leaseholder of the fishing rights) wishes to take on the lease of the Chalet

Mr Smith has also requested if he can remove the fencing between the Chalet and the Lake and remove the large pond and overgrown vegetation at the rear of the Chalet as there is suitable machinery on site until Wednesday of this week.

Decision: Proposed by Cllr E Carey and seconded by Cllr D Boulton agreed by all that Mr Smith be given first refusal on a short hold tenancy agreement for the Chalet subject to inspection by Council and establishment of refurbishment works to be carried out.

Council to view Chalet prior to committee meeting on 21st July 14 at 6.45pm.

Clerk to be on site at 6.30pm.

Mr Smith is given permission to remove the pond, overgrown vegetation and fencing provided that all arising are removed from site and the works are carried out at his own cost.

1680. Items to Report

1. E Carey reported that following the consultation event some parishioners had asked if they could hold a village meeting to discuss this matter.
2. Response to consultation regarding traveller sites – all comments to ward councillor for submission. Clerk to ask ward councillor to reaffirm this Councils comments.
3. Clerk to summarise consultation evening in a flyer asking parishioners to take part in this consultation. New website details also to be on flyer. Link response from parish council to other sites (eg neighbourhood watch)
4. The Pound is still not cleared.
5. Boundary stone still needs reinstating.
6. Cllr E Carey to attend Town and Parish Forum meeting on 10th July 14
7. Cllr A Gibbs reported that he had visited Bitterwell lake today.

1681. Date of Next Meeting

1ST September 14 Manor Hall

Signed

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