

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
13th October 2014
HELD AT MANORHALL, COALPIT HEATH

Present: Councillors: J Butler, D Boulton, J Wright, A Gibbs, A Fay, E Carey, D Lee, P King,
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 21st July 2014**

Decision: proposed by Cllr D Lee and seconded by Cllr J Butler to approve the minutes. Agreed by all. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Bitterwell Lake**

a) **refurbishment works – update from Councillors appointed to oversee works**

Cllr D Boulton reported that the tenant has now moved into the Chalet. The kitchen and bathroom are installed. Finishing off jobs are all that are left to do.

Outside it pretty much waterproof

Clerk reported the gas inspection took place last Friday – control knob for heating was replaced, a carbon monoxide monitor is required and the hoses from the gas bottles need replacing

Cllr D Boulton advised that a further electrical inspection is now required due to the amount of works taken place.

Cllr J Wright reported that there was still a lot of rubbish on site and another skip would be required.

Decision: proposed by Cllr J Wright and seconded by Cllr E Carey for Council to provide another skip. Agreed by all.

b) **update planning permissions re: potential café area**

The Clerk suggested to Council that outline planning permission is sought to gain permissions for a structure but leaving it as outline to allow Council to finally agree in a building. If permissions are sought for a specific structure then there will be no future allowance for change. The positioning of the structure would be on the grassed area (above the now demolished old boat shed) as it would not impact on car parking facilities and is directly adjacent to existing drainage. It would also be a shorter route to hook up to the electricity supply.

Decision: Proposed by Cllr J Wright and seconded by Cllr D Boulton that Council apply for outline planning permission. Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

6. **Committee to discuss future youth provision within the parish**

a) **Update from Frampton Cotterell PC re: Youth Services Working Group**

FCPC considered this at its meeting on 1 October. The Minute reads:

Membership of the Youth Services Working Group

Cllr Pat Hockey, quoting from the Council's Standing Orders, stated her belief that the requirements of Standing Order 10 did not preclude the addition of further Members to a Working Group within a six month time period. Cllr D Hockey requested that the inclusion of an elected Member representative from Westerleigh Parish Council should also be considered.

RESOLVED: THAT

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- (1) Cllrs Mrs Morris, Mrs Pennell, Mrs Walters and Weeks be appointed to the Youth Services Working Group; and
(2) the addition of an elected Member from Westerleigh Parish Council to the Working Group, with full voting powers, be approved.

Frome Valley Voice – youth club article

The October issue of Frome Valley Voice featured an article ‘Youth Club closure: two sides make their case’

Council noted. Cllr E Carey to report back to Council following her initial meeting

7. Committee to comment on planning applications

There were no applications for consideration

8. Committee to approve payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Gross (£)</u>	<u>Net (£)</u>
Manor Hall;	room hire	27.00	27.00
T Smith	chalet purchases	490.51	408.76

Decision: proposed by Cllr D Lee and seconded by Cllr E Carey.

Vote: 6 in favour, 2 abstentions, motion carried and the payments were approved.

9. 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. Cllr J Bulter, re: Manor Hall stated

I would like to apologise to Council for the lengthy debate concerning the Coalpit Heath Pre-school at last week's meeting. With the benefit of hindsight, and advice from wiser heads than mine, I've realised that responding to her was probably unwise. Although I felt it was important to correct the misinformation being peddled by Mrs Crumpton, this was actually playing into her hands and giving her the public forum she desired.

I would like to assure Council that, despite increasingly vitriolic attacks on our reputations from Mrs Crumpton, the Manor Hall Management are still trying to resolve the issues with Preschool by mutual agreement. We have offered them a new contract with what we believe to be a fair and justifiable increase in rent from January 1st and we are hopeful that this will be accepted.

I can also report that South Glos Health and Safety have concluded their investigation into the sanding incident and confirmed that no legal action will be taken.

2. SGC is undertaking a review of polling place and polling stations. Comments or alternative stations to be sent in writing to SGC by 28th November 2014
3. Cllr A Gibbs raised the Bristol radio news report re: pre-school group at Manor Hall
4. Cllr E Carey requested boundary signage for the next agenda
5. Cllr A Gibbs and Cllr P King to reinstate boundary stone (which is currently at Bitterwell Lake)
6. Cllr A Fay reported a member of the public told her she could not walk around Bitterwell Lake as it is private
7. Clerk reported the website will go live at the end of this week

10. Date of Next E&L Committee Meeting – 8th December 2014

Signed

Date: 8th December 2014