

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
10th November 2014
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PRESENT

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

1709. Apologies for absence

Cllr P King, D Boulton, k Arathoon

1710. Declarations of Interest under The Localism Act 2011

None

1711. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the parish (not on this agenda)

Cllr C Young reported

Planning issues

Policies, Sites, and Places (PSP) DPD

Following the meeting that we had with strategic planning officers, they have sent the Clerk an explanation of the choices in front of you at tonight's meeting with regards to Westerleigh village.

At the meeting we discussed the option of a Rural Exception Site, which doesn't have to be removed from the Green Belt and can be progressed outside of the PSP DPD process. A Rural Exception Site:

- Is a way of delivering housing for local people in housing need, who cannot get a home on the open market.
- Has to be supported by a Housing Needs Survey.
- Can include up to 35% market housing if it's needed to make the development viable. The rest has to be affordable, that is kept for households in housing need and with a link to the local community.
- Could include part ownership homes, if that was supported by the Housing Needs Survey, but some would have to be social rented, which I know the Parish Council feel is already sufficiently provided for in the village.

Since the meeting I have clarified that a Housing Needs Survey can be done for one settlement within a parish, rather than the whole parish, so it would be possible to do one for Westerleigh village alone. Also self-build/custom-build might be an option, but only if supported by the Housing Needs Survey and kept as affordable housing in perpetuity. If the Parish Council wants the settlement boundary to be extended to provide up to 20 new homes, this means that the village, or at least part of it, would have to be "inset" (removed) from the Green Belt, rather than being "washed over" as it currently is. This lifts some restrictions on infilling within the boundary, although in practice this might not make much difference in Westerleigh as there is limited space within the settlement boundary.

At the meeting we also discussed the Green Belt review, due to be completed by 2018, which in practice means officers will be starting work on it next year. The Parish Council could carry out further consultation with residents to feed into this review, allowing limited infilling and barn conversions to provide extra houses in the meantime. However, that review is at a strategic level, in conjunction with the other West of England authorities, and might not give Westerleigh an opportunity to have a small amount of extra housing.

It might be possible to make an argument for inseting only part of the existing area within the settlement boundary, next to any proposed site, rather than the whole of the part of the village currently within the boundary. If the Parish Council still wanted up to 20 additional houses, officers would have to look round the whole of the existing boundary and assess all the possible sites. They might conclude that there is nowhere suitable to provide as many as 20 houses and find a site for a smaller number. Whatever came out of their assessment would be consulted upon.

SGC solar schemes at Badminton Road offices and Moorend

The plans showing how the park and ride and solar can be co-ordinated to fit on adjoining sites are complete; however, there are some technical issues to resolve in connection with the solar. Once these are resolved, the meeting will go ahead.

Box Hedge Farm

The highway works started on site on Monday 3rd November and are expected to take two weeks. The applicant has confirmed that the signage will be installed as part of those works.

Messenger site (opposite New Inn, Mayshill)

As we are now half way through the 2 month time frame given by the officer, he has sent Mr Messenger a further copy of the letter.

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Sainsbury's Local at the Badminton Arms

Applications have been submitted to exclude newspaper deliveries from the delivery hours condition and to vary the lighting condition to allow some low level lighting bollards for safety reasons in the car park. A third application has been made for advertisements. I have written to the case officer for further clarification.

Council budget consultation

In recent months there have been quite a number of consultations on individual savings proposals, as South Gloucestershire Council tries to find ways of making the huge additional savings needed over the coming years. Now the overall budget consultation has started. Information is available at www.southglos.gov.uk/budget or at one of the local libraries or One Stop Shops and the deadline for comments is 19th December, although comments will continue to be fed back to councillors after that.

Flood risk management strategy

South Gloucestershire Council is currently consulting on its draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – the deadline for comments is 20th January.

Westerleigh smell

Last month I reported that there had been some smell incidents, which I passed on to the Environment Agency to investigate. I have now had the following response from them:

In the Environment Agency's opinion, the most likely cause of odour from Tulip's site is related to the handling and storage of Animal by-product (ABP) waste.

The ABP waste is collected in a road trailer within a building. The air inside the building is extracted through a carbon filter to minimize odour release and the doors of the building are closed for the same reason, but when the trailer is full, it must be changed.

This operation occurs once, sometimes twice a day. It involves opening the doors to the building, removing the full trailer of waste and replacing it with an empty one. It takes 30 – 45 minutes and we believe that the odour produced by this activity could potentially be detected away from the site boundary.

We have discussed this matter with Tulip staff and have agreed an action plan to reduce the odour potential. The following improvements have been made:

- Tulip have installed a new cleaning station and have implemented regular housekeeping of the ABP waste area.
- Tulip, along with the ABP waste contractor, have agreed to cover the full trailer before removing it from the ABP storage building.
- Tulip are instigating a procedure to regularly check that the carbon filter is operating effectively.

We will continue to work with Tulip to improve all areas of odour control. However, if members of the public are disturbed by odours which they believe to be from the abattoir, please take the following action:

- Contact Dominic Sugrue of Tulip in the first instance (0117 957 6056, Dominic.Sugrue@tulipltd.co.uk) . Tulip are obliged to investigate, they must also record details of the complaint and their response. This information can be audited by the Environment Agency.
- Members of the public can also report the odour to the Agency's hotline (0800 80 70 60). I would encourage them to do this, if the odour persists and if the response from Tulip was not satisfactory.

Westerleigh traffic calming

The investigations showed that the elevations on the speed table are correct, it has been installed as it should have been, so the next step is to see the results of the speed monitoring being carried out later this month. This will show, among other things, the sort of speeds at which vehicles are hitting the table. After the last Parish Council meeting I reported the overgrown bollards on the pinch points on Westerleigh Road between Westerleigh and Yate.

Feedback on Henfield Road proposals

Around 150 letters about the proposals were delivered with the help of two Parish Councillors and I also included it on my website. The feedback I have had is as follows:

- A resident from Ram Hill was opposed to both proposals because they don't want the area urbanised. They think the proposals would detract from the rural feel of the area and would be inappropriate in the Quiet Lanes Scheme. They don't want extra signs or lines on the road or the buff coloured surface. They said it would help if the bus went slower – currently can't take one of their horses out because it's too scared and bus drivers give abuse if you challenge them. They also think it would be a waste of money, the only way to solve the problem is to stop the traffic using the road as a rat run. They also don't want any more of the cobbled stone surface, because they are dangerous due to being slippery for horses and some horses don't like them and try to jump them.

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- A resident of Henfield Road, within the Quiet Lanes Scheme, welcomed the proposals in respect of signage to highlight the narrow nature of the road at the Railway Bridge, and at the bend by the junction to Bitterwell Lake and Ram Hill, saying they will undoubtedly have benefit in respect of speeding and road safety. They felt, however, that the cycle lane proposal was totally impractical because the existing road is barely wide enough for passing traffic and the pavement. When on the pavement, traffic is unpleasantly close, particularly when the hedges are overdue for a cut. Widening the road to accommodate the cycle path would not be justified even if it was feasible.
- A Coalpit Heath resident, not living on Henfield Road, said they preferred the second proposal because the majority of drivers using the route are well used to it so there is little point in installing warning signs for bends and hazards that are already well known. It would simply mean they would be ignored by those using the road to get from A to B as quickly as possible and strangers would take care anyway. They felt the main problem was the relatively long straight up/downhill section, which encourages speeding. The second proposal would help retain the country-road feel but they felt a visual restriction half way down the stretch between the Serridge Lane crossroads and the golf club was also needed.
- I had some verbal support for the white lining proposals under the viaduct from people living nearby within Coalpit Heath. One wanted clarification of where the sign on the northern side of the viaduct would be located. Tracey Hamblett confirmed it would be to the south of the existing direction sign, so it wouldn't obscure it and would be seen by those turning right out of Station Road as well as those coming along Henfield Road.
- A commenter on my blog said: "please do not waste taxpayers money on this scheme
If yo want to spend money spend it on improving the poor state of our local roads."

A number of people have raised the issue of the bus still going too fast on Ram Hill, so I have written to PC Finbar Simmons to ask him to raise it with the bus company again and also written to an officer in the council's transport unit.

Coalville Road garages to be redeveloped

Merlin Housing Society is looking to redevelop the garage site at Coalville Road. Plans are at a very early stage, but at present they are looking to provide 2 bungalows and 2 flats. Merlin has promised me they will hold a consultation event next year so residents can find out more before a planning application is submitted. The Housing Society has already written to users of the garages and people living in the neighbouring bungalows.

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I attended the Open Day that was held to celebrate the refurbishment. While there, I had the opportunity to talk with parents, a member of staff from the pre-school, other hall users and the trustees. I will do what I can to support the mediation process and have been reassured that in the meantime the Pre-School has not been given notice.

Work on next stage of Yate Spur cycle path

People living near the Kidney Hill junction have received letters telling them that work to widen the carriageway on the northern side of Westerleigh Road to accommodate a new refuge is expected to start on 17th November and last for four weeks. This is the next stage of the Yate Spur cycle path. Temporary traffic lights will be used during the work and access to properties will be available at all times.

Temporary road closure at Henfield Viaduct in January

Henfield Road is expected to close between 10pm and 5am for three nights from 20th January 2015 between the Station Road and Ram Hill junctions. This is to allow the viaduct to be inspected.

Street light issues

When the clocks changed last autumn, the photocells controlling the switching off of some of our street lights in the early hours fell out of sync due to a fault. This meant that the lights switched off earlier than intended, at approximately 10.45pm.

The South Glos Street Care team replaced thousands of faulty photocells ready for the clock change on 26th October. The new units were supplied by the manufacturer at no charge to the council. Unfortunately, at the time of the change despite 9,000 being done, there were 3,000 units still to be replaced, including some in Westerleigh. By now they should have come back into line, but all will have been replaced by the end of November to prevent a recurrence of the problem at future clock changes.

Electricity works in Westerleigh

In mid-October I contacted Western Power Distribution after a Westerleigh village resident complained that their contractors had stopped her accessing her drive and that the bus stops were suspended. I contacted the council, who confirmed the buses were still operating, and Western Power. The person I spoke to there said that normally the

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contractors would have notified residents verbally if they were doing work that would obstruct access, so he would follow up on this.

He also explained that the purpose of the work is to reinforce the network, to increase capacity and make it more robust. These works are part of a wider programme covering a wide arc from Coalpit Heath via Henfield, Ram Hill and outlying areas around the abattoir, through Westerleigh and ending up at Says Court Farm. Hopefully it should mean fewer power cuts in future, though you can never eliminate problems entirely.

Grants for community groups

The latest round of grants for community groups has opened, with the relatively short deadline of 26th November. More information is available on the council's website.

Arqiva Radio Mast Relocation

Arqiva contacted me to say they would need to postpone their meeting with us as some elements of the work still had to be finalised. Building work will not now begin before the New Year and by the end of January they hope to have all the details to ensure a full discussion.

Church Road bridge traffic light problems

The works on the new Church Road bridge are currently still on track to be completed by the end of November. It's currently down to the various utility companies to move their services back. On Thursday there was a problem with the temporary traffic lights which resulted in long tailbacks and a great deal of frustration, especially for local residents who have been affected throughout. Council Officers investigated and concluded there is no fault on the sensors. They are of the view that the problems have occurred when heavy traffic is accompanied by a vehicle crossing on red. The sensor then reacts by going into "safe mode" which reduces the green time on the following cycles. If necessary, they will switch the signals to manual during peak periods. Officers apologise for the frustration caused.

1712. Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies on matters relating to the parish (not on this agenda)

Cllr E Carey reported from Frampton Cotterell Youth meeting – at which half the attendees felt the Brockridge Centre was not the correct site for a youth centre, however, it was agreed that a youth leader would be appointed on a temporary basis. This person would then visit schools and establish what was actually wanted and to get the club open as soon as possible at the Brockridge Centre.

Full minutes from Frampton Cotterell PC will be available at E&L Committee on 8th December 14 where this item can be discussed in full.

1713. Confirm Minutes of Council meeting held on 6th October 2014

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

1714. Matters arising

None

1715. Finance – approve payment of accounts

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

1716. Correspondence/Communication with Council

REQUIRING RESPONSES/COMMENTS/ACTIONS/INFORMATION

1. Minutes of the Safer Stronger Community Group (SSCG) meeting held on 24 September 2014. The next meeting will now be: **Tuesday 2 December 2014, 7.30pm at The Brockridge Centre (*)**
2. Have your say on future action for a Low Carbon South Gloucestershire at the next Environment Forum meeting: Monday 3rd November, 19:00-21:00 Kingswood Civic Centre (*)
3. AGM of the South Gloucestershire Heritage Forum on Monday 1st December at 5.30pm at Poole Court (*)
4. minutes of the Joint Cycleway Group meeting held on 22 September 2014 (*)

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5. The date of the next Safer Stronger Community Group meeting is Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 7.30pm at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Rd. Frampton Cotterell, Bristol , BS36 2LQ . Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
6. South Glos Dementia Action Alliance is launching in early January (*)

FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

Consultations:

As part of the Council's Saving Programme, South Gloucestershire Council is consulting on changes to its Discretionary Rate Relief scheme from April 2016. The Discretionary Rate Relief scheme supports voluntary and community groups in South Gloucestershire by paying part of their non-domestic rates bill.

The Council is consulting on the following options for the future of the scheme:

- Option 1 – Do nothing
- Option 2 – Revise the Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme and put a limit on awards
- Option 3 – Revise the Discretionary Rate Relief scheme and specify the percentage of discretionary rate relief that will be granted for different types of organisations

Details about the options can be found on the consultation webpage

at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/discretionarybusinessrates2014/consultationHome>.

South Gloucestershire Council is currently consulting on its budget, council tax levels for next year and its overall savings plan. The council asks council tax payers and other stakeholders their views each year before agreeing its budget and council tax.

This is your opportunity to comment on the council's priorities, its council tax and proposals to improve services and increase efficiency. . An overview of the council's savings programme (CSP) is attached for you and further information is available from our website: www.southglos.gov.uk/budget or on request.

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Seeking views on the draft document

Open date: 28 Oct 2014. Close date: 20 Jan 2015.

Consultation Topic:

Environment, Equalities issues, Fire and emergency planning, Local economy & business issues, Older people, Voluntary and community sector issues

See https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Local_flood_risk_management/consultationHome

Agenda for:-

1. Council, Wednesday, 15th October, 2014
2. Children & Young People Committee, Wednesday, 5th November, 2014

Other:-

1. Details of major resurfacing works that are planned for the A4174 Ring Road at the Hambrook lights junction. (*)
2. Notice of Intent – Temporary Traffic Order Henfield Road (*)

PUBLICATIONS

SGC Health watch e-bulletin October 14 (*)

(*) indicates emailed to all Council members

1717. Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Wagon House Mays Hill Frampton Cotterell

Erection of single storey extension

PK14/3813/LB Decision: No objection

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The Wagon House Mays Hill Frampton Cotterell
Erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation
PK14/3812/F Decision: No objection

Bristol And Bath Science Park Dirac Crescent Emersons Green
Outline Planning Application for an updated Masterplan for 52,276 sqm of B1, ancillary B2 and/or B8 (all matters reserved).
PK13/2502/O Decision: No objection

25 South View Crescent Coalpit Heath Bristol South
Demolition of existing garage to facilitate erection of annex ancillary to main dwelling
PT14/3760/F Decision: No objection but express concerns over vehicle access to the proposed dwelling and the access to no.27 The site appears small in comparison to the development

Science Park Roundabout Westerleigh Road/Folly Brook Road
Display of 3no. non-illuminated post mounted signs on roundabout.
PK14/3979/ADV Decision: No objection

10 Woodburn Rose Oak Lane Coalpit Heath
Erection of two storey extension to existing annexe to form 1no. dwelling with associated works Erection of 1no. cycle shed.
PT14/3782/F Decision: No objection

288 Badminton Road Frampton Cotterell Bristol
Demolition of existing bungalow, erection of 2no. detached dwellings and associated works.
PT14/3970/F Decision: Objection in support with the neighbours comments

Foxfield Westerleigh Road Westerleigh
Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated works.
PK14/3996/F Decision: No objection

Land At The Badminton Arms Badminton Road Coalpit Heath Br
Variation of condition 11 of application PK13/4401/F to vary delivery times to With exception to newspapers, no deliveries shall be taken at or despatched from the site outside the hours of 09.00am and 19.00pm Mondays to Saturdays. On Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays, deliveries shall only be taken at or despatched from the site between 09.00am and 17.00pm
PK14/4200/RVC Decision: Objection

Land At The Badminton Arms Badminton Road Coalpit Heath
Variation of condition 13 of PK13/4401/F to now read All external lighting to be installed in accordance with the scheme and assessment set out in WYG Car Park Lighting Assessment (September 2014). No further external illumination to be installed unless submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Council
PK14/4199/RVC Decision: Objection

Land At The Badminton Arms Badminton Road Coalpit Heath
Display of 2 no. internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 no. non

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illuminated totem sign, 6 no. non illuminated other signs and 1 no. internally illuminated other sign.
PK14/4203/ADV Decision: Objection

Land To The North Of Ram Hill Ram Hill Coalpit Heath Bristol
Prior Notification under Class M of a change of use from an agricultural building to a flexible use falling within either Class A1 (shops), Class A2 (financial and professional services), Class A3 (restaurants and cafes), Class B1 (business), Class B8 (storage or distribution, Class C1 (hotels) or Class D2 (assembly and leisure) of the schedule of the Use Classes Order.
PK14/4204/PNFU Decision: Objection on highways grounds. This is situated within the quiet lanes and council are concerned about the resultant traffic movements

PLANNING DECISIONS

Southleaze Ram Hill Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire
Demolition of existing garage to facilitate erection of granny annex ancillary to main dwelling (Resubmission of PK13/3698/F)
PK14/3196/F Decision: refusal

5 Ivy Terrace Westerleigh Road Westerleigh Bristol South Gloucestershire
Erection of a two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation
PK14/3169/F Decision: approve with conditions

Office Watercoolers SW Ltd. Unit 5 River Mead Dean Road Yate
Erection of temporary cabin and link to existing building to provide additional office space.
PK14/2850/F Decision: approve with conditions

34 Greenacres Park Ram Hill Coalpit Heath
Works to fell 1 no. Oak tree covered by Tree Preservation Order TPO 311 dated 12 September 1979
PT14/3284/TRE Decision: approve with conditions

1 Sunnybank Westerleigh Bristol
Erection of single storey side extension following removal of mobile home.
PK14/3108/F Decision: approve with conditions

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

Athelstan House Oakley Green Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8QZ
Description: Erection of detached garage with above store.
Application No: PK14/3219/F

1718. Council to consider signage and lining proposal re: Henfield Road

Earlier this year the Frome Vale Area Forum agreed that one of this year's highway investigation schemes should look at the problem of speeding traffic on Henfield Road within the Quiet Lanes Scheme. Recently representatives of Westerleigh Parish Council and Cllr C Young met highways officers to review their findings. Officers have made two proposals. The first is for some "signing and lining" measures, which can be implemented this financial year from existing budgets.

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The second proposal is for a gateway treatment, high friction surface and a cycle lane along part of Henfield Road. This proposal has been added to the Local Transport Priority List and will be considered for funding along with all the other schemes for the area at the Frome Vale Area Forum meeting at 7pm on Thursday 5th March in Shireway Community Centre (venue subject to change).

Decision: Proposed by Cllr J Butler to carry out the proposed white lining and signage as detailed in the drawings, seconded by J Wright agreed by all.

1719. Field for Sale – land behind Shorthill Road – request for Council support to purchase

Council have been contacted by a parishioner:-

Today a board has come up on a parcel of land behind Shorthill Road. It is 5 acres of pasture land that lies behind the houses.

The price is £60,000 but is going to tender. We are hoping that the residents might be able to club together to prevent this land from falling into the wrong hands. When I lived in Moulton in Northamptonshire the parish council bought a similarly sized parcel of land and turned it in to a wild flower meadow. Is there any possibility that Westerleigh PC might be able to help with this?

Decision: Clerk to look into financial position on the council if they were interested in purchasing the land. Agreed that joint ownership would not be a viable option. Next agenda item.

1720. PSP Plan response

South Glos Council have asked:-

Coalpit Heath

Your parish stated that they do not wish to provide for any further residential development within Coalpit Heath other than that which may come forward through current national and local planning policy.

If this approach is confirmed by the parish then residential development could continue to take place as infill, conversions and redevelopment with the settlement boundary of Coalpit Heath.

Please confirm whether your Parish wishes there to be no additional residential development at Coalpit Heath other than that which may come forward through current national and local planning policy.

DECISION: Proposed by Cllr J Butler and seconded by Cllr E Carey, agreed by all

Westerleigh village

1. 20 additional dwellings

1.1 Your parish identified a local need for an additional 20 dwellings to sustain the vitality of the village. This would be additional development above that which would come forward through current national and local planning policy. Current planning policy allows for limited infill, conversions and redevelopment within the settlement boundary of Westerleigh, together with some limited development in the open countryside as change of use, redevelopment and conversions of rural buildings. Please note that the government has recently introduced changes which will enable residential barn conversions to take place more easily than in the past and therefore the number of dwellings in the open countryside may well increase in the future.

1.2 Your parish indicated that they wished the dwellings to be market housing and shared ownership (but in this case the additional homes should remain as shared ownership with no right to buy).

On sites of 5 or more dwellings or on sites greater than 0.2 hectares then 35% of the dwellings would be affordable. Affordable dwellings are for those who cannot meet their housing needs on the open market. It doesn't mean low cost dwellings or small dwellings. These dwellings would be available to anyone on the council's waiting list and not tied to those in affordable housing need living or having a link to the parish. It would not be possible to require that this affordable housing was only for shared ownership only.

Please confirm whether your Parish still wishes to provide for 20 market dwellings at Westerleigh village above that which may come forward through current national and local planning policy.

DECISION: Proposed by Cllr J Butler and seconded by Cllr E Carey, agreed by all

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2. Green Belt implications and site selection process if the parish wants find a site for 20 additional market dwellings

If your Parish wants to provide for 20 additional market dwellings then South Gloucestershire Council would need to extend the existing settlement boundary around the proposed development site. As Westerleigh village is “covered” (washed over) by the Green Belt government guidance states that we would need to remove part or all of the village from the Green Belt (known as inseting) and the adjoining proposed development site would also need to be removed (inset) from the Green Belt. In order to do this we would need to assess whether the village as a whole or in part contributed to the openness of the Green Belt. Government guidance states that “*if it is necessary to prevent development in the village primarily because of the important contribution which the open character of the village makes to the openness of the Green Belt, the village should be included in the Green Belt. If, however the character of the village needs to be protected for other reasons, other means should be used, such as conservation area or normal development management policies, and the village should be excluded from the Green Belt.*”

Following this assessment of openness if it is possible to remove all or part of the village from the Green Belt the next stage of the process would be site selection. This would be a logical and transparent assessment of all potential sites to identify the most appropriate site taking into consideration environmental constraints, relevant planning policies and whether the site can be delivered.

Please confirm whether your Parish wishes South Gloucestershire Council to undertake the work identified above in order to identify a site for 20 additional dwellings at Westerleigh village.

DECISION: Proposed by Cllr J Butler and seconded by Cllr E Carey, agreed by all

1721. Remembrance Service Parades – road closure 2015

The Council has been contacted as follows:-

‘You may be aware that Westerleigh Village Green is normally closed to traffic for about 15 minutes from 10.55am to 11.10 on Remembrance Sunday for the ceremony to mark respect to those killed in war. The ceremony is attended by about 120 people and follows the pattern of similar ceremonies at war memorials all over England.

The police representative Finbar Simmons informs me that the police will be in attendance this year to close the roads leading to the Village Green, for which we are grateful However the police will not be able to offer this service for next year’s ceremony on 8 November 2015. He has suggested we contact the Parish Council and request them to kindly provide this service.’

Decision: write to Sue Mountstevens saying that we appreciate task police perform and would be grateful if she were to reconsider the position as it is only a 15minute exercise. It will a lengthy and costly exercise for the council to apply for a full road closure whilst police officers have the authority to temporarily stop the traffic.

Clerk to advise the church that yes we will all work together to resolve the situation

1722. Items to Report

1. Bitterwell Lake rubbish – lack of bins, on the road is a lot . Ask leaseholder to look at this matter.

1723. Date of Next Meeting

1st December 14 Westerleigh Village Hall

Signed

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