

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
5th January 2015
MANOR HALL

PRESENT

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

1737. PSP Plan responses/consultation re: Westerleigh – parishioners to attend to raise questions

(Information circulated to members – response form to consultation from Mr D Gray, email from J Betts SGC outlining the next steps in this consultation, email from J Cole with list of questions for this council, email from R Cole Additional information for Parishioner's Question at January 2015 meeting of Westerleigh Parish Council.)

Questions raised were

- i) Parish councils reasons for housing needs in Westerleigh Village based on census data – what are the specific needs? How would they benefit both the younger and the elder populous of the village?
- ii) What analysis has been carried out of data – the chair summarised the consultation responses (supplied by SGC) as a result of the consultation held in July 2014.
- iii) Why did the second consultation go ahead?
- iv) What evidence supports the number of 20 houses?
- v) Why did infill housing change in the consultation process to a single site development?

The Chair outlined the consultation process, the data supplied to the Council and the reasoning as to why the consultation process has been progressed to this stage.

The results of the latest consultation will be made available to this council at its next meeting of 2nd February 2015, whereby this council will make its formal response to South Glos. Council.

The Chair asked all those parishioners attending to make sure this Council were in receipt of their comments, as well as South Glos. Council.

1738. Apologies for absence

Cllrs E Carey, A Gibbs

1739. Declarations of Interest under The Localism Act 2011

None

1740. 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

Unfortunately technical difficulties with the council's website caused a delay in the drop-in exhibition materials being made available online. To reflect this, and in response to a request from a resident via both me and the Parish Council, officers agreed to extend the deadline for comments from 9th January to the 13th.

Solar scheme next to Badminton Road, council offices

I met officers at the council offices on 11th December, along with Cllr Ruth Davis (Yate Central) and Parish Cllr Paul Hulbert (Dodington). They tabled a revised plan, which shows a slightly smaller solar scheme fitting on the site along with a 236 space park and ride. We discussed a number of other issues that have come up in relation to solar schemes. The planning application was submitted, with a deadline of tomorrow for comments.

Box Hedge Farm

The signage has been installed and all works within the Section 106 agreement have now been completed. The planning enforcement officer is therefore closing the case.

Sainsbury's Local at the Badminton Arms

The application for the adverts had no objections from residents and my understanding of the Parish Council concerns was that they related to the change of lighting and the newspaper deliveries applications, not the adverts. The officer approved the application. The applications for the lighting and newspaper deliveries are still pending consideration.

Woodlands Manor

The appeal will now involve a hearing, rather than written representations.

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Drainage problem on Ram Hill

Bristol Water have been investigating the water leak on Ram Hill.

Westerleigh traffic calming monitoring

I've been sent the results of the speed monitoring carried out in Westerleigh village following the introduction of the traffic calming measures:

Westerleigh Road (north of the railway bridge) – average speed 34mph, down from 45mph

Westerleigh Road (south of Broad Lane junction) – average speed 35mph, no previous data for comparison but this was previously in a 40mph zone

Shorthill Road (Approach to the raised table) – average speed 25mph, down from 33mph

Shorthill Road (Approach to new build out) – average speed 35mph, no previous data except the 33mph that was closer to the raised table

The officer suggests that future work should look at this last location as an area to investigate measures to reduce the average speed readings. I am going to arrange to meet him on site to discuss this and his other comments further.

Parking around the Manor School

Parking was agreed as a priority at the Safer and Stronger Community Group meeting in December. I have now arranged an on-site meeting with the school, beat manager and a highways officer to look into the issues further.

Speeding on Badminton Road

Following concerns from residents, I have asked for the temporary interactive "Speedvisor" sign to be installed on Badminton Road. It will be installed for north bound traffic in January and southbound traffic in February.

Speeding on Park Lane

At the Safer Stronger Community Group, I also raised the issue of speeding on Park Lane on behalf of residents. I was informed that in the year to the end of October 2014 the camera van visited Park Lane (outside number 66) 21 times for an hour each and 223 tickets were issued. Beat manager PC Simmons also carries out checks on foot and he suggested co-ordinating those with the camera van, the mobile Vehicle Activated Sign and the Community Speedwatch teams. If there are concerned residents who would like to help, they can contact speedwatch co-ordinator John Pearce on 07843 871387 to find out about getting trained to carry out checks.

Westerleigh Road resurfacing

Last year I was pleased when the council responded to my requests on behalf of residents for Westerleigh Road to be resurfaced through Westerleigh. The preparatory patching work was carried out towards the end of last year, ready for the resurfacing to be done in the spring/summer this year. Unfortunately at this site and others where patching has been carried out, there has been what officers believe is a problem with the material used. They are awaiting the results of formal independent tests before taking further action.

Unwanted green bin collections

Unfortunately the company that was supposed to be delivering leaflets to households giving information about the collection of unwanted green bins let the council down. This meant that some people missed out on the opportunity. I took this up with council officers and have been promised there will be another collection in the new year.

Police and Crime Commissioner Public Forum

I attended the forum and asked when the Frampton Cotterell beat team will be back to full strength (1 PC + 2 PCSOs, rather than the current 1 PC + 1PCSO). No date was given, I was told PCSO Radnedge left to train to be a PC and it is difficult to recruit new officers. I also asked the PCC whether she felt that neighbourhood policing was getting sufficient emphasis, an issue I took up again with the police at the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership meeting a few days later.

Yate Spur cycle path

I submitted the petition calling for the completion of the Yate Spur cycle path at the South Gloucestershire Council meeting on Wednesday 10th December and asked it to be drawn to the attention of the LEP Investment Board, who were considering transport funding on the Friday of the same week. It's now been referred on to the Leaders Board with a recommendation to approve the funding for the next phase. There will still need to be a further bid for the final stage to be implemented in 2016/17.

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Abattoir

I have been notified that the abattoir refurbishment is nearly complete. When it is, Tulip propose to increase their kill and butchery activities, which will involve moving from a 38.75 hour production week to a 48.75 hour production week, although it will still only be Monday to Friday. There will be 800-1000 additional animals processed each day. On querying what this meant for traffic, I was informed that a lorry can take up to 250 pigs, so it would be 4 extra lorries a day. I also established that no change is required in terms of their licensing by the Environment Agency. Their existing PPC Permit becomes applicable once an abattoir slaughters more than 500 animals a day. The Environment Agency are being kept fully abreast of Tulip's plans.

1741. Reports from Representatives of Other Bodies on matters relating to the parish (not on this agenda)
Cllr J Butler reported from Manor Hall

(email from M Crumpton 05.01.2015 distributed to all members)

Mediation process has stalled without satisfactory conclusion, however the rent increase has been accepted. What has been suggested is that an agreement is needed to establish a sensible working relationship and that a member of the parish council could chair or be involved in this process. Cllr J Wright volunteered to represent the council but did not wish to chair the meeting. The Clerk volunteered to be independent minute taker and would chair the meeting if acceptable to all parties. Mr G Jancey volunteered to be an independent attendee in this process.

Governance ideas for the Manor Hall, as put forward by M Crumpton, were brought to the meeting. Cllr Butler responded that it has been recommended that the management committee update their status with the Charity Commission. This is now being investigated, and the committee are working alongside CVS in this matter.

1742. Confirm Minutes of Council meeting held on 1st December 2014

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

1743. Matters arising

Minute item 1733. Field for Sale – land behind Shorthill Road. Clerk has obtained copy deeds of field for sale which clearly shows the right of way over the land to Westerleigh Playing Field. Solicitors acting on behalf of this Council have contacted the land agent requesting they bring this to the attention of purchasers

1744. Finance – approve payment of accounts

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

1745. Correspondence/Communication with Council

REQUIRING RESPONSES/COMMENTS/ACTIONS/INFORMATION

1. More Tree Planting in South Gloucestershire (*)
2. Next meeting of the Environment Forum.
Wednesday 21st January 2015, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
The Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne , BS36 1NJ

FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda for:-

. Waste Management Forum, Monday, 19th January, 2015

Other:-

1. Badminton Road Solar Scheme the latest plan, showing how you can fit on a (slightly smaller) solar scheme and still get a 236 space park and ride on the site. (*)

(*) indicates emailed to all Council members

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1746. Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Land Between Broad Lane And Nibley Lane Westerleigh
Change of use from agricultural land to shared use path as extension to national cycle network.
PK14/4846/R3F Decision: No objection

Ivory Hill Farm Park Lane Winterbourne
Removal of the existing monopole and erection of 17.5m monopole with antennas and dishes with additional cabinets and ancillary development
PT14/4857/F Decision: No objection

28 Beesmoor Road Coalpit Heath
Erection of single storey side extensions to facilitate sub-division of existing dwelling to form 2no. dwellings with associated works.
PK14/4729/F Decision: No objection

69A Park Lane Frampton Cotterell
Extensions and alterations to raise the roofline to provide additional living accommodation at first floor level. Change of use of part ground floor from residential (Class C3) to Hair and Beauty Salon (Class A1) as defined in Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).
PT14/4902/F Decision: Noted as is neighbouring parish

Land Adjoining The Western Edge Of South Gloucestershire Council Offices Badminton Road Yate South Gloucestershire
Installation of a 287.25kW ground mounted Solar PV Park complete with inverters, security fencing, landscaping, new access routes and temporary compound and all ancillary works.
PK14/4785/R3F Decision: No objection

PLANNING DECISIONS

25 South View Crescent Coalpit Heath
Demolition of existing garage to facilitate erection of annex ancillary to main dwelling
PT14/3760/F Decision: Approve with conditions

Frome Mill Farm Nibley Lane Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire
Change of use from agricultural premises to a mixed use comprising of agricultural and office use (B1) as defined in Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). (Retrospective).
PK14/2549/F Decision: Approve with conditions

6, 8, 10 And 12 Oldlands Avenue And 9, 11, 13 And 15 Newlands Avenue Coalpit Heath
Prior notification of the intention to demolish 8no. dwellings and associated outbuildings.
PT14/4451/PND Decision: No objection

4/5 Purple House Westerleigh Road Henfield Bristol BS36 2UP
Change of use from Office (Class B1) to Residential (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)
PT14/3750/F Decision: Approve with conditions

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

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10 Woodburn Rose Oak Lane Coalpit Heath South Gloucestershire BS36
2QX

Erection of two storey extension to existing annexe to form 1no. dwelling
with associated works

PT14/3782/F Decision; Approve with conditions

Unit 6 Badminton Road Trading Estate Yate

Change of use from (ClassB1/B8) Business/Storage and distribution to
(Class D2) Assembly and leisure as defined in Town and Country Planning
(Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

PK14/3720/F Decision: approve with conditions

21 Beesmoor Road Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2RS

Erection of extension and alterations to roofline to provide additional living
accommodation. Erection of car port.

PK14/4287/F Decision: approve with conditions

Land At The Badminton Arms Badminton Road Coalpit Heath Bristol South
Gloucestershire

Display of 2 no. internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 no. internally
illuminated totem sign and no. 7 other non-illuminated signs.

PK14/4203/ADV Approve with conditions

1747. Council to discuss Coalpit Heath Cricket Club entrance

The land owner opposite Serridge Lane entrance is concerned that lorries are eroding the property's ditches.
One suggestion is to finish the fencing at the existing entrance to prevent lorries using the space as a turning circle.

Decision: Clerk to contact Cricket Club

1748. Items to Report

1. A Villager has reported 'that someone in the village is permitting their dog to foul in the playing fields. This morning and last week I picked up that mess and another from within the goal post area. It would appear to emanate from the same large dog, walked late evening and infrequently.'
2. Cllr D Boulton - The bigger eater man in the van was seen burning cardboard and other packaging next to the hedge in the layby Badminton Rd.(24.12.14 photo attached) Clerk to report to licensing/environmental protection
3. E&L Committee meeting 19th Jan 15 – unless Councillors have any specific agenda items then this meeting will be cancelled
4. Cllr P King – burning of materials on land adjacent to Shorthill Road
5. Cllr J Wright queried the non-attendance of councillors when so many parishioners had attended tonight's meeting.

1749. Date of Next Meeting 2nd February 2015 Westerleigh Village Hall

Signed 2nd February 2015

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