

**WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 4TH 2017
MANOR HALL, COALPIT HEATH**

**Present: Cllr Taylor (Chair) Cllr Butler (Vice Chair) Cllrs Fay, King, Lean & Blackmore
Clerk: S Simmons**

2232. Apologies for absence T Clark A Gibbs

2233. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 Cllr Butler declared an interest in items relating to Manor Hall and Cllr Blackmore declared an interest in item relating to grant for Coalpit Heath Village Hall/Miners Club

2234. Pre-arranged items from members of Public (if any) NONE

2235. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

Report for Westerleigh Parish Council for December 2017 C Young

Planning issues

JSP (Joint Spatial Plan) and Local Plan

Despite the concerns expressed by local residents, the VALID action group, my colleagues and I, all four West of England councils approved the Joint Spatial Plan to go out for consultation and that consultation is now underway. It is vital that everyone makes their views known to the Inspector by taking part in the consultation, which can be found at <https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/>

You have until 10th January to comment. Particular sections of interest include:

- Policy 2: The Spatial Strategy - this lists the locations where large numbers of houses are proposed and explains why they have been proposed
- Policy 7.10: Coalpit Heath
- Policy 7.12: Yate

Don't be misled by policy 7.12 being labelled Yate - the land involved is actually in Iron Acton and Westerleigh Parishes. These proposals will affect Nibley and Westerleigh and development will come close to the development proposed at Coalpit Heath. The proposed employment land comes down as far as the double railway arches on the edge of Westerleigh.

The Cabinet is voting on Monday on starting the consultation on the next stage of the Local Plan, which will put the flesh on the bones of the Joint Spatial Plan. It's important to understand that the Local Plan has to conform with the JSP, so once the JSP says where the houses will go, the Local Plan cannot change the locations. That's why it's so important for people to let the Inspector know if they think the JSP is flawed, because it will be up to the Inspector to decide whether it is sound and whether any changes are needed.

I also attended and spoke at a public meeting in Thornbury, organised by the Thornbury action group TRAPP'D, along with members of VALID.

Update at meeting: On Saturday I spoke to members of the South Glos Mines Research Group and have since followed up by email. They can provide more information about the mines under the fields east of Roundways and the type of archaeological survey that they think should be carried out.

Oak Cottage, Westerleigh

The application to replace the existing lean-to with a larger extension was unanimously approved by the DC (East) planning committee, going against the officer recommendation.

Westerleigh smell

Following my meeting with the Chair and Clerk, I wrote to James Heavingham at the Environment Agency requesting:

- A summary of the report of his most recent site visit
- Contact details for the relevant person at Wessex Water, so we can make direct contact with them

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- For Wessex Water to attend a public drop-in to discuss their plans for what they intend to do to the sewers to address that aspect of this problem – Tulip and the Environment agency also to attend
- For Wessex Water to bring along to that drop-in plans showing the current drainage layout.

I also followed up by phone. The Environment Agency have passed on my requests relating to Wessex Water to them, and I am awaiting promised contact. I have been sent a copy of the compliance assessment report, which I have shared with the Clerk. James Heavingham has confirmed that he would be willing to attend a drop-in on behalf of the Environment Agency.

Update at meeting:

I am pleased to be able to announce that Wessex Water have written to me to say they have planned a Flood Alleviation Scheme to address the flooding and odour issues in Westerleigh. This will introduce a new section of sewer that will take Tulip's discharge and bypass the village. The design has been signed off and works are scheduled to commence in September 2018.

They have also said they would be happy to attend a meeting and I will follow this up with them after this meeting.

Broadband

South Glos has launched its new Connecting South Gloucestershire website - <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband> - dedicated to the Superfast broadband programme. This is the place to go to find the latest information on broadband within South Gloucestershire. The good news is that Phase 3, starting later this year, will benefit communities including Westerleigh. It's important to note that not everyone will necessarily be upgraded in a particular area. You can check whether your property will be upgraded by going to the postcode checker on the Openreach web site.

Budget consultation

Over the last 6 years South Glos Council has already cut £63.6m from its annual budget and they're intending to cut another £10.5m per annum across 2018/19 and 2019/20. Even that leaves the council with a predicted hole of £15.7m by 2021/22 so watch out for more cuts being announced. There is a consultation underway on the council's website where you can have your say on what you think the council's priorities should be.

A46/B4465 junction lights

I can confirm that this has been added to the list of highway schemes to consider for funding.

Nibley Lane traffic lights

Following my email to Mark King, a Street Care officer has written back to say:

The temporary traffic signals were in place in order for repair work to be carried on the bridge parapet owned by Network Rail. The work has been completed and the all temporary road works have now been removed.

I have taken advice from the Traffic Signal team following your request for comments about installing permanent traffic signals in Nibley Lane. There would be challenges in installing traffic signals in this location, for example positioning detection loops on the bridge deck to detect the presence of traffic plus the power source for the signal junction could be a problem. An estimate for the work would be in the region of £150,000 - £200,000 but this figure could increase following a detailed design. As the cost of such work is outside the realms of schemes on the Local Transport Priority List, funding the potential scheme would rely on other sources i.e. specific bids or Section 106 contributions connected to new developments within the area.

Coalpit Heath speed check

As part of the police's road safety week they carried out two speed checks on Henfield Road, between Station Road and Roundways. Twelve people were stopped and education about speeding provided. A further five are still to be contacted and spoken to. They will be looking to target this road again in the future.

Warehouse fire aftermath

Following a fire on Beeches Trading Estate in October, South Gloucestershire Council has issued this update for people living and working in the area (which includes parts of Westerleigh Parish):

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Environmental health officers are continuing to work with the owners of the Beeches industrial estate, where there was a warehouse fire in October, to ensure that the clean-up operation is carried out correctly.

The site owner Cushman & Wakefield has employed a specialist contractor to carry out this work, which involves cleaning roof surfaces and the safe removal of debris, which may include some asbestos containing material. Some local businesses may have been affected as a result of the road closures around the site.

A deep-seated underground fire is still smouldering at the affected warehouse unit and odour from the unit can be detected some distance from the site. This is because the structure is unsafe and it is difficult for the fire service to gain access and tackle the residual heat which causes it to smoulder and periodically reignite. On site security remains in place to monitor the situation and to liaise directly with Avon Fire and Rescue Service as needed.

While the odour and smoke may be unpleasant, the direct risk to public health remains very low. However, any smoke can be an irritant and as such, if people need to be outdoors in the area close to the site of the fire, they are advised to avoid outside areas affected by any smoke, or to limit the time that they spend outdoors. The areas affected by the smoke at any given time will depend on the local weather conditions at the site. Some of the substances present in smoke can irritate the lining of the air passages, the skin and the eyes. Respiratory symptoms associated with significant exposure may include coughing and wheezing, breathlessness, sputum (phlegm) production and chest pain. If symptoms occur, people should seek medical advice or call NHS 111. Some components of smoke can worsen existing health problems and people with asthma who are in close proximity to the site are advised to carry their inhalers as a precaution.

Community awards

Nominations are now open for The Chair's Community Awards 2018. If you know a volunteer or group who has gone the extra mile to help your community, please nominate them using the forms available on this page by 5th January:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-democracy-and-elections/council-chair/chairs-community-awards-2018/>

2236. Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary NONE

2237. Council to Confirm Minutes of Full Council meeting held on November 6th 2017 Agreed as a true record – Proposed by Cllr Butler Seconded by Cllr Fay; All in favour; and Minutes signed by Chair

2238. Update on 'Westerleigh Smell' issue The Chair and the Clerk met with Claire Young on Nov 22nd and explained that the strength of feeling of the approximately 30 people who attended the November full council meeting was that it is Wessex Water who need to take action. It was agreed to try and organise a drop in with representatives of the Environment Agency, Tulip and Wessex Water as soon as possible. The notes in Claire Young's December report (See item 2235) update the situation. The drop in is hoped to be organised for Monday 8th January prior to the Full Council Meeting in Westerleigh from 5.30pm-7pm but this is subject to availability and therefore confirmation.

2239. Update on vacant Parish Councillor position No applications so far. A new notice will be prepared if deadline is reached without an application.

2240. Council to consider any planning applications considered urgent that have been posted on South Gloucestershire Council planning list since the last Parish Council meeting, including:

9.1 PT17/4437/LB Westerleigh Manor Hall Henfield Road Coalpit Heath - Replace existing noticeboard attached to wall with new wooden noticeboard
NO OBJECTIONS

9.2 PT17/4966/F | Conversion of existing building into 1no. dwelling and associated works | The Barn At Primrose Cottage Huckford Lane Winterbourne South Gloucestershire BS36 1AP
NO OBJECTIONS

9.3 PT17/5087/F | Erection of 1no. new dwelling and associated works | Greenacres Park Ram Hill Coalpit Heath South Gloucestershire BS36 2UB
OBJECTION BASED ON NEW BUILD ON GREEN BELT

9.4 PK17/5166/CLP | Application for a certificate of lawfulness proposed for conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation | Almaza Shorthill Road Westerleigh Bristol South

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Gloucestershire BS37 8QN
NO OBJECTIONS

9.5 PK17/4910/RM | Approval of Reserved Matters to be read in conjunction with Outline planning permission PK04/1965/O. Erection of 35 no. dwellings with garages, parking, landscaping and associated works. | Parcel 21B Land At Emersons Green East Land To East Of Avon Ring Road South Of M4 Motorway And North West Of Disused Railway
NO COMMENT

9.6 PK17/4538/F | Erection of a first floor front extension to form additional living accommodation. | 4 Old Mill Close Westerleigh Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 8QD
NO OBJECTION

9.7 PK17/3073/F | Demolition of existing Forge/Workshop/Store and erection of 1no. detached dwelling and associated works. Erection of a single garage with access and associated works. (Resubmission of PK17/0143/F) | Orchard Cottage Huckford Lane Winterbourne Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 1AP
NO OBJECTION

9.8 PT17/5331/TRE | Works to crown reduce 3no Oak trees to a finished height of 3.3 metres. Covered by South Gloucestershire Council Tree Preservation Order 28/13 (822) Dated 4th December 2013. Currently the woodland located in the centre of the site is causing shading on the solar panels within the north-eastern field. Productivity is being reduced significantly due to shading from the small woodland, which will increase during the winter months.... | Says Court Farm Badminton Road Coalpit Heath South Glos BS36 2NY
NO COMMENT

9.9 PT17/5383/F | Demolition of existing side extension. Erection of single storey side extension and erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Erection of front porch | 108 Badminton Road Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2TB
NO OBJECTIONS

9.10 PT17/5230/F | Neighbouring Parish - Erection of front porch. Installation of 1no rear dormer. | White House 125 Down Road Winterbourne Down Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 1DF
NO COMMENT

2241. Council to receive and give information from West of England (WECA) - Joint Spatial Plan

Publication of JSP Document & Consultation details.

The Council had display boards available showing maps of Coalpit Heath and west Yate development plan. There are concerns over the industrial development towards Westerleigh village on the Yate plan combined with the lack of clarity on the new J18A motorway junction.

Parish Council input is important to the Consultation and would hopefully carry weight. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor will draft a response for Westerleigh Ward of WPC and Cllr Blackmore will draft a response for Coalpit Heath ward. These drafts to be circulated asap, and discussed and approved or amended at the January Full Council meeting which is 2 days before the end of the Consultation period.

2242. Council to consider any Grant Applications

- Yate & District Heritage Centre £300 grant approved unanimously
- Coalpit Heath Village Hall/Miners Social Club £315 grant approved unanimously
- Frampton Festival £590 grant approved unanimously

2243. Council to discuss/agree an alternative cause for received cheque for £767.88 from JPYFSG

Cllr Blackmore asked that this be deferred to January as there is a meeting regarding other PC contributions the outcome of which may affect the way this money is used.

Cllr Blackmore also updated WPC on some antisocial behaviour issues that have happened at The Brockridge Centre group recently. Southern Brooks are dealing with the issues.

2244. Council to ratify Finance Committee resolution on 2018/19 Precept

At the F & GP meeting on 22.11.17 it was resolved to have a zero increase on the precept to WPC
This has been unanimously agreed by Full Council

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2245. Council to approve payment of accounts

TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	FINANCE £	S137 £	ENV & LEISURE £	TOTAL PAYMENTS £	VAT £
CPS	Removal of falling tree from Mayshill			180.00	216.00	36.00
Marmax Recycled Products	Bench for Bitterwell Lake			329.05	394.86	65.81
Simmons Resources Ltd	Locum Clerk services	1,232.20			1,232.20	

All approved

2246. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for Nov 30th 2017 Received and accepted

2247. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:

SGC

a) Protocol for marking the death of a senior national figure

b) Ageing Better Consultation: The Ageing Better Plan brings together the outcomes and priorities that will guide our work to support older people (age 65+), the way we will measure our progress and how we will work to realise our ambitions. It is based on data, evidence and consultation with older people and wider partners across the area.

A drop in event, open to the public is taking place Wednesday 22nd November 2017, Yate Outdoor Sports Complex between 9.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome and we would encourage everyone to attend, as it is really important that people have their say.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/care-for-adults/ageing-better-plan/>

c) SGC have launched **Connecting South Gloucestershire** website, dedicated to information on the Superfast broadband programme.

The link to the new site is <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband>

d) <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Quality-of-Life-2017.pdf>

e) Heritage Open Days 2018 6th-9th and 13th-16th September Local groups can sign up and organise events.

The main theme for Heritage Open Days 2018 will be Extraordinary Women. Partly in recognition of the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, which gave the vote to certain women over 30, HODs will focus not just on the iconic suffragettes, but women from all walks of life, whose achievements should be celebrated.

Meetings

Joint Cycleway Group - The next two meetings will therefore be 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm at Poole Court:

5 December - to discuss a draft constitution and policies, which if approved would allow the JCG to apply for a wider range of grants

16 January 2018 - our normal business meeting looking at routes, progress, publicity, events etc

Invite to WPC from Yate Town Council – Emerging Vision for Yate – Poole Court Wednesday 6.12.17 - 9.30am

Other

- **ALCA** - ALCA AGM 2017 draft minutes and new adopted constitution
- Minutes of the **Joint Cycleway Group** 16 October 2017 at Poole Court
- Notification of **external auditor** appointments for the 2017/18 financial year - PKF Littlejohn replace Grant Thornton
- Minutes of the **Youth Services** meeting held on 25 Oct 2017 from Frampton Cotterell PC
- Castle School Education Trust (CSET) is consulting on a proposed alteration to its over-subscription criteria.

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2248. Council to receive information from Clerk regarding ongoing matters and approval where relevant
a) Drainage at Westerleigh Playing Field – the non jetting part of the work has been completed by CPS
b) The Clerk has added helpful information received to Useful Links page of westerleighparishcouncil.org.uk

2249. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman See Exempt Minutes

2250. Dates of future meetings and additional Committee meetings

December 6th 2017 Environment & Leisure Committee Meeting Manor Hall Coalpit Heath 7.15pm

January 3rd 2018 Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting Manor Hall Coalpit Heath 7.15pm

January 8th 2018 Full Council Meeting Westerleigh Village Hall 7.15pm

Signed..... Date.....

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