

MINUTES OF WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Manor Hall red brick annex - Monday August 2nd 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllr C Goddard (Chair) Cllr J Lean Cllr B Taylor Cllr A Di-Duca Cllr Clark
Clerk: S Simmons

162. **Apologies for absence**
Accepted from Cllr R McCullough
163. **Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**
Cllr Lean & Cllr Clark will abstain from P21/04736/F
164. **To approve Minutes of E & L Committee meeting May 24th 2021**
Approved by all and signed by the Chair
165. **Pre-arranged items from members of public**
None
166. **Council to receive reports on YATE MASTERPLAN presentation and consider any submissions to consultation**
The report was NOTED. Cllrs are happy to make private submissions and feel there is nothing to note as a Parish Council comment
167. **Council to discuss LOCAL AREA NATURE PLAN ideas and any future projects to be investigated**
The Committee agreed in principle to create a Parish Nature Action Plan. Clerk to notify Matt Lipton – SGC Nature champion. It was suggested that a sub-group be formed and meet in the next few weeks. Cllr Taylor, Cllr Goddard and Cllr Lean agreed to be part of this sub-group. The aim is to create a plan of potential areas for 'Nature' projects.
168. **Committee to discuss LITTER & SGC project**
SGC monitoring project
The Clerk has asked Andrew Gore to give us an update on the Westerleigh litter project and what further plans can be made to improve the situation long term once the 'monitoring' period has been concluded.
- Dog mess on Westerleigh Playing Field**
There have been further reports of dog fouling on the field which is particularly unpleasant for cricket and football players. The Clerk will be passing details of culprits identified to the Dog Warden for further action to be taken. Signs have been cleared and cleaned by Cllr Taylor. Anyone who has details of times or can identify culprits should contact the Parish Clerk. Dog waste on paths across fields is also a particular nuisance as it stops the hay being sold and therefore affects the livelihood of the landowner.
169. **Committee to discuss progress with ongoing projects including:**
- Emergency Plan & additional Defibrillators around the Parish
SWAST have now withdrawn their scheme. It was agreed to return to the AED Donate scheme for an update.
 - Funded Play Scheme days (Swift Sports Coaching)
The Clerk has received positive feedback of the days held in the first week or so of the summer holidays – enjoyed despite some inclement weather. A total of 12 days have been funded during the summer holidays with a further 2 in each of the following half term holidays (Autumn & Spring)
 - Tree Works
Works at Westerleigh Playing field have been quoted for and the choice made to appoint Mark Knowles for the work at a price of £540.
A site meeting is taking place at Newman Field/Bitterwell tomorrow and quotes obtained for that work which includes some substantial trees.
 - Play equipment & play area needs
Outstanding jobs – new spring on zip wire being fitted by GB Sports in next few weeks; matting and levelling needed under hammock;
 - Changes to Fishing Platforms (phase 1)
The quote was for £5424 and an invoice has been received for £4500. The difference is for the path which hasn't yet been completed.
A design & quote will also be created for a new family/group platform, and when received an application to the BDAA will be made as they have indicated a willingness to help.

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- 2 further Parish Council bus stops refurbishments
The Clerk and 2 Cllrs had a very damp site meeting at the shelter in Westerleigh village outside the garage. A quote will follow for extending window to aid visibility; making seat a solid surface so it doesn't collect debris; clearing vegetation and creating hard standing with slabs; possible bench;
The location of the third bus stop if it exists is to be investigated.
- Memorial benches
Donations for two benches at Bitterwell have been received and ordered.
- Triangle opposite Manor Hall – work by residents
Clearance has started but limited by removal of green waste; No parking sign required (approved along with 2 for Westerleigh village green)
- Village pump
Quote received for £420 to refurbish pump and create opening in railings by turning section into a gate.

170. **Committee to discuss future projects including:**

Bins

Clerk suggested moving small bin from end of footpath at Manor Hall across to triangle and putting new larger bin at end of path. APPROVED.

Further fishing platform updates – see above

Possible path from top car park to otter fence gate – clerk to get advice on possible solutions.
The Clerk was asked to update the website page relating to Bitterwell Lake to explain the otter fence.

Further possible projects – Adult outdoor gym pieces at WPF; Bench at Pansy Vale;

171. **Committee to consider any Planning Applications necessary due to deadline dates for comments**

P21/04736/F Erection of a single storey extension and conversion of annexe to form 1no dwelling with access, parking and associated works. Land to the Rear of 161 Roundways Coalpit Heath South Gloucestershire BS36 2LU

Westerleigh Parish Council has no objections to this application.

P21/05052/TRE Works to 2 no Oak to laterally reduce by up to 3m on garden side, as covered by tree preservation order SGTP0 03/97 dated 21st October 1997. | 9 Oakwood Gardens Coalpit Heath South Gloucestershire BS36 2NB

Westerleigh Parish Council is supportive of sympathetic pruning to allow more light so long as it is without unnecessary harm or reduction to the trees

172. **Committee to consider/approve any other items considered necessary by Clerk**

Ultra Running event 28th August – issue with crossing golf course – Cllr McCullough has this in hand

Henfield Hall rep – The Chair of the Henfield Hall committee needs a new rep to be appointed; Clerk suggested our Lake Manager Paul would be a good liaison person as he is now their Secretary. (PMN Paul has agreed to this

Visit to Air Ambulance base – after recent grants Cllrs have been invited to the base near the M4/M5 interchange.
Clerk will make arrangements.

173. **Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chair**

None

174. **Dates of future meetings**

Full Parish Council meeting 13th September 7pm Westerleigh Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.04pm