

**Westerleigh Parish Council**  
**FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday November 8th 2021 at Westerleigh Village Hall 7pm

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**Present:** Cllr R McCullough (Chair) Cllr J Lean (Vice-Chair) Cllr Clark Cllr Di-Duca Cllr Goddard Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Kelliher  
Clerk: S Simmons  
3 members of public

3061. Welcome & Introduction

The Chair welcomed a full set of Parish Councillors to the meeting and the public, and pointed out the fire escapes.

3062. Apologies for absence

None received – all Parish Councillors were present

3063. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 relating to this meeting

None apart from a standing DOI from Cllr Clark as a District Cllr on one of the Planning Committees at SGC

3064. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

**Westerleigh Parish Council – District Councillors' Report**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**A4174 'Through-about' Junction Improvement Bid Paused**

Plans for junction improvements along the A4174 ring road, with the creation of a series of through-about, have been paused to allow time to monitor and evaluate the recently opened Wraxall Road through-about.

Following a 12-week public consultation, the council say they have listened to residents' feedback and decided not to submit a bid for funding to government for now. Out of the 888 responses just under 84% either strongly opposed or somewhat opposed the proposals. By contrast just over 12% either strongly supported or somewhat supported the plans. Roughly 81% thought that the scheme would not improve their journeys along the A4174 in future years. Amongst the reasons given for opposing the scheme were:

- The traffic disruption caused during the construction.
- The incompatibility of the scheme with the South Gloucestershire Council's Climate Emergency Declaration.
- The negative impact the scheme would have on both carbon emissions and air quality in the area.
- The lack of clarity about the benefits of the scheme.

The decision on whether to submit a funding bid to central government to implement revised proposals will be reviewed in a year after further work and assessment. The Consultation Feedback Report is found at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/A4174Improvements/>.

**Update on the Implementation of Waiting Restrictions Outside of Sainsbury's**

Cllr Young has been chasing up the waiting restrictions proposed for outside Sainsbury's in Coalpit Heath. People have long been complaining about the dangers of lorries stopping on the side of the main road. As part of the legal agreement associated with the planning permission for the store the developers had to provide funding for restrictions if parking on the road became a problem.

When the Waiting and Loading restrictions were advertised the council received objections. The objections could not be considered in house, as the loading ban was not just peak hours, so would have to go to the Secretary of State for a decision. This can be a costly and time-consuming process. Officers have instead proposed going ahead with the waiting restrictions only and seeing if that solves the problem. It's now been agreed that officers will get the Waiting Restrictions put in as soon as possible and then monitor their effectiveness for a month or so. If there are still problems, they will have to reconsider applying to the Secretary of State. In order to implement the waiting restrictions officers still have to get the legal team to seal the order as well as schedule and do the work on the ground. We have asked for a more precise timescale.

**South Gloucestershire Council's Budget for 2022/23**

South Gloucestershire Council has published its draft budget for 2022/23. The proposals, which opened to public consultation on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, include increases in funding to children's services worth more than £10 million over the next four years, as part of the Council's focus on supporting South Gloucestershire residents as the country emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic.

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The budget proposes in a 1.99 % increase in council tax with an additional 2% increase ring-fenced as an Adult Social Care Levy (which will contribute towards the Council meeting the increasing demand for social care services). This overall increase of 3.99% in 2022/23 compares to overall council tax increases of 4.99% in 2021/22 (with 3% as a Social Care Levy) and 3.99% in 2020/21 (with 2% as a Social Care Levy). Next year's council tax increase would happen at the same time as the government introduces its new, controversial Health and Social Care Levy. This latter Levy will take form of a 1.25% increase in employee national insurance contributions (which in 2021/22 was paid by all those who earned more than £9,568).

The consultation process forms an important part of how the Council budget gets approved, with residents' feedback being presented in the decision-making report to Councillors. The consultation on next year's budget went live on 18<sup>th</sup> October and can be found at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/Budget202223/>.

3065. Pre-arranged items from members of Public  
None

3066. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary

Cllr Goddard has carried out a poll of local interest for new benches at the end of Mill Crescent and on Pansy Vale in Westerleigh.

The feedback was 11:1 in favour of the benches. Cllrs unanimously APPROVED the Clerk to purchase two of the recycled material benches and arrange installation.

3067. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on October 11th 2021

Two sets of Minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting and standard Parish Council meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 were unanimously APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chair

3068. Council to note receipt of Minutes of Environment & Leisure Committee meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021  
NOTED

3069. Council to note receipt of Minutes of Finance Committee meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
NOTED

3070. Council to approve any decisions recommended by Finance Committee from the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November

Full Council APPROVED the decisions made on preliminary budget items and amounts, and the concept of a net zero increase to the Precept once the Council Tax Base figures are received.

3071. Council to report & consider any necessary Planning Applications and note comments since last meeting  
P21/06772/F Demolition of existing garages and erection of 1no 1.5 storey dwelling with access and associated works. 35 Park Lane Winterbourne South Gloucestershire BS36 1AT

After discussion the Parish Council decision is to OBJECT on the basis of overdevelopment, impact on neighbours either side, and amenity space due to the tight squeeze of this building. Therefore against CS1, and PSP 8 & 38. Additionally there was disappointment at the inclusion of a tarmac drive – a more sustainable drainage option (SuDS) should be used.

P21/06177/PIP Permission in principle for the erection of up to 6 no. self-build dwellings | Land South West Of Bella Vista Westerleigh Road Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8QH

The Parish Council has already submitted comments but this was to note correspondence received from the agent of a neighbour.


P21/07077/FDI Diversion of public footpath LWE/39. Land At Box Hedge Farm Boxhedge Farm Lane Coalpit Heath South Gloucestershire BS36 2UW

This consultation has been sent to Parish Cllrs for comments back to Clerk by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

3072. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:

From SGC:

- Community Governance Review update
- Blackberry Drive footpath closures due to ongoing construction works
- PT.7106 Down Road, Winterbourne Down - Temporary Road Closure
- PT.7120 - North Road, Yate (No.2) - Temporary Road Closure – 1 day sometime after Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Localism contract – cost of single bin emptying and grass cutting – up 8.8% /£164.40 more

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Other received items

Notification that the Clerk pay review due April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 - decision and back pay still outstanding.

3073. Council to receive information from Clerk regarding ongoing matters and approval where relevant including:  
Ongoing or completed works including:

Emergency Plan update

Training for CPR & defibrillators – all 3 defibrillators were installed on 25<sup>th</sup> October and registered with the 999 service. Emergency signs have been made to be erected on the same three buildings (Westerleigh VH, Coalpit Heath VH, and Henfield Hall).

Training has been arranged for locals on Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Westerleigh Village Hall, and Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Coalpit Heath Village Hall/Miners Club.

Posters and messages to be displayed as widely as possible.

Tree works at Newman Field

As agreed at the E & L meeting the Clerk has placed the order for 240 whips of Mixed Wildlife Hedging to be planted at Newman Field in early December. Approximate cost £900 split between Landcare for supplying plants and Woodstock Trees for planting.

New IT and office equipment requirements – process & approval

As a Deputy Clerk has been recruited to start in January (Exempt Minute 3077) new IT & office equipment needs to be purchased along with Microsoft Office 365 capability to enable collaborative home working.

The Parish Council APPROVED a sub-group consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair & Parish Clerk to progress this, making necessary purchasing decisions and acquisition of equipment/software.

Childrens holiday Activity Days

The Clerk gave an update on the Autumn half term Swift activity days. The first of the two days was fine, but the second day was the first cancelled day due to VERY bad weather since starting these – invoice reduced by £200 (still pay £200 cancellation fee for that day). There was a Cllr comment of the dog mess that had to be removed from the field before the activities could start.

3074. Council to consider Grant Applications expected to include:

(a) Yate Heritage Centre £300 applied for to fund 6 workshop day materials and publicity.  
This was unanimously APPROVED by the Parish Councillors.

(b) Miners Club (Coalpit Heath VH) £2723.86 of £4850 project for entrance improvements & fire door to enable disability access and energy efficiency improvements to be completed.

This was unanimously APPROVED by the Parish Councillors.

3075. Council to discuss update of liaison with SGC over severe traffic & parking in Henfield Road/Roundways

Although a response came back quite quickly from SGC it was to implement a monitoring period with sporadic Parking Enforcement officers rather than attend the meeting that was requested to discuss some options. It is hoped that by making SGC Cllr Stephen Reade aware of this it may get an increased priority.

3076. CONSULTATIONS – Council to consider responses to:

Annual Council Budget 2022-2023 Closing date 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – individual comments to be made if wished.

Community Governance consultation on change of name for Westerleigh Parish Council to Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish Council – individual comments to reiterate reasons given on initial submission.

3077. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman

See separate Exempt Minutes

3078. Dates of future meetings - 2022 dates to be agreed

**Full Parish council meetings**

December 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 Manor Hall Newman room 7pm

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 Westerleigh Village Hall 7pm

February meeting due on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - it was agreed to try to change this to Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> so as to avoid a Valentine's Day clash for anyone.

**The meeting closed at 7.35 to enable the EXEMPT part to take place.**