

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
Full Council Meeting Monday February 10th 2020
Manor Hall Coalpit Heath 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Taylor (Chair), Cllr McCullough (Vice Chair), Cllr Clark, Cllr Di-Duca, Cllr Goddard
Clerk: S Simmons

2705. Apologies for absence

Cllr Lean had to attend another SGC meeting.
Apologies also from Cllr Young, Cllr Reade & Cllr Stokes

2706. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Goddard declared an interest in planning application P20/02077/F

2707. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish
Westerleigh Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

Joint Spatial Plan & South Gloucestershire Local Plan 2018-2036

North Somerset Council voted in favour of withdrawing the Joint Spatial Plan from public examination at their meeting on Tuesday 7th January. Bath & North East Somerset Council followed suit by voting for withdrawal on Thursday 16th January. South Gloucestershire Council are due to discuss and vote on withdrawal on Wednesday 12th February whilst Bristol City Council is yet to announce the date of their vote. Officers at South Gloucestershire Council are planning an updated schedule for drafting, publishing and consulting on the next Local Plan. They have not yet announced what that timetable will be.

Joint Local Transport Plan

The latest draft of the Joint Local Transport Plan 4 has been published (<https://travelwest.info/projects/joint-local-transport-plan>). In the next few weeks it will be discussed by the four authorities before the public consultation on it opens later this year. South Gloucestershire Council is due to debate it at full council on Wednesday 12th February. The plan addresses the Climate Emergency Declarations the four councils and the West of England Combined Authority passed last year. There is at least a £6bn funding shortfall for all the proposals previously outlined, back in October 2017, in the Joint Transport Study (p124-126). Many of the proposals affecting this area – the Frampton Cotterell-Winterbourne bypass, the Coalpit Heath-Westerleigh bypass and expanding Metrobus to Yate and Thornbury – would be expected to happen sometime between 2026 and 2036 (p134, 167 & 178-179). Two possible exceptions are the Yate Park & Ride and the reopening of Charfield railway station; as full business cases for both of these proposals are currently being drawn up these may be able to be expedited.

Temporary Road Closures

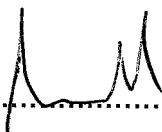
Nibley Lane (Westerleigh) will be closed, from its junction with Badminton Road to its junction with Westerleigh Road, from Thursday 13th February for a period of five days to enable deep cleansing works to take place. The road will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. whilst the work takes place.

South Gloucestershire Council have also announced that Nibley Lane (Iron Acton) will be closed from its junction with Hope Road, for 100 metres in a southerly direction, to enable duct installation work to take place. The work will take approximately four days and can occur at any time in an eighteen month window from 6th March. The road will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. whilst the work takes place.

Consultations

Residents still have until 21st February to submit their comments on the South Gloucestershire Council Alcohol Strategy 2020-2025. This is proposed to supersede the previous South Gloucestershire Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2014-2017 (<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/AS20/>).

The Council is considering potential changes to the charges paid by residents newly accessing the care system who fully fund their own social care in the district (i.e. those with more than £23,250 in savings). There would be no changes to the eligibility for care support; the changes would not impact someone living in a care home; and those who are already receiving a care support package will continue to do so under the existing arrangements. The changes seek to replace three existing price bands for day care with a single cost and introduce an arrangement fee and annual charge for those who are able to arrange their own care, but who request that the council does this for them. The consultation will run until 17th March (<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Fees2020>).



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Travel West are running a consultation on the West of England Bus Strategy (<https://travelwest.info/projects/transport-consultations/west-of-england-bus-strategy>). They are also running a simultaneous consultation on the West of England Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (<https://travelwest.info/projects/transport-consultations/west-of-england-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan>). This is slightly less relevant as it only directly addresses the Yate and Chipping Sodbury urban area rather than the surrounding villages. It inexplicably does not feature the Yate Spur Cycle Path. Both close on 15th March.

Questions arising:

Cllr McCullough asked when it would be possible to comment on the lack of plan for Coalpit Heath railway station. Cllr Clark explained that a JLTP4 consultation will be issued later this year. It was noted that in the absence of the JSP and a new Local Plan difficulties arise in regard to dealing with the JLTP4 in isolation.

Post meeting correction from District Councillors::

There is an error in our recent District Councillors' Report with regards to the Joint Local Transport Plan 4. Our report says the latest draft will go out for consultation later this year. Despite the fact the context of the report has drastically changed since the 2019 public consultation on it (e.g. the fall of the JSP, the Climate Emergency declarations, the expansion of Bristol Airport facing refusal etc.) the copy of JLTP4 published in January is the final draft. It is likely to be adopted without any additional changes or further public consultation (<https://travelwest.info/transport-projects/joint-local-transport-plan-to-be-discussed>). There also won't be a review of the JLTP4 after a specified number of years; the JLTP4 will be under 'ongoing review' (p6 of the JLTP4).

The Liberal Democrat group on Wednesday night (12/2/2020) did try to pass an amendment to its adoption due to our concerns that JLTP4 will prejudice the drafting of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan. Our amendment would have prevented advanced funding bids being submitted for the building of new roads (such as the Coalpit Heath-Westerleigh bypass) until Local Plans had been successfully adopted and the Strategic Development Locations thereby determined. Unfortunately the Conservative and Labour groups voted that amendment down and South Gloucestershire Council approved the adoption of the JLTP4 as it is.

This means, in answer to the question about how the parish council can comment on there being no intention to reopen Coalpit Heath railway station, there are less ways for the parish council (or individual parish councillors) to do this. The principal means will be in our response to the public consultation on the South Gloucestershire Local Plan 2018-36 which is still due later this year. A different manner of raising the issue would be to write to Cllr Steve Reade, as Executive Member for Planning, Transport & Strategic Environment, saying that it is regrettable that JLTP4 will not undergo further public consultation, despite the JSP being rejected, as we wish to express our concern that reopening Coalpit Heath railway station has not been given serious consideration. Realistically he may write back to us saying there simply isn't the money to do so as JLTP4 already has a £6bn funding shortfall as it is.

As a slight word of caution - we are in a catch 22 situation with regards to the Local Plan and the proposed transport improvements outlined in JLTP4. We, as a parish, categorically do NOT want the 1,800 houses proposed in the JSP as we do not consider it to be sustainable (in terms of transport and public services). If, however, we had to have the 1,800 houses we want improvements to the transport infrastructure to cope with that growth. If we get the proposed improvements to the local transport infrastructure that some residents are asking for (like the bypass) we thereby increase the sustainability of housing development in the parish and increase the likelihood that we will be one of the SDLs.

2708. Pre-arranged items from members of Public

Members of the public attended in relation to planning applications and grant applications later in the agenda.

2709. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary

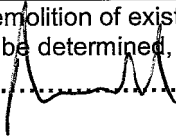
None

2710. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2020

The Minutes of 13th Jan 2020 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair

2711. Council to consider any planning applications that have been posted on SGC planning list including:

(i) **P20/00965/O** Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3no dwellings (Outline) with access, layout and scale to be determined, all other matters reserved. Jorrocks House Westerleigh Road

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The Lake Manager has asked if some of the timber from the larger shed in the Chalet garden can be used to clad the new lake shed. The Parish Council await the response to the query to SGC in relation to the shed.

2713. Council to receive information or consider/approve matters relating to The Chalet (non-Exempt) including: Progress with planning permission P20/00423/F. The consultation deadline has passed with no objections from public or other departments. The decision is awaited.
 The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk can start the process for applying for a Public Works Loan Board loan – stage 1 is obtaining permission from the Secretary of State.

2714. Council to consider/discuss/approve the following Grant applications:

2714.1 Pauls Place

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make the grant of £594 to enable Pauls Place to purchase a TV for their day room. This will come from the Says Court Community Benefit pot.

2714.2 Coalpit Heath Cricket Club

The Chair of CHCC attended to explain that the application for £3900 is the final amount needed towards the £39,709 cost of replacement nets.

The Parish Council unanimously approved the grant application at the full amount, and this will come from the CIL pot (Community Infrastructure Levy) as so many local people benefit from the wide range of activities for children, ladies and men, at the club.

2715. Council to approve payment of accounts

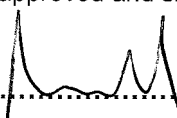
January payments to approve

Starboard Systems	Scribe accounting software Yr1	333.12
Westerleigh village hall	room hire	20.00
Mediatube	Web upgrade for accessibility	1,200.00
HMCTS	Money Claim County Court	205.00
HMRC	Jan PAYE	372.22
APF	Jan Pension	103.66
S Simmons	Jan salary	1,379.14
Konica Minolta	Qtrly hire fee	37.19
Konica Minolta	Copying charges	0.42
Lion Containers	Shipping container	2,016.00
Hands Property Maintenance	Bin emptying	554.00
S Simmons	Clerk expenses JAN	121.47

February payments to approve

nPower	Aerator at Bitterwell Lake	34.97
Yate Storage	Storage at Backfield Farm	75.00
CPS	Grass cutting 2019	1,094.88
Andyloos	Disabled access loo at Bitterwell Lake	209.76
SGC CT	Council Tax	142.00
CR Belcher	Inspections & maintenance Oct-Jan inclusive)	1,041.60
SGC	Fee for advice on lake shed	115.00
S Simmons'	Copier paper purchased on Amazon	18.49
Pauls Place	Grant (as above)	594.00
Coalpit Heath Cricket Club	Grant (as above)	3900.00

All payments were approved and signed as per WPC Finance Regulations



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Westerleigh Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 8QH

OBJECTION: Westerleigh Parish Council reiterates the comments made when a previous, almost identical, application was made for this development PK16/6478/O: Over-development for the size of site which is an elevated, sloping and dominant position in the village centre. The area is heavily congested and this proposal is detrimental to the surroundings. In addition the practicalities of multiple vehicular movements on the proposed site for three dwellings could cause neighbour tension issues for the residents buying the new properties, again exacerbated and space being limited by the gradient of the plot.

(ii) P20/00422/ADV Display of 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs on 1 no. static trailer (until 2nd January 2022). (Advertising/Directions to Blackberry Park Barratt Homes) Land 120 Metres North East Of Highfield House 101, Badminton Road, Coalpit Heath South Gloucestershire Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2TD

Westerleigh Parish Council feel that the location of signs indicating Blackberry Park new homes may cause confusion due to its siting

(iii) P20/01635/F Erection of a single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. 14 South View Rise Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2LS
Westerleigh Parish Council have no concerns in regard to this application.

(iv) P20/01419/LB Internal and external alterations to include the replacement of all windows, creation of new door way on the Northern elevation, partial demolition of wall, installation of 1 no. replacement staircase, internal reconfigurations blocking up of historic kitchen doorway, and works to existing lean-to... Ivory Hill Farm Park Lane Winterbourne Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 1AS
Westerleigh Parish Council is pleased that the buildings are to be renovated and lived in again.

(v) P20/02077/F Erection of detached, single storey examination centre. Grace Evangelical Church Westerleigh Road Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8QG
Westerleigh Parish Council support this application to enable the extension of important school services, and as its approval would mean the ongoing use and upkeep of the associated Grade II listed building is retained.

(vi) P20/01653/F Erection of cricket scoreboard. Coalpit Heath Cricket Club Ram Hill Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2TT
Westerleigh Parish Council have no concerns in regard to this application.

(vii) P20/01654/ADV Consent to display 1no internally illuminated static cricket scoreboard. Coalpit Heath Cricket Club Ram Hill Coalpit Heath Bristol South Gloucestershire BS36 2TT
Westerleigh Parish Council have no concerns in regard to this application.

(viii) P20/02226/F Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. 10 Mill Crescent Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8QS
Westerleigh Parish Council have no concerns in regard to this application.

(ix) PK18/4565/F Copp Barn To receive any updates on planning process

The Clerk supplied details of the Member Referral.
(Post meeting note – Members of the Development Management Committee will be visiting the Copps Barn site on: Friday 21st February at 11.05am.)

2712. Council to receive information or consider/approve matters relating to Bitterwell Lake

The Lake grounds shed – a letter requesting advice on whether or not planning permission is needed has been sent into SGC at a cost of £115.

Storage (used shipping container) – the Clerk obtained several quotes and Lion Containers was chosen at a cost of £1680 + VAT because it comes with a 2 year guarantee and £600 buyback anytime within 5 years which includes free collection.

The Lake Manager has now been asked to move anything stored inside the Chalet to the container, and return the Chalet key.

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2716. Council to consider responses to Consultations:

WECA Bus Strategy – Cllrs will make individual responses to this.

WECA Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Cllrs will make individual responses to this.

These are both Public Consultations that residents can respond to before March 15th 2020 and links can be found on the Westerleigh Parish Council website.

2717. Council to consider the Declaration of a Climate Emergency

The Parish Council agreed to support the concept of the Climate Emergency and an initial statement was unanimously agreed as follows:

Westerleigh Parish Council declares its support of the concept of a Climate Emergency. As a small Parish Council it is felt there is limited possible impact but the following pledges are made:

1. To support when fiscally possible, through grant funding, projects which illustrate impact on CO2 emissions through:

- Renewable energy initiatives*
- Insulation to reduce heating demand*
- Inclusion of tree planting and increase in natural habitat*
- Reduction in emissions in transport schemes*
- Other projects impacting on the Climate Emergency*

2. On property belonging to the Parish Council every effort will be made to also reduce the carbon footprint.

3. To consider delivery distances when looking at suppliers, so reducing fuel emissions.

4. To support South Gloucestershire Council or West of England Combined Authority plans to impact on CO2 emissions.

It was agreed that ideas will be expanded at a separate Environment & Leisure meeting to be arranged. This will include consideration of responding and lobbying higher authorities such as SGC/WECA etc on future consultations, including planning/Local Plan, transport/JLTP4 and so on. It is understood that other Councils have developed 'toolkits' and these will be investigated for future assistance.

2718. Council to consider idea of Christmas decorations in Coalpit Heath

It has been suggested that Badminton Road in Coalpit Heath would be improved in the Christmas period by the addition of Christmas lights to lampposts as Frampton Cotterell have done for several years.

Costs involve the wiring into lampposts by SGC Streetcare, the removal after Christmas and the hire of the lights. There is a question mark over whether lamp posts need timers (cost £1800 approx) as lights may now have sensors. Indications from Frampton Cotterell figures are that this would represent an expenditure for WPC in the region of £15k-£20k minimum for 26 lamp posts on Badminton Road. The Clerk will research this subject and feed back to the PC.

2719. Council to consider memorial to James (Jim) Kendall – past Parish Councillor

Mr Kendall was a Parish Councillor on this Parish Council from the mid 1970's under the early 2000's (from local memories)

The Parish Council agreed that the possibility of some form of memorial would be fitting. Manor Hall have declined for a plaque to be fitted in their Memorial Garden. Other possibilities include a tree or bench at Bitterwell Lake, Newman Field or possibly at St Saviours Church. Clerk to contact St Saviours to discuss.

2720. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:

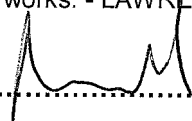
From SGC:

Temporary Road Closure - Nibley Lane, Westerleigh 5 days from 13th February (Westerleigh Rd – Badminton Rd)

Nibley Lane northwards from the Bird Farm may have closures for 4 days after March 6th.

Major Maintenance works: - LATTERIDGE ROAD & JUNCTION, IRON ACTON 3-18 FEBRUARY 2020

Major Maintenance works: - LAWRENCE DRIVE, YATE 17-21 FEBRUARY 2020



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Other:

- ALCA In short newsletter

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that this included an explanation that NJC pay rates negotiations may not be concluded in time for April 1st2020 but may be backdated.

- NALC letters and briefings

- Invite from Western Power Distribution Feb 26th 10am-1pm Bristol Pavilion, Gloucestershire Cricket Ground, Nevil Rd, Bristol BS7 9EJ

Thank you letter for Beesmoor play area gate grant

Details of Great British Spring Clean 20th March – 13th April

Meetings:

CEF (Community Engagement Forum)

Tuesday 18th Feb 2020 7pm at Greenfield Community Centre (Coalpit Heath forum)

Monday 9th March 7pm at Marshfield Centre SN14 8NZ (Westerleigh village forum) Cllr Taylor expressed a desire to attend and as it clashes with the next PC meeting Cllr McCullough agreed to Chair the meeting on March 9th.

2721. Council to receive information from Clerk regarding ongoing matters and approval where relevant, including:

Update on new website

The initial £1000 was paid and work is underway. Clerk has seen examples of web accessible features at a joint meeting with Dodington PC and Chipping Sodbury TC.

Update on Scribe accounts package

This has been purchased and the Clerk has populated all 2019/20 data to enable testing and familiarity prior to the new financial year in April 2020.

2722. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman

See separate exempt Minutes

2723. Dates of future Parish Council meetings and additional Committee meetings

Full Parish Council Meeting Monday March 9th Westerleigh Village Hall 7.15pm

F & GP Committee meeting Monday 23rd March Manor Hall red brick annex 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm