

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday November 8th 2021 at 7pm at Westerleigh Village Hall

NOTES FOR ATTENDING FACE TO FACE MEETINGS: Members of the public attending meetings are encouraged to use the home lateral flow test before attending and anyone testing positive should NOT attend. Do not attend if you have been in contact with any other person who has tested positive for COVID within the last 8 days.

Please maintain social distance from others. Hand sanitizer will be available. Please wear masks when possible.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 relating to this meeting
4. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

Westerleigh Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

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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 18th October 2021 to Sunday 9th 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.

The budget proposes in a 1.99 % increase in council tax with an additional 2% increase ringfenced 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 18th October and can be found at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/Budget202223/>.

5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public
6. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary
7. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on October 11th 2021
8. Council to note receipt of Minutes of Environment & Leisure Committee meeting 21st October 2021
9. Council to note receipt of Minutes of Finance Committee meeting 1st November 2021
10. Council to approve any decisions recommended by Finance Committee from meeting 1st November
11. 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

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

12. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:
From SGC:
Community Governance Review update
Blackberry Drive footpath closures due to ongoing construction works
PT.7120 - North Road, Yate (No.2) - Temporary Road Closure – 1 day sometime after Dec 14th 2021

Other received items
Notification of ongoing discussion of Clerk pay review due April 1st 2021
12. Council to receive information from Clerk regarding ongoing matters and approval where relevant including:
Ongoing or completed works including training for CPR & defibrillators
13. Council to consider Grant Applications expected to include:
Yate Heritage Centre
Miners Club (Coalpit Heath VH)
14. Council to discuss update of liaison with SGC over severe traffic & parking in Henfield Road/Roundways
15. CONSULTATIONS – Council to consider response to:
Annual Council Budget 2022-2023 Closing date for comments 9th January 2022
Community Governance consultation on change of name for Westerleigh Parish Council to Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish Council
16. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman
Exempt - Council to discuss/approve recruitment decisions or progress
17. Dates of future meetings - 2022 dates to be agreed
Full Parish council meetings
December 13th 2021 Manor Hall Newman room 7pm
January 10th 2022 Westerleigh Village Hall 7pm

S Simmons Clerk to Westerleigh Parish Council

5th November 2021