WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7:40 PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Parfitt (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair), Mr Bullock, Mrs Newham, Mr Pearce, Mrs Timmins, and Mr Turnbull

APOLOGIES: Mrs Fisher

37/26 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10.08.26

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10.08.26 be approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

38/26 Matters Arising

i. **Load Lane – path/right of way** – to be referred to Mr Ian Moore for grass cutting;

ii. **Footpath Coverage** – follow up, to be picked up by Cllr Timmins;

iii. **Planning Roles and Nomination of Parish Councillors –** to respond to circular from Cllr Timmins, with other topics to be considered;

iv. **Safety and Flooding Issues** – to be picked up by Cllr Turnbull;

v. **(Min 14/26ii) Traffic Matters, Speeding etc** – no new information available. Issues being pursued by Cllr Dingwall;

vi. **Residential Development off Bower Lane and Dunwear Lane** – issues followed up by Cllr Parfitt in relation to surgeries and contributions to National Health Service requirements, and contributions from developer including levels of affordable housing – understood application called in. To continue Village interest, including road impacts (A372);

vii. **(Min 14/26iv) Parish Council Vacancy –** advertisement issued – no request for election, to consider co-option to fill vacancy - understood to be interest. To be referred to the next meeting.

39/26 Ward Member Reports and LCN Update, including One Working group (Highways) Active Travel – Report from Cllr Parfitt

Reference made to a number of small projects, not affecting Westonzoyland but review of possible improvements desired in bus provision. Cllr Parfitt to check numbers and activities/usage with reference to

other sources of funding.

40/26 Police/PCSO Report – Received and Circulated

Discussion undertaken with neighbourhood team by Cllr Timmins. Advised prepared to attend meetings, including reviewing street safety with attendance at school. Article to be considered for Zoylander.

41/26 Website and Information

Clerk to pursue further discussions with website operators. Discontent with information provided. To include again, accounts information as displayed following conclusion of audit and publication of AGAR.

42/26 Finance Update – Accounts for Payment, Paid and Receipts

Information provided in report, including conclusion of Audit and publication of AGAR and External Auditor Report and Certificate 2025/26.

43/26 Play Area - Sovereign (5 Year) Scheme for Future Maintenance Service

Noted gate spring now operating.

44/26 Village Hall Playing Pitches, Footway Around Ground and Track Maintenance and Repair Options and Quotations

Noted quote received and payment options/grant options still being pursued. In the meantime, purchase of additional seating, one bench and one table bench obtained, to be placed on the footpath side, and to acquire additional bench and table by the standby building.

45/26 Village Fair

Cllr Parfitt reported on the success of the Village Fair, for which outstanding accounts were being settled. A variety of bulbs were available, some of which would be presented to the School and other arrangements made with Liz Tooze.

46/26 Planning Applications, Decisions, Enforcement and Other Matters – Listed in Report

1. **Westonzoyland Airfield; SSSI Impacts including Towens SCC 4048/2023; Durston Products; RocketGro Site; Environment Agency Sites Report**: still question marks over the use of the site with further submission to the County Council in reference to the Klean Kut sites and JSM. Seeking further visits, reference in particular examination of dust and a request report must be submitted to the Committee. Cllr Rodrigues was also pursuing. Cllr Parfitt to follow up in relation to Environmental Health issues, outstanding information including drainage and pollution etc, peat soil protection, and non compliances, and believed to be breached conditions.

2. A**lleged planning breach at Oliver's Road location** – under review by Somerset Council

3. **To review proposals and uses understood planned for Springway Farm** – relevance of planning conditions, approvals and requirements for certificates/licences. (Black Dog Precision) enforcement and Natural England/Environment Agency examination.

4. **Tree Preservation Order - Land Adjacent to 42 Fore Street.**

5. **Old Airfield Camp submission reference 53/26/00011** – understood now approved, to seek to review subject also to licence.

6. **Application variation/removal of conditions, Old Church Hall, Main Road (53/26/00012) –** no objection.

7. **Application erection of dwelling and car port north of Fore Street (53/26/00013) –** no objection (invite from applicant to examine on site) (existing access to be used).

47/26 Publications and Correspondence

Resolved: That the items recorded in the report dated 06.10.26 and notified be noted and actioned where appropriate:

1. Somerset Council - monthly briefings and newsletters ;
2. Parish Online (UK Network) Info Sheets and Clerk Essentials Issues;
3. Village Neighbourhood Plan – ongoing interest;
4. Geocaching – Facebook poll, response in favour, to be pursued by Cllr Timmins for Easter 2027;
5. Village bench and waste bins – questionnaire to be circulated and request to PCSOs to review with possible examination of CCTV, and sources of funding. Possible relocation of the bench had been followed up but there appeared no great desire to do this;
6. New Cemetery - pet area – consideration reference follow up from Cllr Parfitt - agreed to leave on hold;
7. Magazines, Newsletters, Posters including MP contact, and Product Information;
8. Mediquip Somerset – community equipment and wheelchair service scheme flyer – circulated;
9. Trader (coffee horsebox) request for pitch location – referred to Village Hall and possibly Young Farmers;
10. Community Health and Wellbeing Project - completion update – questionnaire to be prepared and circulated, possibly via flyer with Zoylander;
11. Road Closure Notices – issued;
12. Register of Interests – noted;
13. To obtain a couple of notices for Playing Field restricting hard ball (golf ball) games.

The meeting finished at 10.05 pm

Signed

Chairman