

WESTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 in Westerfield Church Room at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Jason Kirk, Peter Hudson, Michael Noble, Sue Peace; David Gooch (Clerk); and member of the public Peter Miller (PM).

1. Governance

1.1 Apologies and approvals of absence

Cllr Barber.

This was approved.

1.2 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None

1.3 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2023. These were approved.

1.4 Comments from members of the public on matters on the agenda None.

2. Village Improvement 2.1 To review progress on developing the Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The PC reviewed the 'Second Draft' of the Pre-Submission Draft Plan, August 2023, noting the great work completed by the NP Working Group. Cllr Peace, also a member of the WG, made note of the various edits and agreed to contact Ian Poole (Places4People Planning Consultancy Ltd) to obtain clarification for some of the queries raised.

The PC agreed it should see the updated document (see 'Third Draft') prior to sign-off as the final version, date TBD, possibly via email as a further face-to-face meeting should not be required.

The PC also agreed to target 30th September as the date to launch the Consultation for the NP with residents. This would be in the Village Hall from 2.30pm.

PM confirmed he's happy to work with Ian Poole to secure grant funding for the remaining activities that will be required FY 23/24; Clerk will be the formal contact point.

3. Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

3.1 2023 Fetes and Coffee Mornings - Dr Daniel Poulter MP

There's a coffee morning every Wednesday in the Village Hall (a coffee van parks in the adjacent car park for this) which several villagers attend. There's also a Church fete on Saturday 2nd September. I have spoken to Judy Northfield and she has kindly arranged Dan to open the fete. Judy will be meeting Dr Poulter at 1.50pm at the Paddocks, and Dr Poulter would be happy to meet PC councillors too.

4. To note the date of forthcoming Parish Council meetings: 19th September, and 21st November (in the Church Room.)

To be signed when approved

