

WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs A Trout (Chair), M Balment, J Boundy, P Crease, J Mock, and R Webber.
In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

36/11/17. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Arnold. Apologies were received from County Cllr Mrs P Colthorpe, District Cllr A Moore and District Cllr R Stanley.

37/11/17. Disclosure of interest in item on the Agenda. There were no disclosures.

38/11/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2017 as an accurate record of the Meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

39/11/17. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

40/11/17. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received before the meeting. There were no planning applications.

b) To note any decisions on planning applications made by MDDC.

17/01342/CLU Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of barns as a separate unit of residential accommodation for more than four years. The Barn, Hatswell, Lower Washfield. Decision: certified as lawful.

17/01426/House Erection of single storey extensions, raising of roof and installation of 4 dormer windows to provide first floor accommodation and erection of detached double garage and store. Decision: conditional approval granted.

c) Affordable Housing Survey. The survey has been circulated around the parish. One parishioner was concerned about the possibility of compulsory purchase of land for a housing estate but that is not likely to happen. The survey is to confirm the level of housing need in the parishes of Oakford, Stoodleigh and Washfield. following a proposal to build some affordable housing in Stoodleigh on a site owned by MDDC. It is expected the results can be discussed at the January meeting.

d) Any other planning matters. There were no other planning matters.

41/11/17. Highways

a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any highways work needed. The drain at Emmerford Cross has been cleared. The damaged reflective signs, where 'reds' are now white, on Stoodleigh Drive have still not been replaced.

The road from Washfield Post Cross to Pilemoor Cross has been left very muddy following the removal of timber from woodland.

There is still silt blocking a drain at the bottom of Cotleigh Hill. The Clerk has spoken to the owner of Cotleigh Farm about the water run-off from the access lane and they have said they will look into this.

b) Any other highways matters. At the next meeting the Council will discuss whether to apply for funding from the TAP Fund towards the cost of some highways work.

42/11/17. Finance

a) To approve any payments. It was resolved to make the following payment:
Mrs J Larcombe - £72.40 Clerk's salary (Chq no 495)

b) TAP Fund – to report on successful application from Washfield Village Hall.
Washfield Memorial Hall has received a grant of £300 from the TAP Fund for a fridge-freezer for the kitchen. This was the full amount applied for.

43/11/17. County & District Cllr Reports. There were no reports presented at the meeting.

44/11/17. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence. There were no announcements from the Chairman.
The following correspondence was noted: Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2017.

45/11/17. Public Questions. There were no members of the public present.

46/11/17. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm.