

WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th July 2018 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs A Trout (Chair), R Arnold, M Balment, J Boundy, P Crease, J Mock and R Webber.

In attendance: District Cllr A Moore, County Cllr Mrs P Colthorpe and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

14/07/18. To receive apologies. There were no apologies.

15/07/18. Disclosure of interest in item on the Agenda. There were no disclosures.

16/07/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2018 as an accurate record of the Meeting. With a correction to a councillor name the minutes were agreed as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

17/07/18. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

18/07/18. Planning

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

Between meetings planning application **18/00800/House** Erection of single storey side extension. Dryhill Farm, Stoodleigh was received and councillors had no objections to the application.

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

18/00319/Full Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden to incorporate alterations to access drive with turning area, sewage treatment plant and landscaping; erection of extensions to include garage and raising of roof to provide first floor accommodation. Woodside Bungalow, Lower Washfield.
Decision: conditional approval granted.

18/00800/House Erection of single storey side extension. Dryhill Farm, Stoodleigh.
Decision: conditional approval granted.

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

19/07/18. Highways

a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any highways work needed. The hedges in Washfield Lane were cut before the repairs to the road surface were carried out. The hedge cutting was paid for by a local farmer, not highways. The road at Emmerford is marked for repairs. Three sandbags are covering a culvert just beyond Emmerford, heading towards Cove, and water is running across the road to a ditch. The surface of the road running from Dryhill Lane down to Cove is getting very rough. People in Long Lane have reported that large tractors are gouging out the hedges and leaving large stones in the road between Pound House and Lurley. Cllr Boundy has reported this to

highways and they have said they will look at it by October. Cllr Mrs Colthorpe encouraged everyone to keep reporting highways problems. Cllr Mrs Colthorpe reported gritting lorries have been out to spread grit on the road surfaces where bitumen is coming through due to the heat. The parapet of the bridge between Badcott and Hatherland Mill has been hit by a vehicle. Cllr Boundy reported the signpost at Slade Cross had been knocked by a slurry tanker. The post has been bent and is now in Cllr Boundy's yard. He will repair the signpost and Cllr Webber will help him put it back in position. If money needs to be spent on the repairs Cllr Boundy will come back to the Parish Council.

b) Further discussion on the possible refurbishment of fingerposts signs. The Parish Council has been given a paper report documenting the location of road direction signs in the parish with a proposal that Washfield Parish Council initiate a renovation and maintenance project. The Clerk will scan this report and email it to councillors so they can have a look at the signs and their condition. There are only two cast iron sign posts. The central post of the one at Cotleigh Cross is in a reasonable condition but new arms are needed. It was suggested that these could be made by The Wooden Workshop and some prices will be obtained. The sign will also need to be painted. The other cast iron fingerpost sign is at Warren Cross and that is reported to be in a poor condition and it is also leaning. Consideration will need to be given to health and safety when working close to the highway.

c) Any other highways matters. Cllr Arnold expressed concern about the long length of time that work on the pavements in Rackenford Road is taking. The pavements are being widened and there are only two men and a digger on site to carry out the work. Councillors were concerned about the road being made narrower at the Shillands where cars park on the side of the road. Enquiries will be made to see whether a salt bin can be sited close to the slope from Rackenford Meadows into Washfield Lane.

20/07/18. Finance

a) To approve any payments. It was resolved to make the following payments:
Mrs J Larcombe - £74.72 Clerk's salary (Chq no 504)

Washfield Memorial Hall - £80.00 room hire (Chq no 505)

b) To report on the annual insurance renewal. The best quote for the annual insurance came from Zurich and this was accepted. The annual premium is £167.44 (Chq no 503).

21/07/18. County & District Cllr Reports. County Cllr Mrs Colthorpe reported that DCC are reviewing how pothole repairs are carried out. If additional potholes have appeared next to potholes marked for repair all the potholes will be repaired at the same time. The scoping group looking at speed limits met this morning. They are looking at Ways, other than speed limits, of slowing down and managing traffic. Simon Edwards, who has been a volunteer driver of the Exe Valley Community Bus for more than eleven years, has won a Volunteer of the Year award from DCC. Central government is proposing to lay down rules as to how bus services can operate. At present day trips are organised using the community bus and the profit helps fund the regular local community bus service. The new proposals will not allow this. County and councillors have made representation to the consultation opposing this. County is looking at raising a large sum of money to improve Stover Country Park. Charlton Lodge, Tiverton will be converted to a school for children with special educational needs that cannot be met in mainstream school. They cannot run this

school in house and have advertised for another provider to run it. There have been three proposals put forward. Cllr Arnold asked who was funding the junction work on the A361 North Devon Link Road. He was told that developers will eventually fund the work but DCC are putting in the money initially.

District Cllr Moore reported that work on the Premier Inn is progressing slightly ahead of schedule. The multi storey car park is open and the original entrance is being used. A new entrance will be created as part of the plans. Part of the car park is planned to be demolished in September and foundations for the new hotel laid during October. A planning application has been submitted to MDDC for a new Lidl store to be built on the Foundary Estate, adjacent to Tesco. Lidl are seeking local thoughts on the proposal. The Three Rivers Group will soon start the development behind the Town Hall. They have won a design award for their plans in which they have tried to reflect the street scene. A tender is out for a scheme at the Pannier Market which will provide security and landscaping. The learner pool at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre will be closed for two weeks because it is being resurfaced. The Local Plan hearing will be held at the Tiverton Hotel on the 20th & 21st September. MDDC will have a marquee at the Mid Devon Show. It was reported at the Audit Committee meeting that the External Auditor had unreservedly approved the 2017-18 accounts. The Council is on budget but the future is looking tough.

22/07/18. To agree Privacy Notices. A General Privacy Notice and a Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Volunteers have been prepared by the Clerk using templates from the NALC GDPR Toolkit. It was agreed to adopt both privacy notices.

23/07/18. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence. There were no announcements or correspondence.

24/07/18. Public Questions. There were no members of the public present.

25/07/18. Date of the next meeting. The Chair will be on holiday when the next meeting is due to take place (Tuesday 18th September). It was agreed to move the date of the next meeting to Wednesday 26th September.