

## WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

**In attendance:** County Cllr Mrs P Cothorpe and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**48/01/19. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr's P Crease and J Mock.  
Apologies were received from District Cllr R Stanley

**49/01/19. Disclosure of interest in item on the Agenda.** Cllr Boundy and Cllr Balment declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 53/01/19 b) as their businesses are involved in carrying out the work.  
Cllr Balment declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 54/01/19 b) as he cuts the grass in the Churchyard.

**50/01/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**51/01/19. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising.

#### **52/01/19. Planning**

**a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received before the meeting.**

**18/01869/Full** Retention of alterations to existing agricultural gateway to include grading out slope. Land at NGR 294271 118465 Cross Road North of The Brambles, Washfield. Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 294101 / 118444

Comment: Washfield Parish Council has no objections as long as the drainage is sorted out.

Planning applications in adjoining parish:

18/01659/MFUL Erection of a cow cubicle building (1054 sqm). Land and buildings at NGR 295161 114081 (Rix Farm), Bolham.

18/01668/MFUL Erection of a poultry house (1) (1561 sqm). Land and buildings at NGR 295161 114081 (Rix Farm), Bolham.

18/01666/MFUL Erection of a poultry house (2) (1561 sqm). Land and buildings at NGR 295161 114081 (Rix Farm), Bolham.

It was agreed that no comments would be made as the applications are in an adjoining parish.

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

**18/01236/Full** Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. Land at NGR 294246 114692 Cotleigh, Washfield (Revised drawings)

Decision: conditional approval granted.

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

#### **53/01/19. Highways**

**a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any highways work needed.** It was reported that the condition of the road between Parkhouse Water and Summer Close is very bad. The stone parapet of the bridge at Badcott, near Hatherland Mill has been knocked by a vehicle and now rocks. Pothole repairs were carried out in Dark Lane but the lorries being used knocked out some of the side of the hedges and left the road very muddy. The drain at the top of Moorhayes Hil has been jetted. The road sweeper hasn't been seen in the parish for a long time.

**b) Update on work to refurbish the fingerposts signs at Cotleigh and Warren Cross.** Cllr Boundy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as his business is carrying out the work. Cllr Balment declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he is arranging the repair of an arm from one of the signs. The materials have been ordered and once they arrive the refurbishment will start. An application will be made the Cllr Mrs Colthorpe's Locality Budget for a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the work by BT

**c) Any other highways matters.** The telephone box beside the Memorial Hall has been removed.

#### **54/01/19. Finance**

**a) To approve any payments.** It was resolved to make the following payments: Washfield Memorial Hall - £60.00 hire of room for meetings (Chq no 509)  
Mrs J Larcombe - £72.39 Clerk's salary (Chq no 510)

**b) To agree the Churchyard Grant for 2018-19.** Cllr Balment declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room while the item was discussed. It was agreed to give the PCC a grant of £500.00 (Chq no 511) towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. An increase was agreed for this year and it will be reviewed again next year.

**c) To discuss the budget for 2019-20 and agree the Precept.** A precept of £1,437.41 was agreed for 2019-20. There will be no increase to the Band D rate for 2019-20.

**55/01/19. County & District Cllr Reports.** County Cllr Mrs Colthorpe reported that there is still money in the Communities Together Fund if the Parish Council had any projects. Highways have received an additional £6million of funding from the Government and £0.5million will be spent on jetting and surveys. She advised the Parish Council to report any drains in the parish that are causing problems and need surveying. Councillors told her that there is a drain beside Courtney Cottages car park that is always a problem. Committees are starting to look at the 2019-20 budget, DCC can only increase the Adult Social Care budget by 1% this year. Each Scrutiny Committee will have a morning meeting to look at the budget and will then have a meeting in the afternoon to discuss their ordinary business. Fairtrade Fortnight will take place between 25<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**56/01/19. Town & Parish Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May – to discuss how the elections will be promoted.** The Town and Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May, on the same day as the District Council elections. Any councillors wishing to continue on the Parish Council will need to seek re-election. Nomination papers will

be available from Mid Devon District Council and the Clerk for anyone who wants to stand. Details will be put on the notice boards and website.

**57/01/19. Annual Parish Meeting – to agree date and speaker.** Cllr Mrs Colthorpe will speak to Meg Booth or Tom Bourne from the DCC Highways Department to see if they would give a presentation. The preferred date is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April with the 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> April as reserve dates.

**58/01/19. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence.** There was no further correspondence.

**59/01/19. Public Questions.** There were no members of the public present. Cllr Boundy asked for an update on the provision of a salt bin at Washfield Lane. Steve Leigh, Highways Neighbourhood Officer, has told the Clerk in an email that he would be speaking to the Rackenford Meadows developers to ask them to pay for it. Cllr Mrs Trout noted the grit bin outside of the Memorial Hall had not been filled again since last winter. Cllr Colthorpe advised reporting it online. There was concern that there is a new zebra crossing painted on the road near Long Drag but there is a sign saying. 'Not in Use'. Cllr Mrs Colthorpe will follow that up.

**60/01/19. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2019.