

WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2016 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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

15/07/16. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Webber. Apologies were received from District Cllr R Stanley.

16/07/16. Disclosure of interest in item on the Agenda. There were no disclosures.

17/07/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2016 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

18/07/16. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

It was agreed to move the County Cllr's Report forward in the meeting.

19/07/16. County Cllr Report. Cllr Mrs Colthorpe reported the HATOC meeting on 29th June had agreed the closure of the entrance to Washfield Lane. The A396 is open again following work which cost £1.15million. This cost included repairs to Old Tiverton Road, which was used as a diversion route, work on gullies and some resurfacing. The Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be passing through Tiverton on 9th September. Cllr Arnold asked how much DCC will contribute towards the cost of that day's stage, which is all taking place in Devon, but Cllr Mrs Colthorpe didn't have the figure. The Care Quality Commission inspected Community Careline SW's operation in Devon and as a result the owners decided to stop trading. From 1st July the operation of the service was taken over by Guinness Care & Support. The County Council elections will take place next May and County Cllr's will not be able to give grants from their Locality Budget or from Investing in Devon from the beginning of March. Heathcoat Factory, Tiverton, has been celebrating its 200th Anniversary. Cllr Arnold said he was concerned that the entrance from Washfield Lane onto Rackenford Road, via Rackenford Meadows would be closed for a long period when the existing entrance is closed.

20/07/16. Planning

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

16/00879/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension. Nibbs, Washfield.

Applicant: Mrs D Luffman.

Comment: Washfield Parish Council support the granting of approval.

16/00914/HOUSE Erection of conservatory on front of property. Larkhill, Washfield.

Applicant: Mrs C Nicholson.

Comment: Washfield Parish Council support the granting of approval.

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

16/00521/Full Installation of replacement windows to first floor flat 1 – 2 The Weeches, Washfield & 16/00522/LBC. Listed Building Consent Installation of replacement windows to first floor flat 1 – 2 The Weeches, Washfield.
Decision: conditional approval granted.

d) Any other planning matters. The Clerk reported that she had looked at the approved plans for application 15/00920/MFUL Erection of extensions to poultry house {2965sqm) Land and buildings at NGR 294189m114677 (Cotleigh Cleave), Washfield and these show the area where the hedge was removed, opposite the end of the lane, should have been covered with tarmac. As it is only covered with hard core the Clerk has informed MDDC Planning Enforcement.

21/07/16. Highways

a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any highways work needed. A road sweeper finally visited Washfield to clean the road in the centre of the village but it developed an oil leak and oil was spread along the roads. Cllr Mrs Trout reported this and a second vehicle was sent out to clean this up. Despite further problems most of the oil has been cleaned up but there is still oil in Dark Lane and outside of Timbertops.

The Clerk will contact Highways and Taylor Wimpey to inform them of the Parish Council's concerns about the time it might take to close the existing entrance to Washfield Lane and open up the new one. It is feared that the work required to align the new road with Washfield Lane will take several days/week, which will cause considerable disruption to the community, particularly farmers making silage. The hedges also require cutting back.

The BT phone lines between Hatherland Mill and Newbridge are reported to be low in height.

b) Any other highways matters. No other highways matters.

22/07/16. Finance: to approve any payments. It was resolved to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £75.24 Clerks salary & expenses (Chq no 481)
Washfield Memorial Hall - £80.00 room hire (Chq no 482)

23/07/16. District Cllr Report. Cllr Moore reported seventeen south west authorities are taking part in discussions about devolution and taking control of powers from central government. These authorities include Exeter, East Devon, Mid Devon and Teignbridge. The adoption of the Local Plan has been put back for modelling around flooding at Junction 28 and is expected to be put forward again in September. MDDC is still in discussion with the developers who are proposing a scheme of development at Junction 28. The lease has been signed with Premier Inn and the work will start next year. The hotel will be beside Phoenix House and there will be a new entrance for the multi storey car park. MDDC is considering what to do with Tiverton Town Hall and the options will be considered by Cabinet in August. There are options coming forward for the development of the piece of land MDDC own behind the Town Hall.

24/07/16. Gateway to northern Devon: a strategy for the North Devon Link Road.

Options Consultation. The proposals are for a scheme of work between South Molton and Bideford. The Parish Council is concerned about the lack of slip roads for junctions at this end of the Link Road. Traffic is usually travelling at 60 mph or more on this stretch of road and vehicles leaving at junctions have to slow down considerably without a slip road.

25/07/16. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence. There were no Chairman's announcements.

The Clerk had obtained some information about community helipads but following discussion it was felt that Washfield is close enough to Tiverton and a helipad with lighting to allow the Air Ambulance to land at night wasn't necessary.

26/07/16. Public Questions. There were no members of the public present.

27/07/16. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 7.30pm.