

WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes will be agreed at the Parish Council Meeting on 21st March and might be subject to slight amendment

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chair), M Balment, J Boundy, J Mock, Mrs A Taylor-Ross and R Webber.

In attendance: District Cllr R Stanley and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

39/11/19. To receive apologies. There were no apologies from Parish Councillors. Apologies were received from County Cllr Mrs Colthorpe who had also sent her best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the Chairman and members,

40/11/19. Disclosure of interest in item on the Agenda. Cllr Balment

41/11/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2019 as an accurate record of the Meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

42/11/19. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

43/11/19. Update on Parish Council Vacancy. Cllr Mrs Taylor-Ross will speak to someone she thought might be interested in becoming a councillor.

44/11/19. Planning

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

No applications received for the parish. Councillors chose not to comment on application 19/0174111/MFUL as it was in Stoodleigh parish.

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

19/01220/House Erection of a two storey rear extension and alterations to the existing garage roof, Marsh Cottage, Lower Washfield.

Decision: conditional approval granted.

19/01574/PNCOU Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under Class Q, Land and Building at NGR 290533 116919. Little Haydon Farm, Washfield Decision: refusal of prior approval.

19/01656/PNFG Prior notification for the erection of a forestry shelter. Woodland at NGR 293513 118252 (Barehills Wood), Stoodleigh. Decision: development acceptance.

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

45/11/19. Highways

a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any

highways work needed. The road surface is breaking up between Parkhouse Water and the river. Recently an ambulance had difficulty getting through this road. There was concern about water freezing where the drain is higher than the road at Emmerford Cross.

Water is still lying on the road following recent surfacing at Dark Lane.

Vehicles are parking on the junction of Washfield Lane and Rackenford Meadows and obscuring visibility. Bollards have been placed on a verge at this junction to stop vehicles cutting the corner. A fence on the first house on the Tiverton side of the junction of Rackenford Road and Rackenford Meadows/Washfield Lane is obscuring the visibility. Children are coming through the hedge between the Ash tree and Worth Lodge on Washfield Lane from the houses the other side and there was concern there might be an accident.

A drain cover is missing near the upper Washfield village sign.

Cllr Boundy reported that there are four salt bins in the parish that need filling but two were not on the system. He has spoken to Steve Leigh, DCC Highways Supervisor and he has put them back on the system.

Broken up concrete has been fly tipped on the top of Worth Hill, by the salt bin.

b) Any other highways matters. There were no other highways matters.

46/11/19. Finance

a) To approve any payments. It was resolved to make the following payment:
Mrs J Larcombe - £79.85 Clerk's salary (Chq no 520)

b) To discuss proposals for S106 funding. Investigations have shown that installing play equipment on the Village Green would take up a third to a half of the space so this plan will not go ahead. It was decided to apply for funding for a picnic table and bench for the Village Green and four benches for siting around the parish, some along the Two Moors Way. Suitable locations will be confirmed following investigation. Enquiries will be made about getting permission from DCC to site some on highways verges. The benches and picnic tables will be made from recycled plastic with a wood effect finish.

47/11/19. County & District Cllr Reports. There was no County Cllr Report.

Cllr Stanley reported that no decisions had been made in the last six months by the newly elected District Council as they cannot get a majority to agree on anything; even the regeneration of Tiverton has stopped. They cannot decide how many houses should be built by Three Rivers Development on the piece of land that MDDC own at Post Hill. The building of flats and houses behind the Town Hall in Tiverton is slowly progressing.

48/11/19. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence. There were no Chairman's announcements or correspondence.

49/11/19. Public Questions. There were no members of the public present.

50/11/19. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st January 2020.