

## WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 8.40pm.

Before the official meeting commenced there was a presentation on the Definitive Map Review for Washfield from Tania Weeks, Public Rights of Way Officer - Definitive Map Researcher for Mid Devon.

**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, one member of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**26/09/21. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr M Balment. County Cllr Chesterton had attended the Definitive Map Review presentation but due to the later start of this meeting was unable to stay.

**27/09/21. Disclosure of interest in item on the Agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**28/09/21. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2021 as an accurate record of the Meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an actual record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

**29/09/21. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising.

**30/09/21. Co-option of a councillor.** No applications received. The Parish Council can co-opt when someone eligible applies. There was thought to be someone who might be interested and they will be encouraged to apply before the next meeting.

**31/09/21. Public questions.** There were no questions.

**32/09/21. Planning**

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

Neighbouring parish application (Stoodleigh): 18/01711/MFUL Formation of an open Clamp (4630m<sup>2</sup>) for the storage of silage and provision of new access Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 288069 117081 (Gibbet Moor Farm), Rackenford. As this was a neighbouring parish application it was agreed not to comment.

**b) To note any decisions on planning applications made by MDDC.** There were no decisions.

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

**33/09/21. Highways**

**a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any highways work needed.** The following problems were reported:

The poor condition of the road surface between Cotleigh Cross and Newbridge.

The road surface between Dryhill and Springfield is breaking up badly.  
Potholes between Hatherland Farm and Pilemoor Cross, with the worst pothole near Hatherland Farm.

A large pothole between Emmerford Cross and Hazels Cross.

Between Stoodleigh Drive and Shilhay Bungalow a road gully grating is jammed open.

The drain in the bottom of the wall at Worth needs clearing again. Soil and debris are building up again.

**b) Any other highways matters.** Stephen Leigh is leaving DCC and a new Highways Officer is being recruited.

### **34/09/21. Reports**

**a) County Cllr.** No report. Cllr Chesterton had asked the Clerk to make councillors aware of the funding available from his Locality Budget.

**b) District Cllr.** Cllr Stanley reported that he and Cllr Moore had met with Connecting Devon and Somerset to discuss the provision of superfast broadband for those in the area that still don't have a good broadband connection. It is hoped that there will be a scheme to do this in the fourth quarter of 2022 and there are vouchers towards the cost.

**c) Building Community Resilience – report from 27<sup>th</sup> September webinar.** Cllr Mrs Taylor-Ross had attended the webinar which was about putting together an emergency plan for the community. She will put together a template to bring to the next meeting.

**35/09/21. Finance: to approve any payments.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £81.92 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 538).

**36/09/21. Bulb and tree planting.** There is an interest in planting more trees and free trees are available. Cllr Mrs Taylor-Ross will ask on the village Facebook page if anyone in the parish has any land that trees can be planted on. Someone is needed to lead on bulb planting. Daffodils bulbs have been available from Allies Mid Devon who have a scheme to plant bulbs to create a sea of colour in the spring in memory of the people who have died from Covid.

**37/09/21. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:** In view of the concerns raised during the Definitive Map Review presentation about problems on some of the footpaths in Washfield parish it was agreed to contact Stuart Howell, DCC Public Rights of Way Warden, to find out when he would be walking the footpaths in Washfield as part of his cyclic inspection. A group of interested parishioners had volunteered to accompany him to show him the problems they were concerned about. Those concerned about problems on the footpaths will be consulted and a list of the problems will be compiled and sent to Public Rights of Way

The following correspondence was noted.

MDDC - Gambling Act Consultation - Consultation on fourth review of Statement of Principle.

**38/09/21. Date of the next meeting:** it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm.

Signed:  
Chair

Date: