



Washington Parish Council Open Spaces (Recreation, Allotments, Footpaths and Conservation) Committee Meeting

Draft MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, held on 21st November, 2016
at the Washington Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr K Newman, Cllr R Thomas and Cllr Milner-Gulland.

ALSO: Clerk of Washington Parish Council Miss Z Savill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None present

ABSENT: Cllr Whyberd and Cllr Wright

In the absence of Cllr Whyberd (Committee Chairman), Cllr Newman proposed and Cllr Milner-Gulland seconded that Cllr Thomas chairs the meeting.

Cllr Thomas opened the meeting at: 19:00 hours

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Whyberd (unwell). None received from Cllr Wright.

2. Declaration of interest and Dispensations.

Cllr Milner-Gulland declared an interest in item 7 because his son had submitted one of the quotations to refurbish the village sign.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Open Spaces (Recreation, Allotments and Open Spaces meeting

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 17th October, 2016 were AGREED as the correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

None arising

6. Allotments

The clerk informed members that she had written to tenants for their views on taking over the management of the allotments from the Parish Council, and was awaiting responses. Any responses to be reported at the next meeting.

6. Recreation Ground and Parish Property

Village sign - to consider quotations for restoration

This part of the meeting was inquorate after Cllr Milner-Gulland declared a personal and prejudicial interest because his son had submitted one of the quotations. Business for this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

To consider the future of the Youth Shelter.

Cllr Thomas reported that the clerk had informed councillors at the last meeting that the shelter had fallen into disrepair and that Mr Fielder was unable to carry out the necessary repairs due to a recent operation. Cllr Newman had suggested that the shelter is removed as it wasn't used and there were a number of occasions when children were seen climbing on the roof.

Councillors AGREED to RECOMMEND the removal of the shelter and retention of power connection, subject to costs. Quotations to be obtained by the clerk for consideration at the next meeting.

For information only:

Recreation ground fence

Cllr Thomas reported that Mr George Fielder has repaired a timber section of the fence by the Village Hall entrance gate, at the clerk's request. Cllr Newman reported that another timber section had been found on the ground nearby. Clerk informed members Mr Fielder would not be able to carry out the repair until he has recovered from recent surgery.

Ground Maintenance

Cllr Thomas reported that Mr Danny Flynn has completed the ground maintenance for the year and submitted his final invoice of £90 inc VAT for grass cutting on 19th October to the clerk.

The clerk has requested quotations from Mr Flynn and 4 other contractors for the Parish's ground maintenance for summer 2017, to be considered at the February Committee Meeting, 2017.

Village Hall

Cllr Thomas reported that a meeting between Cllr Heeley, Cllr Whyberd, and Mr Nigel Baker and Mr Rob Gerig of the Village Hall Management Committee, took place to discuss an appeal for more volunteers to help with the management and day to day running of the Hall. An email from Mr Nigel Baker had been

circulated before the meeting. The clerk informed members that Mr Baker had requested that an appeal was published in the newsletter.

Cllr Newman praised the committee for their hard work in improving the facilities and attracting more business. He commented on the hard work and professionalism of Mr Gerig, and suggested the appointment of a Hall Manager might also help to relieve his workload.

Councillors AGREED that the Parish Council would include the appeal for volunteers in the Winter Newsletter.

MUGA

The clerk reported that parish groundsman Mr Flynn was unable to quote for net storage without further clarification of the council's proposals.

Cllr Newman agreed to contact him to discuss and report to the Committee. Cllr Wright also to report on his enquiry into an alternative storage solution and costs.

Children's Play Area

Clerk informed councillors that HAGS' had written to her stating that the wrong fencing specification had been submitted to them by their subcontractor. This caused a delay in the clerk's submission to the SDNPA planning authority to discharge the condition on fencing. HAGS agreed to provide the correct specifications and that the Council would not be liable for any cost increases should they arise. The clerk had been advised by Sarah Alexander, the project manager, not to proceed with the order for the playground until formal approval of the fencing by the SDNPA. This was expected early part of December.

Bus Shelters

Nothing to report.

Parish Noticeboards

Cllr Thomas reported that the new noticeboard for Millford Grange, had not been installed, despite a written assurance to the council it would be in place before the end of October, from Mr Malcolm Westcott, Head of Planning at Barratts. The clerk reported that a previous Full Council meeting, Cllr Paul Marshall (HDC) had agreed to make enquiries and report back to the clerk. HDC's case officer for the site, Hazel Corke had also written to Mr Westcott, this week requesting his response.

Footpaths and Bridleways

Nothing to report

Conservation issues

Nothing to report

Any other Open Space, Recreation & Allotment and Footpaths & Conservation issues that may arise OR items for the next Agenda

The Meeting Closed at 19.37 hours

Date of the next OSRA Committee meeting 23rd January 2017
Full Council Meeting 12th December, 2016
Finance Committee 12th December, 2016 (before Full Council meeting)

Signed.....

Date.....
