

# WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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

**MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015 at Washington Village Hall**

**PRESENT: Cllrs Whyberd, Milner-Gulland, Thomas, Muddle, Newman and Doré**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ms Alison Etherington**

**ABSENT: None**

**Cllr Whyberd opened the meeting at 19.00. Because of difficulties regarding access to the Dore Hall the meeting was held in the Recreation Ground.**

**1. To receive nominations for and elect a chairman of the committee.**

Cllr Whyberd was elected as Chairman.

**2. Apologies for absence**

No apologies were received.

**3. Declarations of interest and Dispensations**

There was none.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the last Open Spaces (Recreation, Allotments and Open Spaces),**  
The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 20th April 2015 were **AGREED** as a correct record and to be duly signed by the Chairman.

**5. Public Question Time**

Alison Etherington requested it noted that there were no half-plots at the allotment and would like this to be rectified. Committee agreed that Cllr Whyberd contact Ms Etherington.

**6. Allotments**

*To Consider the Provision of further Water Butts to the Allotment Holders*

The Committee to investigate whether Southern Water have any more free water butts.

*Discuss Plot 9 - lack of cultivation and appropriate action*

It was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to the plot holder, with copy of terms of agreement.

*Discuss & approve a tree specialist provide a tree condition report for the trees bordering the allotment area and on Parish Land*

The Committee AGREED that the clerk will appoint the tree specialist to carry out the normal annual tree survey and the allotments will be included.

## **7. First Extension Graveyard**

*To receive an update on the faculty licence and proposed works at the 1st Extension Graveyard*

There was no update as yet – Committee still awaiting confirmation.

## **8. Recreation Ground and Parish Property**

*To Consider and Recommend advertising for a handyman, Recommend an hourly rate, nature of work to be undertaken and the method of advertising*

Cllr Whyberg confirmed that there has been an expression of interest from Mr George Fielder. The RECOMMENDATION from the Committee is that this be discussed and agreed at the Full Council Meeting on the 5th July 2015.

### **Village Hall**

*A quote in the sum of £935.00 had been received for the works to improve access to the village hall by resurfacing the pathway from the entrance to the first door and making the slope DDA compliant. The quantum of the quote falls under the threshold required to obtain further quotes. Full approval was given at the Meeting of 14th May and the works have been undertaken (3rd - 6th June).*

It was agreed that the work has been carried out successfully to a generally high standard.

### **Youth Shelter**

Nothing to report.

### **MUGA**

*As the Committee are aware from the previous Clerk's report the MUGA has not previously had a recorded annual inspection, but this has been added to this year's inspection. Issues such as the fence degeneration and the unstable goal posts have already been identified as has the issue of lifting the tennis nets and posts in and out of the box which was purchased over a year ago. The annual safety inspection has been confirmed for 12th June and the previously agreed training will also take place on that date. The Clerk will be able to give a full report on the MUGA once the inspection has been carried out and will identify these issues and seek advice from the inspector during the training on these and other matters.*

The Safety inspection has been carried out by the relevant body. The report is awaited and training has been given to the clerk.

### **Children's Play Area**

*To receive a report from David Horwood on the results of the consultation on replacement play equipment and to consider and recommend the next stage of the replacement plan.*

This did not take place but David Horwood has agreed to report back at the next OSRA Committee meeting. Clerk to add this to the Agenda.

### **Bus Shelters**

Nothing to report.

### **Parish Notice Boards**

Barratts have agreed to construct and erect a Parish Noticeboard at the new development. This should be in place very soon.

## **9. Footpaths and bridleways**

### *State of the Footpaths Report*

*To Confirm a Committee Member to lead and coordinate a further walk to review some of the WSCC volunteers State of the Footpaths information and create a final report*

Darren Rolfe wants volunteers to look at some of the paths again with Garry and Simon (the two Washington volunteers). The Committee was asked whether a Committee Member would like to lead. Cllr Muddle agreed to lead the review.

*Update on footpaths 2699 and 2701.* Wiston Estate has been in contact with the clerk and Robin Milner Gulland and has confirmed that the stiles will be repaired as soon as practicable. Cllr Milner-Gulland had no further information.

Cllr Newman raised the problem of the footpath south of the Milner-Gulland residence, currently overgrown with stinging nettles and impassable in places. The Committee requested that the Clerk contact WSCC.

## **10. Conservation issues**

### **Triangle**

*To confirm a Committee Member to lead and coordinate a meeting with the SDNP ranger and lead and participate in any ongoing recommendations with Darren Rolfe and the Washington Volunteers*

The Committee need to decide how they wish to progress matters relating to the Triangle. Cllr Whyberd reported that an ecological survey was carried out in May 2015 and a report is awaited.

*Green Sand Way (Roman Road)* - Cllr Milner-Gulland is preparing an application to Historic England for listing on their register, and to provide an update.

Green Sand Way and the Anglo-Saxon boundary banks have been reported to Historic England. A set of lengthy forms was completed by Councillor Milner-Gulland and submitted – we await their response.

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

No other business was recorded.

### **The Meeting Closed at 19.41**

**Minutes taken by Mr Kevin Newman (Clerk on holiday).**

Date of next OSRA Committee meeting: 20th July 2015

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