

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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

Draft MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2015 at Washington Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Whyberd, Milner-Gulland, Doré, and Muddle.

ALSO:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

ABSENT: Cllr Thomas and Cllr Newman

Cllr Whyberd opened the meeting at: 19.05 hours

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thomas (holiday) and Cllr Newman (work commitments).

2. Declarations of interest and Dispensations

None received.

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

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 19th October 2015 were **accepted** as a 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 raised.

6. Allotments

To discuss the results of the tree survey of the allotment area and consider the quote for the associated tree works.

Cllr Whyberd outlined the contents of Andrew Gale's tree surgery report which had been circulated to Councillors. According to the report 3 trees in the allotment area require felling/remedial work which should be completed in the next 6-12 months. The quote for this work from Andrew Gale is £666 excluding VAT. Cllr Whyberd asked that the clerk confirm with Andrew Gale that the chippings left on site would not be infected with the Verticilium fungus

The Committee **agree to recommend** to Full Council that this work should be carried out within this financial year.

For information only - the clerk informed the Committee that there are now tenants for all the allotments.

7. Recreation Ground and Parish Property

Grounds Maintenance

For information only - the clerk informed the Committee that she had asked Danny Flynn to trim the 'shoots' from the tree trunk behind the bus shelter on the recreation ground. Danny said that he would do this at no cost to the Council. Danny had also been asked to requote the drainage of the ditch along the side of the allotments which would help to improve the drainage of the football pitch.

Village Hall

Youth Shelter

For information only - the clerk informed the Committee that graffiti on the bench had been removed by George Fielder. The clerk noticed on her inspection round (9/11/15) that the fencing of the youth shelter had been broken and the cricket roller was now resting against the fence. George Fielder has investigated and will do a short term repair. The clerk has also investigated whether the cricket roller could be moved a few feet away from the fence as this was causing further damage.

MUGA

To discuss, consider and recommend the quote for sinking 2 holes in the tennis court to house the posts & net when not in use.

At the last OSRA meeting the proposal was put forward to site 2 holes in the MUGA court (on the cricket pitch side) and ask users of the MUGA to put the tennis posts in these holes when using the court for activities other than tennis. A quote has been received for this work at a cost of £150-£200. The clerk has confirmed with George Fielder that he may remove the tennis box and keep this in storage on behalf of the Council.

After discussion it was **agreed to recommend** to Full Council that this work should be carried out.

For information only - the clerk informed the Committee that the card reader for the flood lights was not working. She has purchased a new card reader and the lights are now working again. Cllr Whyberd thanked the clerk for her persistence in achieving this at a small cost to the Council.

Children's Play Area

For information only - the clerk has contacted HAGS to start discussion regarding the costing of Cllr Newman and Muddles' proposals. She is in the process of organising a meeting on site.

Bus Shelters

Nothing to report.

Parish Notice Boards

Nothing to report.

8. Footpaths and bridleways

Information only - St Mary's school contacted the clerk asking permission to leave a 'hippo' bag of gravel in the Village Hall Car Park on the 17th November. The school will themselves be filling the holes in the footpath with gravel. This should take no more than a couple of days.

8. Conservation issues

To discuss any update on the management proposals for the Triangle.

The clerk was asked to email the two Triangle surveys to Cllr Milner-Gulland so that he could share these with Tony Whitbread.

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

For information only - Skate Park 'Taster Session' - Cllr Muddle has confirmed that he would like to take this project forward. The clerk has contacted Paul Taylor (on his behalf) at HDC to try to confirm/organise a date in half term. Paul has also contacted Horsham Matters as they have a new skate park which would be better as it is brand new. Cllr Muddle confirmed that he would contact Liz Burt at Horsham Matters and Paddy Donovan the local youth worker.

The Meeting Closed at: 19.30 hours

Date of next OSRA Committee meeting 18th January 2015.

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