

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 21st September 2015 at Washington Village Hall

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

ALSO: Gina Condie (Clerk to Washington Parish Council)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

ABSENT: Cllr Thomas

Cllr Whyberd opened the meeting at 19:04 hours

1. Apologies for absence

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

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 17th August 2015 were **accepted** as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Question Time

No members of public present.

5. Allotments

To discuss the request that Plot 9 is divided into two plots and that the willow tree on the newly formed plot 9A be removed.

The clerk updated the Committee with the request details and it was **AGREED** that the plot could be divided into two and that the willow tree could be cut but solely at the expense and risk of the plot holder.

The clerk also informed the Committee that the holder of plot 4 has terminated their tenancy as at the end of the agreement (September 30th). The clerk informed the Committee that due to this it might be that the plot 9 is not divided as the second person on the wait list had requested a full plot. The Committee agreed that the clerk should contact the 2 persons on the wait list and come to an agreement as to who has what plot and whether a division is still required or not.

To discuss the request to add a shed to Plot 11A and potentially cut the branch of the overhanging apple tree.

The Councillors AGREED that a shed could be erected on Plot 11a and that the branch of the tree could be cut 'within reason'. This would be solely at the expense and risk of the plot holder.

To discuss the request to consider erecting a 'no parking beyond this point' sign at the entrance to the allotments.

Cllr Whyberd suggested that options be considered and that these would be considered at the next OSRA meeting. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

6. Recreation Ground and Parish Property

Grounds Maintenance

To review the recreation ground maintenance specification in preparation for obtaining quotes.

It was AGREED that the specification looked sound and should be used as the basis for obtaining quotes.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Youth Shelter

Nothing to report.

MUGA

Nothing to report.

Children's Play Area

To receive an update on the proposals from David Horwood with regards to the Children's Play Area Consultation.

Cllr Newman and Cllr Muddle presented their proposals created from David Horwood's previous work, and further research with both parents and children. The proposals were circulated amongst the Committee prior to the meeting. Cllr Newman and Cllr Muddle suggested that further funding would be required for the project and suggested that local companies be approached for funding.

Cllr Whyberd thanked both Cllr Newman and Muddle for the excellent document which they had prepared. Cllr Newman also thanked David Horwood for all his previous efforts.

It was AGREED that the document should be presented to Full Council for consideration.

To discuss the state of the fencing by the children's play area and along the side of the footpath.

The clerk has noticed that some of the fencing is in need of repair around the children's play area and along the side of the footpath.

The Committee agreed that the Council handyman should be asked to do some repair work as the fencing would be reviewed as part of the 'children's play area' proposals.

Bus Shelters

Clerk informed the Committee that the bus shelter opposite The Cottages has been cleaned.

Parish Notice Boards

Nothing to report.

7. Footpaths and bridleways

For information only - the response from Katrina Harper (circulated to councillors) with regards to Footpath 2701, FP2089/2 and FP2696.

8. Conservation issues

Nothing to report

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

To discuss the possibility of a Battle of Britain memorial in Washington.

Cllr Whyberd briefed the Committee with the history of 2 Messerschmit engines which had been recovered from a twin engined plane shot down in Washington Parish near the Church on 4th September 1940 and stored locally for more than 50 years. It was suggested that one of these could be used as a potential Battle of Britain Memorial or heritage item in the Parish. Cllr Whyberd also mentioned that the Parish has no powers to erect a war memorial, and that there were other things to take into consideration (such as housing, location, insurance etc) before any proposal could be put forward. It was suggested that further research be carried out before making any proposals.

To discuss the cricket roller and potential hazards.

The cricket roller (which belongs to the cricket club) has been moved. The clerk informed the Committee that she has contacted the cricket club who have confirmed that they will move this back to the original position. The Committee agreed to the suggestion that the clerk ask the cricket club to try to chain this to the ground as it is a potential hazard.

The Committee had been updated on the mobile skate park costs, and it was suggested that this should be put forward to Full Council.

The Meeting Closed at: 19:49 hours.

Date of next OSRA Committee meeting 19th October 2015.

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