

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MAY
2010 AT 7.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr L. Britt (Chairman), Cllr C.Beglan, Cllr T. Cook, Cllr N. Cooper, Cllr J. Davies, Cllr N Dore` , (7.10pm), Cllr J. Henderson, Cllr R. Milner-Gulland, Cllr M. Shaw, Cllr M. Turley, Cllr D Wilkins (Vice Charman). Clerk Mrs L Quirk., District Cllr C. Mason, County Cllr F. Wilkinson.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Cooper- unwell

2. **Election of Chairman for 2010/2011**

Cllr Wilkins proposed and Cllr Beglan seconded Cllr Britt as Chairman for the coming year. A vote by a show of hands was unanimous – Cllr Britt was duly elected and signed a Declaration of Office.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman for 2010/2011**

Cllr Shaw proposed and Cllr Henderson seconded Cllr Wilkins as Vice Chairman for the coming year. A vote by a show of hands was unanimous – Cllr Wilkins was duly elected as Vice Chairman and signed a Declaration of Office.

4. **Committee allocation**

The following allocation was agreed by all members present:-

Planning and Transport

Cllr Cook asked to be included on this Committee.

Cllr Beglan, Cllr Britt, Cllr Cook, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Turley, Cllr Wilkins.

Footpath, Conservation & Allotments

Cllr Cook, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Davies, Cllr Milner-Gulland, Cllr Shaw

Recreation Ground & 1st Extension Graveyard

Cllr Britt, Cllr Cook, Cllr Davies, Cllr Dore` Cllr Henderson, Cllr M. Turley

Finance

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Beglan, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Turley, Cllr Wilkins.

Newsletter

Editorial-Cllr Milner-Gulland,

Articles-Cllr Shaw, Cllr Cook.

Parish Plan

All members + members of the public

5. **Representatives on outside bodies**

The following allocation was agreed by all members present:-

South Downs National Park

Cllr R Milner-Gulland

Crime Prevention

Cllr Dore`, Cllr Wilkins

Horsham District Association of Local Councils

Chair & Vice Chair

Quarry Sites Restoration

Cllr Cook asked to be included as a representative.

Cllr Britt, Cllr Cook, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Dore`, Cllr Milner-Gulland,

6. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman read out the Chairman's report - See appendix (A).

7. **Financial Report**

The Clerk gave a financial report - See appendix (B).

8. **Approval of Standing Orders**

It was agreed to provisionally adopt the new model Standing Orders issued by SALC, prior to the Finance Committee considering any relevant changes to make them specific to Washington.

9. **Date of meetings for the coming year**

Cllr Milner-Gulland suggested that members consider changing the day of the meeting for the coming year. After some debate members decided to keep to the 1st Monday in the month, with the exception of the June meeting, which will be held on 14th June, as a number of members are on holiday. When the 1st Monday in the month falls on a Bank holiday the meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday in the month.

14th June 2010

5th July 2010

2nd August 2010

6th September 2010

4th October 2010

1st November 2010

6th December 2010

10th January 2011

7th February 2011

7th March 2011

4th April 2010-

9th May 2011 AGM

Committee dates 3rd Monday in the month

Signed
Chairman

Date 14th June 2010

Chairman's Report May 2010

Another year and needless to say that the most significant event was the adoption of the South Downs National Park.

As the boundary is the A283, there is a large proportion of Washington Parish now within its protection, and after much canvassing by Cllr Milner-Gulland, Washington Common was included, a very significant effort, as it is worthy of this.

The Authority is now elected, and we look forward to seeing how the initial debates on planning and stewardship are resolved.

There is one retrospective planning application, The Winery at North Farm, which could be an interesting test of the view of it being within the new National Park. What impact would the acreage of Vineyards to be planted to meet its capacity for Wine Production have on the current landscape? We shall see.

We were disappointed that West Sussex County Council had no real regards for our Roundabout being on the boundary (and indeed a gateway to) the National Park, and included it within their sponsorship scheme, despite our representations. Although we achieved limited success on what eventually happened there, I do hope that this is not an example of how their stewardship might impact in the future.

A most significant planning application is imminent, that being a proposal for 100 houses on the former Washington Workshops site, adjacent to Hampers Lane. A similar application was dismissed on appeal a number of years ago, and we look forward to seeing how the new applicants have addressed these grounds for dismissal.

We have formed a Wiston Estates Liaison Group that has now met a number of times to, primarily, keep in touch regarding the future of Rock Common Quarry. However, other matters that may have an impact within Washington have also been informally discussed and we are very pleased that we have this opportunity to do so.

On the matter of Rock Common Quarry, there has been some feedback from Parishioners as a result of our newsletter regards possible future use. This has ranged from a reservoir, a diving school and something akin to The Eden Project. I do understand that Wiston Estates has already had some preliminary discussions on at least one of these suggestions, and this is ongoing. They are looking three years ahead, when the sand extraction is due to cease; as the mineral will then be exhausted-but you never know what might be found!

Our home-produced newsletter continues to be extremely well received. I think that this is an appropriate time to thank all those involved in its production and delivery, long may it continue.

Our Washington Walk leaflet is still as popular, and flies off the shelves at the campsite and the pub. I look forward similar leaflets in the future.

The many efforts of our Committees continue to produce results.

It appears that we are to finally have notices on the bridge at the top of The Street warning horse riders to dismount. This has taken three years of constant representation and very hard work!

We are buying Grit bins to be installed throughout the Parish later in the year, which will help keep our Roads and Lanes open in icy conditions.

The entrance to Georges Lane is finally being addressed, which should improve safety at that junction.

We have installed a handrail in Beggars Lane, which will aide walkers on that treacherous footpath.

So, a very busy year, and no doubt a very busy ensuing year.

Thanks, as always to Lindsay our Clerk, all the Parish Councillors and many thanks to all our District Councillors and County Councillor that work so hard for us. We also must thank our MP that has campaigned so hard on rural matters, and has had a significant effect on our amenity.

Lesley C. Britt

Chairman Washington Parish Council

6th May 2010

Washington Parish Council

Summary from 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

Balance at 1 April 2009

Lloyds TSB	2,231.06	
Halifax	27,894.47	
Nationwide	5000	<u>35,125.53</u>

Receipts

Other receipts		40
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		35754.53
PARKS & OPEN SPACES		1423
HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY, BUS SHELTER		203
MISCELLANEOUS INC VILLAGE HALL		48
MUGA		<u>442.45</u>
		<u>37910.98</u>
		73,036.51

Payments

Office		60
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		24226.68
PARKS & OPEN SPACES		6257.64

HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY, BUS SHELTERS

1185.14

MISCELLANEOUS INCLUDING VILLAGE HALL

362

SECTION 137

300

MUGA

386.22

VAT input tax

825.5

33,603.18

Carried forward 31.3.10

39,433.33

Balance at 31 March 2010

Lloyds

6,511.97

Halifax

27,920.93

Nationwide

5000.43

39,433.33