

# WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Washington Parish Council - Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

**Draft MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 15th February 2016 at  
Washington Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Britt, Cllr Heeley and Cllr Milner-Gulland

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None present

**ABSENT:** Cllr Beglan, Cllr Cook and Cllr Lisher.

Cllr Heeley opened the meeting at 19.56 hours

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Beglan (holiday), Cllr Cook (family illness) and Cllr Lisher (holiday)

**2. Declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed and agree**

**Dispensations**

None received

**3. To approve the Minutes of the last Planning & Transport Committee meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting of 18th January 2016 were accepted as being a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Public question time**

No members of the public present.

**5. Planning applications and consultations:**

***SDNP/16/00291/HOUS & SDNP/16/00292/LIS Brockhurst Barn, The Street Washington.***

***Erection of glazed link garden room extension (Full Planning & Listed Building Consent)***

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application but would request that the conservation officer review it carefully.

**DC/16/0158** Barton Spinney Hampers Lane Storrington. Demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement garage. Comments by the 19th February  
After discussion the Committee **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application so long as the garage is tied with the house as one unit to avoid it being split up separate accommodation.

**DC/16/0116** Rockwood House Rock Road Storrington. Erection of a new three bay single storey oak framed and clad garage. Comments by 19th February  
After discussion the Committee **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**DC/16/0148** Linnets, Sandy Lane Storrington.  
Erection of single and two storey side and rear extensions. Replacement of existing UPVC windows and doors with colour coated aluminium framed windows. Replacement of existing concrete roof tiling with plain concrete roof tiles.  
After discussion the Committee **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application although there was discussion regarding whether the plot was crowded by the additional extensions and that the planning authority should be mindful of the point together with the need for adequate screening to be retained where there is overlooking towards the neighbours.

**DC/16/0283** 4 Chancton Copse, Rock Road, Storrington. Fell 1 x Willow Tree(T3) and (T3a), Surgery to 1 x Oak (T1), 1 x Birch (T2), 2 x Poplar (T4 and T5) and (T6) (Tree Preservation Order). Comments by the 26th February  
After discussion the Committee **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application but to defer the decision to Will Jones.

## **6. Enforcement issues update**

Nothing to report

## **7. To receive planning department decisions**

None received.

## **8. Appeals**

There was no update

## **9. Planning and Transport issues**

*To review and discuss the proposal that 30mph signs on the road surface in School Lane are not repainted.*

Cllr Newman had requested that the Council discuss a proposal that the 30mph signs on the road are not repainted and review whether to pursue a 20mph speed limit. Email circulated to councillors before the meeting.

Cllr Heeley commented that councillors had decided in the recent past against requesting a reduction in the speed limit until the effects of new 30mph limit had been fully reviewed. Councillors agreed that the position remains unchanged and that the only issue to consider was whether to reinstate the speed roundels along School Lane. Cllr Heeley informed the meeting that the roundels were due to be removed during

West Sussex County Highway's resurfacing works in the village later in the week but would be reinstated at the Parish Council's request.

But Cllr Newman, a local resident, had suggested in a letter that it was better not to reinstate them. The meeting heard that a case had been put forward not only by Cllr Newman but also by others that the signs were in invitation to drive up to the speed limit. It was their opinion that removing the signage would avoid this. Cllr Britt disagreed and believed the past problem of unrestricted speeding would return, especially down The Street, if there were no signs. She said that the speed roundels, one at the top of School Lane and one at the bottom of The Street, were the only signage available in that location as there were no street lights to indicate the 30mph limit. Cllr Milner-Gulland did not believe that 30mph signs encouraged people to drive at that speed and that people drive at the speed they think is appropriate. Cllr Heeley agreed there was a perception that School Lane was not as fast as a 30mph zone.

After discussion, councillors **AGREED** that the clerk contact the highways authority to reinstate the speed roundels.

*To discuss whether a response to HDC is appropriate regarding DC/14/1937 Laneside, Vera's Walk planning application and apparent lack of consultation with a neighbouring property.*

The council had received an email from a neighbouring property of this application who are concerned about several aspects of the application. These are mainly lack of privacy and an apparent lack of communication from Horsham District Council. Email circulated to councillors.

At the meeting Cllr Heeley reported that the Parish Council had previously not raised an objection to the application, but had requested a condition that borders be maintained to protect neighbours from being overlooked. Cllr Heeley said it appeared this had not been taken forward by HDC. Subsequently, a considerable amount of shrubbery has been cut down to the rear of Laneside and making the property apparent in Sanctuary Lane.

Councillors were sympathetic to the complainants but agreed there was little they could do once natural screening had been removed. Cllr Heeley **PROPOSED** and councillors **AGREED** that the clerk write a letter to Horsham and make a general comment on the issue of maintaining screening as a condition of planning consent. Laneside was to be referenced as another example of screening being chopped down and resulting in neighbours being subjected to the intrusive view of another property.

*To discuss and determine a response to the WSCC proposal for directional signing to Rock Business Park Storrington*

WSCC have sent the Parish, as consultees, details of proposed signage to Rock Business Park.

Email circulated to councillors.

After discussion Councillors **AGREED** they had **NO OBJECTION** to the proposal.

*To discuss concerns from a local resident about the scheduled resurfacing works in Washington on February 16th and 18th and to report any findings.*

The council had received an email from a Washington resident who is concerned that resurfacing work on School Lane should properly address the problem of areas where the road has been artificially widened by the overrun of vehicles on the grass verges. Councillors were informed there has since been a discussion between the resident and Mr David Hoad of West Sussex Highways. Cllr Heeley told the meeting that it appeared that the resident was satisfied with the outcome. However, Cllr Heeley couldn't comment on whether there was still an issue to address in terms of the overrun on the grass verges. Cllr Britt said the Parish Council would need to trust the expertise of West Sussex Highways and hope there would be minimal disruption to residents. Councillors were appreciative that Mr John Lower of Taints Orchard had made an offer to residents in The Street to park at his paddock next to the church during resurfacing works.

**10. Items for the next Agenda**

An update on Washington Parish noticeboard at Millford Grange from Barratts. The Parish Council are awaiting confirmation from the developers that this will be installed in May/June. The site is currently being used by a porta cabin.

An update from Barratts on the screening in the exposed areas of hedging along Hampers Lane. The Parish Council are awaiting details and confirmation from the developers that this will be carried out at the start of the growing season.

Date of next meeting 21st March 2016

The meeting closed at 20.34 hours

Signed.....

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