

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Washington Parish Council - Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

Draft MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23rd May, 2016 at Washington Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr L Britt, Cllr C Beglan, Cllr P Heeley, Cllr A Lisher and Cllr R Milner-Gulland

ALSO: Z Savill (Clerk to the Council)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr Tim Drake

ABSENT: Cllr T Cook (work)

The meeting was opened at 19:45 hours.

1. Election of Chair

Cllr Heeley was elected as chairman following a proposal by Cllr Tony Lisher and seconded by Cllr Milner-Gulland.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr T Cook (work)

3. Declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed and agree Dispensations.

None declared.

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

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

5. Public question time

Cllr Heeley welcomed Tim Drake to the meeting and invited him to comment on his proposal to erect a single two-storey dwelling on land at his home at Longbury Hill House, Veras Walk, Washington. The proposal is the subject of a pre-application enquiry to HDC. Mr Drake said the property is located partly within and partly outside of the Storrington Built Up Area Boundary as an anomaly, with a very clear change in topography to the north and significant tree screening from all views.

He commented that the proposal would represent a simple windfall site as seen elsewhere in the immediacy, which would have no adverse impact on the character of the locality in accordance with the Heath Common Design Statement. He said the dwelling would replace an existing summer house on mainly brownfield site, and the proceeds would be used to modernise the main house for himself and his family. He said the building would be very subtle, using local

materials.

Cllr Heeley thanked Mr Drake for his contribution, and reminded him that the Parish Council was unable to give its views on the proposal before its submission as a planning application to HDC. He advised that in order for the Parish Council to be able to properly consider the proposals, it would be helpful for further clarification of the brownfield description of the site, and to clarify more fully that the property was within the built-up area.

6. Planning applications and consultations:

DC/16/1009 4 Gorse Bank Close, Storrington, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 3AQ

Erection of detached house with integral garage.

Cllr Heeley said the plans proposed a change and increase in the size of the property.

Councillors had previously objected to a previous application for a smaller proposal on the site.

Councillors AGREED NOT to support this application for reasons consistent with their original objection to the previous application at this site ref: DC/14/2612.

SDNP/16/0176/HOUS Washington Memorial Hall School Lane Washington RH20 4AP

Replacement roof

Cllr Heeley informed Councillors that Rob Gerig, on behalf of the WHMC, served a 21-day notice on 2nd May of intention to apply for planning consent for partial roof replacement of the village hall, to the freeholders of the building, Washington Parish Council. The notice was circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

Cllr Britt commented that the proposal was good and in keeping with the property. She added that it was a shame they could not address the leaking in the large hall, nevertheless the proposal was a step forward. Cllr Britt expressed concern about the asbestos clearance and that when the last roof was replaced, worried parents had contacted the clerk despite there being no danger, and that the work had been undertaken by approved contractors.

Cllr Heeley commented that there would not be enough asbestos removed to be of significant level of danger, but was mindful that the removal should be done responsibly.

The clerk asked to contact the WHMC and request that they make advance public notification to reassure people that the asbestos clearance was being safely undertaken by approved contractors.

6. Enforcement issues update

EN/16/0194, Street Record John Ireland Way Washington West Sussex

Alleged breach of legal agreement ref S106 2048 dated 10th October 2012 (Country Park, NEAP, Strategic Landscaped Areas)

Received: 5th May 2016.

Status: Pending consideration.

7. To receive planning department decisions

Councillors **NOTED** the following decisions:

Application Number SDNP/16/01343/HOUS

Location: 3 Chanctonbury Close Washington Pulborough West Sussex RH20 4AR

Description: First floor extension.

WPC Comments: NO OBJECTION to the application

Decision: **Application Permitted**

Date of Decision: 16/05/2016

8. Appeals

There were no appeals.

9. Planning and Transport issues

To receive and consider a quotation to provide an executive summary and interpretation of the recent traffic survey in Washington village.

At the request of the Parish Council, the clerk received a quotation from Bellamy Roberts LLP for £485 excluding Disbursements and VAT, for a summary of the interpretation of the Speed Loop survey carried out by BasePoint Data in March, along the London Road.

An email from Bellamy Roberts was circulated before the meeting.

The clerk informed councillors that WSCC was unable to provide a quotation until staff were available to assign the task of a summary of interpretation.

Clerk to enquire if former parish councillor and Highways Agency officer, John Henderson, can interpret the data or recommend a contractor.

To consider a course of action in response to information received regarding parking by Kia Garage, Washington.

The clerk had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding an allegation that Kia Garage was parking some of its cars on the grass verge in front of the sales area. If proven, the parking would be in breach of their planning condition and could be subject to enforcement action. An undated photo taken by Washington resident, Mr Michael Turley, was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. He asked if it was permissible for cars to be manoeuvred onto grass outside the garage, and if cars can be unloaded onto the grass from transporters. The clerk recently contacted HDC with reference to similar complaints of sales car storage along Sandhill Lane and the slip road leading to the allotments. Horsham had agreed to launch a new investigation into those allegations.

In respect of Mr Turley's photo, the clerk informed councillors that Horsham planning compliance officer, Helen Sissons, had advised that the photographic evidence had not been date and time stamped, and therefore could not be considered as evidence of an allegation of planning condition breach. Any breaches would be investigated with the correct evidence, and the Parish Council advised to contact Horsham with any further incidences.

After a brief discussion, the clerk was requested to ask Mike Turley if the date and time was stored on his camera, and to re-submit the photo as evidence.

Cllr Heeley commented that this would be necessary to re-open the case, as the alleged breaches were not a daily, or permanent occurrence, and a previous case had been closed due to insufficient evidence.

To consider a course of action in response to information received regarding an allegation of dangerous parking at the Triangle, Washington

The clerk had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding an Allegation of dangerous-lorry parking on the corner of the Triangle, at the junction of A283 and the Pike. Mrs Alison Milner-Gulland reported that on most days there is the same coach, plus numerous lorries parked there.

But the coach parking was, in her opinion, extremely dangerous as the exit off the main road was obscured.

A photo to illustrate the point, was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Mrs Milner-Gulland, also reported a Rabbit skip which had been left on the opposite side of the road by the old lay-by. She reported that cars drive at breakneck speed off the A283 to go through the village to avoid the roundabout, and that it was only a matter of time before there would be a serious accident. Mrs Milner-Gulland requested that the PC treat this as a matter of urgency. At the APM, she had requested that the PC enquired about the installation of double yellow lines.

After a brief discussion, the clerk was instructed to report the allegations of dangerous lorry parking to WSCC Highways, with the supporting photos, and to write to the coach

company to alert them to the parking issue by one of their coaches, and request it is parked in a safe location.

For information only:

Suspended bus stops along the A24, Findon to Dial Post.

The chairman received an email from Findon Parish Council, Robin Carr, (chairman of Open Spaces) asking if the PC planned to take any action regarding the closure of bus stops in Washington.

Findon had arranged an urgent meeting with WSCC and had been asked to provide evidence as to the serious effects of the curtailment of the service along the Findon section of the A24, for many residents and schoolchildren, including those outside the Findon Parish.

Cllr Heeley had responded that WPC had not received any complaints about the closures from parishioners and that there were alternative bus stops accessible via the A24 underpass at Washington.

However, in view of the safety issue, Cllr Heeley stated that WPC had decided to await the outcome of a WSCC Safety Review before deciding on any further action, and would be grateful for any useful information resulting from the meeting between Findon PC and WSCC.

Clerk instructed to make enquiries on the progress of the Safety Review of the stops.

10. Items for the next Agenda

Date of next meeting 20th June 2016

The meeting closed at 20.35 hours

Signed..... Dated.....