

# WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Washington Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

**Draft MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 24th April, 2017 at  
Washington Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Beglan, Cllr P Heeley, Cllr J Henderson, Cllr A Lisher and  
Cllr R Milner-Gulland

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 0

**ABSENT:** Cllr L Britt and Cllr T Cook.  
The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.00 hours.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Britt (unwell) and Cllr Cook (holiday).

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

None declared.

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

The minutes of the Meeting of 20th March, 2017 were **AGREED** as being a correct record  
and **duly signed** by the Chairman.

### 4. Public Speaking

No members of the public present

### 5. Planning applications and consultations

#### **DC/17/0670 - Longbury Hill House Veras Walk Storrington Pulborough**

*Extensions to the ground floor, a porch roof extension and  
additional living space in the roof*

Councillors **AGREED** to **NO OBJECTION** to the application but request that hours of  
working are limited due to the close proximity of other properties, and that the size of  
vehicles used by contractors is limited to smaller vehicles due to the narrow lanes

leading to the property.

**DC/17/0801 - Little Acorns Hampers Lane Storrington Pulborough**

*Proposed conversion of existing car port to a playroom and construction of a 2 bay oak framed garage*

Councillors recalled there may be a restrictive clause placed on the southern curtilage of the property, where it adjoins the recreation ground, but have been unable to trace documentation.

**RESOLVED** to request that officers check the existence of this clause, and that if none should exist, councillors **AGREED** to **NO OBJECTION** to the application.

**Enforcement issues update**

No further updates to report

**6. To receive planning department decisions**

Councillors **NOTED** following decisions:

**Application Number:** SDNP/17/00581/FUL

**Location:** St Marys Church Of England Primary School Lane Washington RH20 4AP

**Description:** Single storey extension and internal alterations to provide an additional class base

**Decision:** Approved

**Date of Decision:** 5th April 2017

**WPC Response:** No Objection at the P & T Committee on 20th February 2017, with strong support for the recommendation of a School Travel Plan, and WPC as a statutory consultee. No such recommendation approved by the HDC Planning Authority.

**7. Appeals**

Councillors **NOTED** there were no further appeals at the time of publication

**8. Planning and Transport issues**

**For information only:**

**Report of site meeting at the Country Park, John Ireland Way**

Councillors **NOTED** that Helen Sissons, Senior Planning Compliance Officer at HDC has confirmed re-growth of Japanese Knotweed on the site in the same area as it was originally eradicated. Photos from residents of the new growth also circulated to councillors. The knot weed is amongst a number of outstanding landscaping issues and planning breaches being investigated by HDC. Cllr Marshall had requested that it was on the agenda of the site meeting.

The clerk had previously circulated an email response from Mr Malcolm Wescott that JKW was local to the area. The developer had removed weed discovered on site two years ago and was currently treating known areas as per the current law (their side of Sandy Lane) as well as an area on National Trust land which abuts their fence. Mr Westcott acknowledged that it was a fast-growing weed but stated that the developer cannot be held responsible for any regrowth off site, neither could he see how it could

be transmitted across the road. He would keep an eye on the possibility of contamination.

Councillors **NOTED** concerns from residents that the treatment programme is ineffective. There have been calls for urgent action to eradicate the JKW and for a full survey of the area to be undertaken in order to determine the extent of the problem. Cllr Henderson commented that the JKW would only spread if it was not treated properly. It would not suddenly spring up.

Cllr Heeley commented on websites about JKW which showed that it could easily grow under roads, contrary to Mr Westcott's opinion. He pointed out that a Haywards Heath firm were contracted to carry out the prevention programme, but it would be good to have another view from an independent specialist. Councillors also queried the Hampers Lane screening and that it did not seem to have been carried out, or any mention of it in the site meeting report.

Cllr Heeley proposed and Councillors **AGREED** to request a full independent survey from Horsham District Council of the entire site of the Milford Grange development, and that appropriate enforcement action is taken; they also **AGREED** to request an update on the Hampers Lane screening.

Clerk to thank Helen Sissons for the copy of her report, and to copy in Cllr Paul Marshall.

**Britaniacrest wheel-washing**

Councillors **NOTED** an email from the local WSCC Highways Team which will be investigating reports of the muddy road surface along the A283, the junction of Hampers Lane near the entrance to the sand quarry, and dust from dried mud over the bus shelter outside Milford Grange. The clerk had reported it following complaints from residents that wheel washing of lorries to the site was either not taking place or ineffective, and that they were causing dangerous road conditions. The clerk to be updated on progress.

**9. Items for the Next Agenda**

There were none suggested.

Date of next meeting 22nd May, 2017

Full Council Meeting 8th May, 2017

The meeting closed at **19:25** hours

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