

# WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Washington Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

**MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19th June, 2017 at Washington Village Hall**

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

**ALSO:** Zoe Savill Clerk of Washington Parish Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 0

**ABSENT:**

Chairman Cllr Lisher opened the meeting at 19:30 hours.

**1. Apologies for absence**

No absences

**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 22nd May, 2017 were **AGREED** as being a correct record and **duly signed** by the Chairman.

**4. Public Speaking**

No members of the public in attendance

**5. To consider new planning applications on the current weekly lists from Horsham**

**District Council and West Sussex County Council** (the running order of this item may change at the discretion of the Chairman in order to accommodate any members of the public in attendance).

**DC/16/2440 - Woodleigh Pine Close Storrington RH20 3PF**

*Proposed replacement of existing garden fencing with 2.5m acoustic fencing*

Councillors discussed this application and **AGREED** to the accepted norm of 2m fencing unless the applicant can demonstrate to officers' satisfaction that there is a special case for the additional 0.5m in height.

**DC/17/1132 - Oak House Rock Road Storrington RH20 3AH**

*Proposed garden room extension.*

Councillors considered this application and **AGREED** to **NO OBJECTION**.

**6. Enforcement Issues**

**Alleged breach of condition (DC/10/1457) - Japanese Knotweed**

**Location:** 1 John Ireland Way Washington Pulborough RH20 4EP

**Ref No:** EN/17/0244

**Received:** 12th May 2017

**Status:** Case closed.

**Alleged display of unauthorised signage**

**Location:** Rock Business Park The Hollow Washington West Sussex

**Ref No:** EN/17/0276

**Received:** 30th May 2017

**Status:** Pending consideration

**7. To Receive and Report planning department decisions**

**Application Number:** DC/17/0802

**Site:** Nytetimber Chestnut Close Storrington Pulborough West Sussex RH20 3PA

**Description:** Surgery to 1 x Pine tree

**WPC Decision:** Councillors agreed **NO OBJECTION** at the Council meeting on 8th May 2017.

**HDC Decision:** Application Permitted 5th June

**Application Number:** DC/17/0878

**Site:** Glen Cottage Hazelwood Close Storrington RH20 3HX

**Description:** Proposed installation of circular window to eastern elevation

**WPC Decision:** Councillors agreed **NO OBJECTION** at the Council meeting on 8th May 2017.

**HDC Decision:** Permitted 9th June 2017

**Application Number:** DC/17/0803

**Site:** 2 Bohemia Cottages Georges Lane Storrington RH20 3JH

**Description:** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement side Conservatory, 2-storey rear extension and detached double garage with ancillary accommodation.

**WPC Decision:** Councillors agreed **NO OBJECTION** at the Council meeting on 8th May 2017 within the context of the whole site. However, they questioned the sub-division of the area into a separate plot, and commented that this should be retained as part of the garden.

**HDC Decision:** Permitted 9th June 2017

**Application Number:** DC/17/0403

**Site:** Washington Paddocks London Road Washington West Sussex

**Description:** Construction of 17x hard-standings (pitches) for caravans and associated access road and change of use of paddock to year-round pitches for tents.

**WPC Decision:** Councillors agreed NO OBJECTION at their Council meeting on 3rd April, 2017, and requested that officers are mindful of the Parish's and the SDNPA's Dark Skies Policy with respect to any proposed lighting.

**HDC Decision:** Permitted 9th June 2017

**Application Number:** DC/17/0397-

**Site:** Washington Paddocks London Road Washington

**Description:** Demolition of existing toilet facilities, erection of new toilet, shower and laundry facilities, erection of 1 new dwelling

**WPC Decision:** Councillors agreed NO OBJECTION at their Council meeting on 3rd April, 2017, and requested a condition that the proposed dwelling is tied to the use of the site, and that officers are mindful of the Parish's and the SDNPA's Dark Skies Policy with respect to any proposed lighting.

**HDC Decision:** To be considered by Horsham South Planning Committee on 20th June 2017.

**8. Appeals**

No further appeals at the time of publication

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

### **To Consider a request to West Sussex Highways Authority to restore the road safety surface of the VAS crossing, Washington**

Councillors discussed the recent completion of resurfacing works on Rock Road, the red road surfacing at the blind summit near Hampers Lane, and further planned works along the A283, Steyning Road, Washington.

**RESOLVED** to enquire if West Sussex Highways will be including works to renew the red road surface area and 'Dragon's Teeth' of the VAS crossing, A283 Steyning Road, in their capital works' programme.

### **For information only:**

#### **Protection of Heath Common Lanes**

Cllr Heeley gave a brief outline of the meeting on 16 June he attended with HDC Planning Director Dr Chris Lyons and Barbara Childs Head of Strategic Planning and Sustainability to review options for restoring the protection of Heath Common. Also in attendance were Washington Cllr Cook and Cllr Lisher, Mike Gould (Chairman of the Heath Common Residents' Association) and local resident Robin Tanous, who is knowledgeable of the area's planning history. Cllr Heeley reported it had been a successful meeting with an agreement that planning officers would be briefed to take into consideration Heath Common's special characteristics in future planning applications. It was further agreed that the Village Design Statement should be at the core of the area's protection but required updating in order for it to be considered for inclusion in the HDPF (currently under review).

Cllr Heeley suggested this would be a task which required the support of the Parish Council and members of the local community. All Councillors should be informed and he proposed it is discussed at the next Full Council Meeting together with HDC's report. Cllr Beglan agreed, suggesting that Councillors consider the formation of a working party made up of representatives from the Council and local residents.

#### **West Sussex Motors/Kia garage, Washington: Update.**

Cllr Lisher reported on the garage's plan to relocate Destination Triumph outside the area in the New Year, pending planning approval. Manager Ian Sexton had confirmed the information to the clerk, and agreed to consult the Council on his proposals for parking provision at the Washington site, once the motorbike business has moved. Councillors welcomed the news, but raised concerns about the damage to the grass areas in front of the garage from car parking.

Cllr Heeley proposed, and Councillors unanimously agreed to inform Mr Sexton that they welcomed the opportunity to be consulted on his future plans for the site, and to remind him of his obligations to protect the Notable Verge.

TRO Application for double yellow lines, The Pike, Washington

Cllr Lisher reported that WSCC Horsham Area traffic officer, Mr Stephen Douglas has confirmed to the clerk that the TRO application by the Council has passed an initial assessment. It has been recommended to go forward as a viable TRO, and will now be scored and included amongst proposed TROs for Chanctonbury at CLC. The clerk had been advised that the process can take up to 18 months, if approved.

Parking and pedestrian access improvements, Washington village.

Cllr Lisher confirmed a meeting will take place with St Mary's CE First School and WSCC School Travel Advisor, Pene Mather, to discuss a safer walking to school route and other general parking issues in the village, on 6th July. Cllr Lisher and Cllr Henderson to attend, and report to the next Committee Meeting. Venue and time to be advised.

**10. To Receive Items for the Next Planning and Transport Agenda**

Date of next meeting 17th July, 2017

Full Council Meeting 3rd July, 2017

The meeting closed at **20:10** hours

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

**Abbreviations Key:**

**WSCC:** West Sussex County Council

**HDC:** Horsham District Council

**HDPF:** Horsham District Planning Framework

**CLC:** Chanctonbury Local Committee

**SDNPA:** South Downs National Park Authority

**TRO:** Traffic Regulation Order

**VAS:** Vehicle Activation Sign