

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Washington Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

Draft MINUTES for Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 at Washington Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr L Britt, Cllr T Cook, Cllr J Henderson, Cllr A Lisher and Cllr R Milner-Gulland

ALSO: Clerk to the Council

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

ABSENT: Cllr Beglan (holiday) and Cllr Heeley (holiday)

The meeting was opened at 19:50 hours.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Beglan (holiday) and Cllr Heeley (holiday) submitted apologies

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

None made

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

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

4. Public Speaking

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/18/0192 - Spring House 1 Chancton Copse Rock Road Storrington RH20 3BF

Fell 3 x sycamores and surgery to 1 x oak, 1 x fir, , 1 x cherry and 1 x Pittosporum

Councillors discussed the application and a site visit, and supported the view that the trees were in need of some husbandry and there was no detriment to the loss of the Sycamores which were 'spindly' saplings.

RESOLVED unanimously to make **NO OBJECTION**.

DC/18/0181- Bucks Place Rock Road Washington Pulborough

*Variation of condition 1 to previously approved DC/15/1417 (Erection of a two storey side extension and associated alterations and erection of a proposed four-bay garage.)
Minor material amendments to approved plans to incorporate alterations to internal and external layouts and design changes.*

Chairman reported on a site meeting and the application was discussed. He commented that the changes were minimal and the Council did not object to the original application at their meeting on the 3rd August 2015.

RESOLVED to make **NO OBJECTION** to the application.

DC/18/0258 - Penhallow Bracken Lane Storrington RH20 3HR

Non-material amendment to previously approved DC/17/2678

(Removal of existing side garage and detached garage. Proposed two-storey side and rear extensions, first floor rear extension, and addition of two dormer windows to front roofslope). Change of roofing tiles from existing tile to slate tile

Councillors discussed the application Washington Parish Council made no objection to the original application at their meeting in December 2017.

Chairman commented that is a non-material amendment.

RESOLVED to make no response.

For information only

The Clerk reported that the deadline for responding to the following applications has lapsed because of a 14-day consultation period:

DISC/18/0048 - Former Highway Depot London Road Washington Storrington

Approval of details reserved by condition 2 on DC/16/0679

The Chairman reported that the Council agreed to object to the original application based on its bulk, and its adverse effect on the street scene and the South Downs National Park at the rear of the site.

DC/17/2676 - High Larches Melrose Place Storrington RH20 3HH

Amendment to the application for double garage with open car-port facility; front elevation, boundary wall/fencing; alterations to existing drive and boundary to provide gate access.

The Chairman reported that the Council agreed to object to the original application for the reasons of excessive bulk and negative effect on the street scene, and that he could not see any reason to change the Council's response. Cllr Henderson commented that the Council's original objection should still stand.

RESOLVED to **NOTE** the applications.

6. Enforcement Issues

There were no enforcement notices to report.

7. To Receive and Report planning department decisions

No decisions to report.

8. Appeals

The Chairman reported that Appeal Ref HH/16/0006 regarding a high hedge at 5 Frankland Mead Washington, had been withdrawn on 5th February 2018

9. To Discuss Planning and Transport issues

To Consider a response to a proposed TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) outside St Mary's CE First School.

Email notification of consultation for proposed waiting restrictions (Ref **TRO/CHA8004/RC**) circulated before the meeting. St Mary's School is one of several Chanctonbury schools subject to the proposed traffic Order. Councillors discussed the proposals.

RESOLVED to agree the TRO.

To Consider a renewed application for double yellow lines along The Pike.

The Chairman reported that the Council's last TRO for the Pike was unsuccessful but Cllr Marshall agreed his continued support for a renewed application. A score sheet of the assessment was circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Milner-Gulland commented that it inaccurately stated the Triangle as outside the National Park and that this correction could make a big difference in a new application. He pointed out that refuse lorries had been obstructed, contrary to the report, otherwise it seemed favourable.

RESOLVED to make a fresh TRO application and include the corrections. Clerk to action.

To Consider a Design of signage to protect dropped kerb in Sandhill Lane

The Chairman reported that the Highways Authority is supporting the Council's decision for signage to keep access clear to the pathway in Sandhill Lane, particularly for the disabled. The area traffic officer Steve Douglas advised that as it is not a formal sign, there is no requirement to keep to the measurements proposed in the traffic signs regulations. A link of design options was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed by Councillors.

RESOLVED to defer the design choice to the Highways Authority, subject to cost. Clerk to liaise with Highways.

To Receive correspondence regarding exterior lighting at Washington Paddocks

Councillors discussed a request to know if Washington Paddocks has permission for powerful floodlights, and a photo was circulated. It is alleged that they illuminate the whole area, and are frequently on in darkness. Several Councillors agreed. There were concerns it conflicts with the area's Dark Skies policy. Cllr Britt commented that the floodlights seemed different from those on the original planning application.

RESOLVED to raise the matter with planning enforcement at Horsham District Council. Clerk to action.

To Receive correspondence regarding the Notable Verge by West Sussex Motors, near Washington.

Councillors discussed an access track between the Kia garage dealership and the A283. It was noted that this has made a mess of the Notable verge which is inside the South Downs National Park, and is in breach of a planning condition for the garage. A Type 1 road surface has been removed as a result of an enforcement investigation and top soil laid in its place. The Clerk confirmed the area is being monitored by HDC. However, Councillors reported that recent tyre tracks show it is still being used unlawfully.

RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the garage expressing its disappointment of another investigation, and to request an update of their plans for the site which were anticipated in the New Year.

Urgent maintenance issues arising not on the Agenda

The Chairman reported that a member of the public has reported an overgrown hedge in the village which has obstructed a pathway, and a photo was circulated.

RESOLVED that the Clerk writes a courteous letter to the householder requesting that the hedge is cut back.

Information only

S106 funds for Washington

A list of unspent funds was circulated to Councillors. It shows approximately £25,000 for highways improvement schemes. The Clerk advised that this could include the TRO applications for the Triangle, and 40mph speed reduction on the A283 at Washington as well as safety improvements on the blind junction at Rock Road. The Council is also waiting for a response for the Highways Authority to the proposed pathway improvement scheme between Sandhill Lane and the Recreation Ground.

Longbury Hill Wood

The Clerk circulated an email from a member of the public requesting confirmation of the hours of permitted forestry works at Longbury Hill Wood, and that a badger sett has been found. Clerk informed by contractor that an exclusion zone had been made around what appeared to be an animal entry hole on the boundary. He said there were no restrictions on working hours imposed by the Forestry Commission or HDC and that working will commence from 6.30am in order to meet deadline to complete felling.

RESOLVED to **NOTE** the information

Temporary Road Closure requests:

The Chairman reported the following:

The Pike, Washington.

TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) request by WSCC for temporary road closure from junction of The Hollow to Horsham Road, Washington 16th-18th May 2018 7pm-6am for carriageway surface dressing. Diversion route (if applicable) A283, A24, A27 and A283.

Residents/business, pedestrian and emergency access will be maintained.

Muttons Lane, Washington

TRO request by WSCC for temporary for temporary road closure 30th April - 15th May 2018 for rod rope and test, and install approx. 65m of sub duct cable and any associated blockages in existing in verge/FW/CW-spine route to exchange.

Diversion route: Muttons Lane, Newhouse Lane, Rock Road and vice versa opposite Rosemary Cottage to junction of Rock Road on Muttons Lane from pedestrian, emergency vehicle and vehicular access to properties to be maintained

Hampers Lane

Cllr Cook reported that a sign has been displayed in Hampers Lane to warn of a road closure on 27th February between Sandy Lane and the A283 entrance. It is believed to be in connection with the Southern Water pump station. The Clerk commented that the Parish Council has not been notified possibly because it is a bridleway, but she would make enquiries. Cllr Henderson reported that it was

probably emergency works undertaken under statutory powers, and they could choose to give a few days' notice as a courtesy.

RESOLVED to **NOTE** the information.

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

None proposed.

RESOLVED to circulate the proposal to Councillors.

Date of next meeting: 19th March 2018.

Full Council Meeting: 5th March, 2017

The meeting closed at **20:42 hours**

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

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