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Planning & Transport Committee Meeting

MINUTES of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th June at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room)

PRESENT: Cllr B Hanvey, Cllr P Heeley, Cllr T Keech, Cllr A Lisher (Presiding Chairman), Cllr J Luckin and Cllr J Thomas

ALSO: Clerk to the Council Ms Z Savill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Meeting was opened by the presiding Chairman at 6:30pm.

PT/6/23/1 To Elect a Chair of the Committee for the 2023/24 municipal year
Nominations were sought and it was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Lisher as Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

PT/6/23/2 To Receive and Approve apologies for absence.
None received.

PT/6/23/3 To Receive Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation.
None

PT/6/23/4 Minutes of the last meeting
The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on 17th April 2023 were a correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman

PT/6/23/5 Public Speaking
None present.

PT/6/23/6 Outstanding Actions
The following list of outstanding actions since the last meeting were updated and noted:

Action	Progress
Application for Speed Activation Device in Rock Road. The Highways Authority Assistant Area Manager has suggested a suitable location for the SID in Rock Road (12th June)	To be considered at this PT meeting
Traffic calming measures in London Road through the Village were discussed at the site meeting with Highways Authority Assistant Area Manager on 5 th May	To be considered at this PT meeting.

2023. He is awaiting the Council's decision on preferred scheme. PT Committee to discuss.	
Hatchings proposed outside the Allotment gate to address parking obstruction issues. To be scheduled by the Highways Authority.	Ongoing. Area Highways confirmed (12 th June) there have been delays and will notify the Council of the scheduled work.
To write to the most senior officer of the Highways Authority about the parking issues in The Street. Clerk to action.	Pending – to be expedited

PT/6/23/7 **To Consider consultation responses to planning applications in the parish**
No notifications of planning applications received.

DC/23/0993 – The Clearing Rock Road Storrington West Sussex

Conversion of loft into habitable space, including raising of existing roof height, installation of front and rear dormers. Installation of 16no. solar panels to southern roof slope. Removal of existing balustrade and installation of replacement glass balustrade to first floor rear terrace.

It was noted that comments to this application were deferred at the FC June meeting for consideration by this Committee meeting. But members had overlooked the planning notification, previously circulated, that the date for comments expired on 12th June. .

PT/6/23/8 **To Report Notification of the following application to be considered at the HDC Planning Committee on 20th June 2023:**

DC/23/0701 – Old Clayton Boarding Kennels Storrington Road Washington
Demolition of existing kennels and cattery buildings/structures, and existing dwellings. Erection of a 60-bed care home (Class C2) and 8No. age restricted bungalows (Class C3) with associated access, landscaping and other works (including relocation of existing staddle stone barn).

The meeting notification was previously circulated and noted. A copy of the Council's statement strongly objecting to the application, was drafted by Cllr Heeley and previously circulated. Cllr Heeley reported on the statement and that the Chair of the Storrington & Sullington Parish Council/SSWNP Steering Group, would also be speaking against the application. Members shared Cllr Heeley's concerns about the future of the neighbourhood plan if the application is permitted. They thanked him for kindly drafting the statement and agreeing to read it at the HDC meeting.

PT/6/23/9 **To Report on any Planning Compliance and Enforcement cases**

The following was noted for information:

- There were no HDC notifications to report of further cases in the parish
- A letter from a parishioner alleging planning breaches in some of the materials used in building works at the village pub which is in a conservation area: it was noted that an HDC's Planning Compliance Officer had since confirmed that there were no planning breaches found.
- An email from the Cllr Grech confirming that HDC served a breach of condition notice on 5th June 2023 regarding condition 7 of DC/17/2117 for the temporary access and hardstanding at Longbury Hill Wood, Rock Road. This allows a 30-day period for compliance. It was reported that HDC had to re-issue the notice because the date for prosecution in accordance with the

first notice issued in August last year was missed. This was due to staff shortages and impact on S106 grant decision work which they have been trying to prioritise. Cllr Grech emailed that she hopes this gives the PC some reassurance that HDC is actively dealing with this matter even though progress does appear to be slow.

- A letter was previously circulated from a parishioner alleging a number of incidences of parking on the Notable Verge on the A283 by the Kia garage in breach of a planning condition. It was agreed to refer the matter to the HDC planning compliance team.

PT/6/23/10 Planning Decisions: To Receive and Report on decisions of significant applications in the parish

None received.

PT/6/23/11 Appeals: To Receive and Report on appeals of significant application decisions

None received.

PT/6/23/12 To Discuss traffic calming options for the control of speeding through Washington Village.

Members discussed suggestions of best options for helping to control speeding through Washington Village. It was noted that the matter had been discussed at a site meeting with the WSCC Assistant Area Highways Manager (Central Area) on 5th May last, attended by Cllrs Haney, Heeley and Luckin. The Area Manager had advised the best location for a Speed Indicator Device, just south of the 30mph sign, past Franklands Mead. It was noted that this could be switched every two weeks to collate speed data heading both north and south, and would require a licence from WSCC. Members acknowledged advice that the issue is not the speed limit as there is already a 30mph limit, but rather of enforcement.

An option to extend the speed limit further north was also considered which would require a permanent TRO from WSCC.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hanvey and **RESOLVED** to agree the option of a Speed Indicator Device and the recommended location; and to request yellow-backed 30mph signage which replaces the existing, in order to alert motorists of the approaching device. A final decision on the SID would be subject costs to be approved at a Full Council Meeting. Clerk to write to the Assistant Area Highways Manager of the proposal, thanking him for his advice. Committee to await further instruction.

PT/6/23/13 To Consider the proposed location of Speed Indicator Devices in Rock Road

It was noted that this item had been deferred for over a year, pending a response from WSCC to the Committee's request to grant a licence for back-to-back SIDs in Road.

The Committee had previously agreed that the devices would help control the speeding issue identified on that section by a traffic survey commissioned by the Council in January 2022. The back-to-back option was considered the best value as the SIDs could be mounted on one post, similar to the ones at Coolham crossroads.

An email from the Assistant Area Manager (Central Area) was received on 12th June last, apologising for the delay due to an overwhelming number of safety reports this year. He had kindly assessed the road for suitability of the devices and provided an image of the best approximate location on the verge just north of Gorse Bank Close.

Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to request the suggested location where

it is likely the devices would be seen and reliable but also capture sufficient energy to charge the solar units. This would be subject to costs, to be approved at a future Full Council meeting; to seek confirmation that the quotation previously recommended by the Committee still stands, and that the batteries can be easily accessible in the back-to-back configuration. Clerk to action. Committee to await further instruction.

PT/6/23/14 To Receive Items for the next Planning and Transport Meeting Agenda
None raised.

PT/6/23/15 To Appoint a member to take the minutes of the Planning & Transport meeting in August 2023
Cllr Luckin agreed to minute the August meeting if she is available, in the Clerk's absence. The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and thanked Cllr Luckin. It was further **RESOLVED** that in the event that the meeting does not take place, to delegate planning responses for general applications in the parish by email.

PT/6/23/16 Date and Time of next meetings
The dates and time of the next meetings were noted:
Parish Council Meeting: Monday 3rd July 2023, 7:30pm
Planning & Transport Committee: Monday 17th July 2023, 7:00pm
Open Spaces Committee: Monday 17th July 2023, 7:45pm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 7:14pm

Signed.....

Dated..... 17/07/23.....