

**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th January, 2021 at 7.45pm via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Beglan , Cllr P Heeley, Cllr A Lisher (Chairman) and Cllr K Woods

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: JH

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30 hours.

1. Apologies were accepted from JH (work).
2. There were no **DISPENSATIONS.** PH declaredan interest in planning application DC/20/2504 because it relates to his property.

1. The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 16th November 2020 were **APPROVED.**
2. There was no **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
3. **To consider new planning applications on the current weekly lists from Horsham**

**District Council and West Sussex County Council**

**DC/20/2504 – Uphill Cottage Vera’s Walk Storrington Pulborough**

*TPO application for surgery to 1x Oak*

Members discussed the application, noting it is for surgery to an oak tree to clear

power lines. **RESOLVED** unanimously to make **NO OBJECTION**. PH did not take part in

the discussion or voting.

**DC/21/0010 – Chancton House Rock Road Storrington Pulborough**

*TPO application for surgery to 12 x Silver Birch*

Members discussed the application and **RESOLVED** unanimously to defer to the

Horsham District Tree Officer.

**SDNP/20/05676/HOUS – Rowdell Barn The Street Washington RH20 4AT**

*Erection of single-storey side extension*

Members discussed the application and most agreed that the extension integrated with

the property; would be easily accommodated on the large site and unobtrusive in

countryside because it is not built on the street side..

PH commented on the difficulty of determining how visible the extension would be from

the national park as the available plans were lacking in detail.

**RESOLVED** by 3 votes with one abstention to make **NO OBJECTION**.

Details of all these applications can be viewed on the HDC Public Access webpage at

<https://publicaccess.horsham.gov.uk/public-access/>

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**Enforcement Issues**

None reported.

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

**DC/20/1811 – Old Bungalow Barnards Nursery Rock Road Washington RH20 3BH**

*Prior approval for the enlargement of 2No. existing dwelling houses by addition of a first*

*Floor to each, resulting in an increase height of 2.7m and 2.6m respectively.*

Members noted that this application was permitted on 15th January 2021.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to request a response from HDC to the Council’s letter enquiring the reason it is not permitted to comment on prior approvals, particularly for such a sensitive application AND the reason why, due to the number of objections, the application did not go to the HDC Planning Committee for consideration. The clerk to circulate a recent article in Planning Portal, the Government

online planning information service, about additional permitted development rights for similar proposals.

1. **Appeals**

None lodged or decided.

1. **To Discuss Transport and Planning Issues.**

**Rampion 2 windfarm proposals**: Members noted the proposed onshore electricity cable route through the Washington parish, including the South Downs National Park, Washington Recreation Ground and along the A283 Washington/Steyning Road.

CB reminded members to view the Rampion 2 online ‘village exhibition’ for the public consultation which began on 14th January and ends 11th February. The clerk confirmed that the Parish Council will be considering its response at the next online meeting on 1st February, 2021. CB confirmed that she will be attending the second of the Rampion 2 community project team meetings on 4th February. Members raised a number of issues which they agreed would need responses in preparation for the discussion at the Full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED** to ask the Rampion 2 project team to clarify the black box markers along the mapped cable route; the reasons for routing the cable through the village and not to the south as indicated on an earlier plan; the traffic implications if drilling takes place at the Recreation Ground; location of equipment and machinery storage.

***To Report the following roadworks***

None reported.

1. **To Receive Items for the next Planning and Transport Agenda**

CB requested an item at the end of the meeting for any discussion on Rampion2 for matters arising on their proposals affecting the parish. .

1. **Date of next meetings**

Parish Council Meeting, Monday 1st February 2021, 7.30pm

Planning & Transport Committee Meeting: Monday 15th February 2021, 7.45pm

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**The meeting was closed at 20:19 hours.**

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**Signed……………………………………………..**

**Dated………………………………………………**