**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES for Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th June, 2019 at Washington Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Beglan, Cllr J Henderson and Cllr J Ross.

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 1

**ABSENT**: Cllrs Heeley, Lisher and DeLittle

1. **To Elect a Chairman of the Committee**

Members NOTED that Cllr Lisher is willing to be nominated as Committee Chairman for

the Municipal Year. He was duly nominated, and Cllr Henderson was nominated as

Acting Chairman in his absence.

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Lisher as the Committee Chairman subject to his acceptance

at the next meeting, and Cllr Henderson as Acting Chairman. Cllr Henderson duly

accepted.

1. **Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies received from Cllr Heeley (holiday) and Cllr Lisher (holiday)

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

Cllr Henderson previously declared a non-percuniary interest in Findon to Washington Cycle

Route item. Reason: professional.

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

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there was no meeting in May and that the minutes of the last

meeting on 15th April, 2019 are **APPROVED** as a correct record and **duly signed** by the

Chairman.

1. **Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking

1. **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).

**SDNP/19/02563/FUL - Lower Chancton Farm Steyning Road Wiston BN44 3DD**

*Realignment of existing track and parking area and removal of hardstanding and track*

*to farmhouse*

Members discussed this application and unanimously **RESOLVED** to make **NO**

**OBJECTION.**

**DC/19/1117 - The Apple Barn Rock Lane Washington Pulborough**

*Single storey side extension with internal alterations to southern elevation*

*(Householder)*

Members discussed this application and unanimously **RESOLVED** to make **NO**

**OBJECTION**

**DC/19/1118 - The Apple Barn Rock Lane Washington Pulborough**

*Single storey side extension with internal alterations to southern elevation*

*(Listed Building Consent)*

Members discussed this application and unanimously **RESOLVED** to make **NO**

# OBJECTION

**DC/19/1142 - Garden Cottage Rock Lane Washington Pulborough**

*Use of building known as Garden Cottage as a single dwelling house (Certificate of*

*Lawful Development - Existing)*

Members discussed this application and unanimously **RESOLVED** to make **NO**

**OBJECTION**

1. **Enforcement Issues**

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following:

[**Allegation: Creation of new access road**](https://public-access.horsham.gov.uk/public-access/enforcementDetails.do?keyVal=PSVIWSIJ0G000&activeTab=summary)

Angell Sand Pit Washington Road Storrington West Sussex

Ref. No: EN/19/0233 | Received: Mon 10 Jun 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

The decisions were made for applications in the Washington Parish at the time of publication of the Agenda. Details of planning decisions are available for the public to view on the Horsham District Council planning portal.

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following:

**Application Number:** DC/19/0784

**Site:** Keepers Mount Hampers Lane Storrington Pulborough West Sussex RH20 3HZ

**Description:** Erection of a timber outbuilding

**Decision:** Application Permitted

**Date of Decision:** 05/06/2019

1. **Appeals**

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Appeal Allowed: APP/Z3825/C/18/3197002 - EN/15/0410 - Land at Sandhill lodge, Sandhill Lane, Washington, West Sussex, RH20 4TD

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

*To Consider preferred option of Findon to Washington Cycle Route*

A Study of WSCC’s Phase 2 the Findon to Washington Cycle Route, was circulated before the meeting with an invitation to state a preference for one of the following options:

* Option 1: largely following the alignment of the A24 (estimated cost = £2.6m)
* Option 2: a quieter off-road alternative route, albeit slightly longer and steeper than Option 1 (estimated cost = £1.7m)

Both options incorporate widening of sections of pathway alongside the A283 leading

to the Washington A24 Roundabout, and on the west side of the dual carriageway’s

underpass.

Members NOTED Cllr Paul Marshall’s comments in preference for the second option

because the route is quieter, and that the alternative route alongside the A24

carriageway would be ‘intimidating and polluting’ for cyclists. He hoped that the final

design options can combine the two options in places where the terrain and steepness

in the quieter route can be linked with highway access.

**RESOLVED** to make a preference for Option 2 in principle, welcoming pathway

improvements in Washington and Sandhill Lane, and the opportunity to be involved in

consultation on the details of the final draft submission of the scheme. Clerk to write to

WSCC with the Committee’s response.

*To Consider ways to improve access to the historic Post Box in School Lane, Washington*

Members discussed ways to improve access to the Georgian Grade 2 listed post box which is just behind the wall of the Frankland Arms on the corner of School Lane, in the village conservation area. They NOTED complaints by some residents that it is frequently blocked by parked cars, making it impossible to post letters. Advice from West Sussex Highways’ was circulated and discussed. It was further NOTED that any parking restriction was unlikely to be effective because of the high need for parking in that location.

**RESOLVED** to seek relocation of the post box to a position near the entrance gate of the pub, in consultation with the landlord, the Post Office and the South Downs National Park Authority. Clerk to action.

To Consider ways to prevent further erosion of the protected verge by West Sussex Motors and to resolve parking issues of sales cars in Sandhill Lane and near the Allotments.

Members NOTED the enforcement complaints over the years that the protected verge is being used by the nearby West Sussex Motors garage as access to their sales cars and the highway, in breach of the 2006 planning permission. They discussed ways to prevent further erosion of the verge which is within the South Downs National Park and which is believed to be owned by the National Trust. It was NOTED that most of the roadside posts which were originally installed to meet planning conditions, had rotted and needed more robust replacement. West Sussex Highways Authority has advised that short posts/bollards would not require a TRO. A recent letter of complaint from a local resident about the continued parking of sales cars by the garage in Sandhill Lane was also discussed, together with similar parking complaints outside the allotments in London Road.

It was reported that the garage’s plans to free up more onsite parking two years ago, relieving the pressure of parking in nearby roads, had failed to materialise. They had also failed to meet an agreement to keep the Parish Council informed. Members

agreed that a letter should be written to the resident to acknowledge their dissatisfaction and that there was little which can be done to prevent cars from parking legally on the highway unless they are untaxed. It is hoped that an improvement scheme for the top end of Sandhill Lane, which forms part of the proposed Findon to Washington cycle route, will help resolve the issues.

**RESOLVED** to contact the landowner for consent to install small wooden posts to prevent cars spoiling the notable verge. Clerk to action. Cllr Henderson to prepare an estimate of costings of posts for consideration by Full Council.

Items tabled for information:

The Chairman advised of the following items:

*Referendum of the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan*

The joint Neighbourhood Plan will be decided by public referendum on Thursday 18th

July, 2019. Details are published on the Council’s website, and advice and polling cards

posted to every elector in the parish by Horsham District Council. Washington’s polling

station will be at the Washington Village Memorial Hall, School Lane. A hard copy of

the plans can be viewed at St Mary’s Church, Washington and the Storrington Library.

*Design statement for the proposed 40mph speed reduction on A283 Storrington Road*

Members NOTED and welcomed the proposed design statement by West Sussex

Highways for the 40mph speed reduction past Millford Grange, and Cllr Paul Marshall’s

formal acceptance.

Traffic Officer for the Horsham Area, Steve Douglas, has confirmed that the

Parish Council’s separate TRO to extend the 40mph restriction to the roundabout is

being processed for consideration by the Chanctonbury Local Committee in November.

*Scheduled road works in the parish*

Road closure from the junction of School Lane, Washington to the end of the road

8:00-18:00 on 24-25 June 2019 for carriageway patching by West Sussex Highways

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the information.

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| 10. To Receive Items for the Next Planning and Transport Agenda  1. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there were no items received.   **11.Date of next meetings**  Parish Council meeting, 1st July, 2019  Open Space and Planning & Transport committees: 15th July, 2019  **The meeting closed at 20:15hrs.**  **Signed…………………………………………….**  **Dated…………………………………………….** |
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