

**Washington Parish**

 **Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020 at 7.15pm via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform

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

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 2 Members of the Council

**ABSENT**: None

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1. The were no **APOLOGIES** for absence.
2. There were no **DISPENSATION** requests and no **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on agenda items
3. The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 19th October 2020 were **APPROVED.**
4. There was no **PUBLIC SPEAKING**
5. **To consider new planning applications on the current weekly lists from Horsham**

 **District Council and West Sussex County Council**

 **DC/20/1320 – Oaklands Rock Road Storrington Pulborough**

 *Fell 1 x Pine and Surgery to 6 x Oaks*

Members discussed this application, noting there were no published objections on the

 Horsham District Council Planning Portal at the time of the meeting.

 **RESOLVED** unanimously to defer to the Horsham District Council Tree Officer’s

 recommendation and to comment on the lack of clarity of the Location plan.

 **SDNP/20/04962/TCA - St Marys Gate The Street Washington RH20 4AS**

 *Fell 7 x Cypress Trees (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area*

 Members discussed this application, noting there were no objections published on the

 Horsham District Council Planning Portal at the time of the meeting.

 **RESOLVED** unanimously to make **NO OBJECTION** subject to the Horsham District

 Council Tree Officer’s recommendation.

 **DC/20/1951 – 7 John Ireland Way Washington Pulborough**

*Erection of an outbuilding, construction of a swimming pool, spa and gym.*

Members discussed this and noted there were no objections published on the Horsham

 District Council Planning Portal for the application at the time of the meeting.

 **RESOLVED** unanimously to make **NO OBJECTION.**

 **Enforcement Issues**

 None to report.

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

 None to report.

**6. Appeals**

 None lodged or decided.

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

 **To Receive and Discuss planning advice on front fencing heights along public rights of way on the**

 **Heath Common Lanes.**

Members considered planning advice in response to a query by a resident on the height of

 fencing at a property in Vera’s Walk. Mr Rob Leet, Planning Compliance Officer for HDC, explained that

 the 1m maximum front fencing height requirement for a highway, without planning permission, does not

 apply to Vera’s Walk because it is a cul-de-sac, only accessible to its residents and their visitors. He

 further pointed out that the purpose of the legislation is highway safety and not amenity value.

 Some members queried the legislation on how it could apply to Vera’s Walk, which is also a designated

 public right of way used to access other parts of the ‘Lanes’ network. They expressed concern why the

 1m rule applies to only some of the lanes, and that the Heath Common Design Statement (HCDS)

 which seeks to protect their amenity, is being disregarded. They noted a similar issue with a another

 property on the ‘Lanes’ and looked forward to being consulted upon the planning application

 **RESOLVED** unanimously to raise these points with Mr Leet, pointing out the value and purpose of

 the HCDS.

**8. Roadworks**

 None to report.

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

None requested.

1. **Date of next meetings**

 Parish Council Meeting, 14th December 2020, 7.30pm

 Committees: Monday 18th January 2021. Times to be confirmed.

 There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was closed at **19.55 hours.**

 **Signed……………………………………..**

 **Dated……………………………………….**