

**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th March, 2021 at 8:00pm via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform

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

**ALSO:** Zoe SavillClerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: 0

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8:00pm

1. There were no apologies.
2. There were no **DISPENSATIONS.**

1. The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 18th January 2021 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/21/0224 - Washington Towers Caravan Park London Road Washington RH20 4AJ**

*Application to confirm the continuous use of land as a naturist facility for a period in excess of ten years (Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing).*

Members discussed this application and noted there were four comments from neighbours on the Horsham District Council Planning Portal in support. **RESOLVED** unanimously to make **NO OBJECTION**

**DC/21/0362 - The Orchard London Road Washington West Sussex RH20 3BP**

*Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation with addition of dormers to rear elevation*

Members discussed this application and **RESOLVED** unanimously to make an **OBJECTION** as it could set a precedent for similar development with the potential to be used for holiday lets. Members request that if planning officers are mindful to approve the application, that occupation should be restricted to family members of the main property.

 **Planning Compliance Issues**

 EN/21/0062 22/02/2021 Blueberry House Hampers Lane Storrington West Sussex RH20 3HZ

 Alleged: use of private lane for storage of vehicles. Case closed. Reason: Not expedient.

 **To Receive and Report planning department decisions**

None to report.

1. **Appeals**

None to report.

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

**To Consider reports of access issues into Washington Village**

Members discussed a letter from a resident to West Sussex County Council seeking a solution after an ambulance was forced to divert via the A283 because it could not pass parked cars in The Street and School Lane. He has calculated that an ambulance and a fire engine would not be able to pass the narrowest point in The Street unless vehicles, with the exception of the smallest cars, are prevented from parking. WSCC has advised that it does not have any parking enforcement powers and that any obstruction would be a matter for the district enforcement team and Sussex Police. They further advised that a long-term solution may be parking restrictions and that this would require a Traffic Regulation Order. Details of the application process was included in their reply.

Members commented on the difficulties of restricting parking as many of the properties do not have a driveway. It was noted that any parking restrictions would likely worsen the problem and would not be supported by those residents who would be affected.

 An email from another resident was also discussed which raised concerns with the ORSA Committee’s recommendation for parking bollards along School Lane to protect the verge. He has alleged that this would create problems with parking which is already limited in and around the village and urges the Council to seek a better solution. The Clerk has replied to note his correspondence and that it will be reported to the next Full Council meeting when it considers OSRA’s recommendation.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to defer the matter of a TRO for parking restrictions until a resident makes a formal request for an application to be considered.

 ***To Report the following roadworks***

 None to report at the time of publication.

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

None proposed.

1. **Date of next meetings (via Zoom)**

 Parish Council Meeting: Monday 12th April, 7.30pm

 OSRA Committee Meeting: Monday 26th April, 7:00pm

 Planning & Transport Meeting: Monday 26th April, 7:45pm

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was closed at 8:22pm .

**Signed……………………………………………..**

**Dated………………………………………………**