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**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES** for Committee Meeting held on Monday 21st January, 2019 at Washington Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Beglan, Cllr P Heeley, Cllr J Henderson, Cllr A Lisher and Cllr R Milner-Gulland.

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council, Miss Z Savill

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: Cllr Ross

The meeting was opened at 18:45hrs

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ross (holiday)

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

No declarations received.

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

There was no meeting in December. The minutes of the Meeting of 19th November, 2018 were **AGREED** as being a correct record and **duly signed** by the Chairman.

**4. Public Speaking**

A resident raised concerns about the speed of traffic which cut through the village, from the eastern junction of the Pike with the Steyning Road/A283 to avoid the Washington A24 roundabout. She appealed to the Council to have the 30mph signs moved from their current location at the bottom of the Pike, to the opening of the junction to slow the traffic. This would be in line with the 30mph signs at the western end junction further along the road.

Members considered the request under the following item brought forward on the Agenda.

*To Consider a request for 30mph sign on A283 Steyning Road eastern junction of the Pike*

Members discussed the request from the member of the public raised during the public session.

Images of the eastern and western junction of the Pike were circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to check the status of the road with West Sussex County Highways and review at the next

meeting.

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).

**DC/18/2518 - Southview Sanctuary Lane Storrington Pulborough**

*Proposed single-storey rear extension*

Members discussed the application and unanimously **RESOLVED** to **NO OBJECTION**

1. **Enforcement Issues**

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the clerk has written to Horsham District Council regarding enforcement investigation EN180593 (now closed - no planning breach) Little Thatch Vera’s Walk, requesting an investigation into the use of the Heath Common Design Statement as supplementary planning guidance. A response will be reported to the next meeting.

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

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that planning decisions are available for the public to view on the Horsham District Council planning portal.

**8. Appeals**

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there were no further appeals to report at the time of publication of the agenda. The clerk has submitted the Council’s response to the appeal APP/Z3825/W/18/3204807 (Ref: DC/17/2117) Longbury Hill Wood, Rock Road. Appeal is by written statements.

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

*To Consider projects for unspent Transport Section S106 funds for the parish*

Councillors discussed various options for the unspent S106 funds for improving transport infrastructure

in the parish, notably to improve the countryside access of the southern end of Georges Lane to the

National Trust car park and as a link to the South Downs National Park, and improving pedestrian and

transport safety of Rock Road to the A24. A report of a meeting with the National Trust, landowners

for the section of the Georges Lane concluded that they support a more permanent solution to its

resurfacing but funding is limited. It was NOTED that the Parish Council was prompted to take part in

the discussions following a report from a Washington resident that the bridleway was in a poor state

and not suitable or safe for its intended purpose.

The Parish Council and Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC), have already supported in principle WSCC’s feasibility

study into potential improvements to crossing and footway facilities on the A283 Storrington Road

from Claytons Farm, at the southern end of Georges Lane. Both elements feature in the County

Councils walking and cycling strategy and provide better sustainable travel links between local

communities and leisure routes to the wider countryside.

Members also discussed ways to address concerns of increasing speed and volume of traffic

Along Rock Road to the A24, the safeguarding of school children who use it for access, and also the

safety concerns regarding the school bus collection point in Old London Road near the A24.

It was NOTED that the Washington roundabout is close to reaching its traffic capacity and there is the

potential it will get much worse as a result of the development at Abingworth and proposed housing

at Thakeham Tiles and other local sites designated for housing in the emerging Storrington, Sullington

and Washington Neighbourhood Plan. Members discussed various improvement options, including a

40mph speed limit from Muttons Lane junction. It was the general consensus of opinion that there

were insufficient S106 funds available, and only a small amount was anticipated from the Abingworth

development. Washington PC is awaiting firm proposals from Thakeham PC and neighbouring

councils following a meeting in December to discuss CIL spending strategies, likely to be towards a

community mini-bus scheme.

**RESOLVED** to raise the Council’s concerns about Rock Road and the A24 junction in a letter to

WSCC, listing the new and emerging local development, the potential for more children using

Rock Road, and to request when they propose to commence a study of these issues.

**RESOLVED** to write to West Sussex County Council for confirmation that the S106 funds

will be available to improve the amenity value and access from the southern end of

Georges Lane to the National Trust car park, and the wider countryside. Clerk to action.

*To Consider a TRO to extend 40pmph limit along A283/Storrington Road to the*

*Washington roundabout.*

The Chairman reported that Cllr Paul Marshall supports the PC’s application for a 40mph speed limit to

extend past Millford Grange to the Washington Roundabout. A 40mph section from Sullington to

Millford Grange was approved by the Chanctonbury Local Committee before Christmas, scoring

significantly higher than neighbouring TROs. Members NOTED that WSCC are currently looking to

upgrade part of the southern footway of Storrington Road, within the Highway boundary, to a standard

suitable for shared use between the Washington roundabout and Public Bridleway 2691. It was the

general consensus of opinion that a safer speed limit would need to be a prior consideration and would

improve the safety of the proposed new footway.

**RESOLVED** to re-submit the Parish Council’s original application for a TRO to reduce the

speed limit to 40mph to the Washington Roundabout, to include reference to the

proposed new footway and support from Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC). Clerk to action.

*To Consider invitation to Exhibition of preferred site allocations for the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan.*

Members considered an invitation to attend the exhibition of preferred site allocations

for the emerging Ashington Neighbourhood Plan, on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd

February at the Ashington Community Centre. Preferred sites will not be released until

the exhibition.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Committee Cllr Lisher and Vice-Chairman of the

Council, Cllr Henderson, would attend and report back to the Council

***For information only:***

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the WSCC revised Public Notice of 3-week overnight only closure of

the A24 northbound at Washington to Buck Barn crossroads from 8pm on 28th January

to 16th February 2019. Closure between 8pm and 6am only, to carry out carriageway

joint sealing works. Alternative routes will be signed via A283, A2037, A281, A272.

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

**RESOLVED** to follow-up on the meeting with neighbouring councils on a CIL funding strategy to

address joint issues arising from new development.

Date of next meeting: 18th February, 2019.

Full Council Meeting 4th February 2019

**The meeting closed at 19:30hrs**

**Signed……………………………………………**

**Dated……………………………………………**