

**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES** of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th January, 2020 at Washington Village Hall

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

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Parish Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: 0

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.45hrs

1. **Apologies for absence**

None.

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

None

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

 The minutes of the Meeting of 18th November 2019 were accepted as being a correct record and duly

 signed by the Chairman.

1. **Public Speaking**

None.

1. **Matters arising from previous minutes**
* **Kia garage dealership, Washington**

Clerk reported there is still no response to the Council’s letter to the Head Office of the Washington Kia garage dealership on 21st October regarding the parking issues from sales cars on the protected verge and nearby Sandhill Lane.

Members expressed disappointment at the lack of response and the continued erosion of the protected verge by sale vehicles at the garage.

Cllr Heeley proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Henderson that the Council reports the matter to Horsham District Council’s Enforcement team, with photo evidence. Another member reported that a car transporter parks on the A283 Steyning Road outside the garage at least monthly to deliver cars. Members noted that this is a further contravention of the planning conditions of the garage.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to the proposal. Clerk to action.

* **Southern end of Georges Lane access to the National Trust car park**

The Chairman reported from the National Trust regarding its management of this section: wet weather has hindered re-grading of the road surface but the NT is progressing with its application for grant funding for countryside stewardship of the proposed forestry track.

**RESOLVED** to note the information.

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).

 **WSCC/001/20 – Washington Sand Pit Hampers La, Sullington RH20 3EX**

*Variation of conditions 1,2,4,8,19 and 22 of planning permission WSCC/009/18/SR*

 *to allow two further years’ extraction and restoration by 2028.*

 *Application details circulated with Agenda.*

 Members discussed the application for the quarry which borders the Washington parish.

 They noted the applicant’s reasons for extending the completion date of the extraction

 and restoration of the quarry. However, they expressed concern at this further delay as well

 as the impact on the local road network by the continued HGV lorry movements.

**RESOLVED** to welcome the restoration of the site but to express its concerns and that

 residents need certainty on a completion date of the scheme.

**DC/19/2469 – Bracken Cottage, Bracken Close, Storrington RH20 3HT**

 *Surgery to 2 x Oak trees (tree preservation orders*

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

 **RESOLVED** to note the following:

 **Enforcement Issues**

  **Alleged:** [**Breach of condition 16 of DC/10/1457 (acoustic boundary fence)**](https://public-access.horsham.gov.uk/public-access/enforcementDetails.do?keyVal=PJD08CIJ02S00&activeTab=summary)

 Street Record John Ireland Way Washington West Sussex

 Ref. No: EN/18/0586 | Received: Fri 07 Dec 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

 **Alleged breach of legal agreement ref S106 2048 dated 10th October 2012 (Country**

 **Park, NEAP, Strategic Landscaped Areas)**

Street Record John Ireland Way Washington West Sussex

 Ref. No: EN/16/0194 | Received: Thu 05 May 2016 | 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.

**WSCC application decisions:**

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| **Application Number** | WSCC/044/18/SR |
| **Location** | Sandgate Park Quarry, Water Lane, Storrington, Pulborough, RH20 4AS |
| **Proposal** | Continuation of working the mineral (sand extraction), but with an enhanced restoration scheme for nature conservation and informal recreation involving the importation of 1.8 million tonnes of inert material over a period of eleven years |

Decision: Planning permission granted subject to conditions. Details are available on the WSCC planning website:

<https://westsussex.planning-register.co.uk/planning/display/WSCC/044/18/SR>

 **RESOLVED** to note the decision.

1. **Appeals**

**RESOLVED**  to note that there are no appeals lodged or decided in the Parish, at the time of this meeting.

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

**To Report forthcoming Regulation 18 Public Consultation of the HDC Local Plan 2019 – 2036**

The Chairman reported that from 17 February, Horsham District Council will be publishing its assessment of the sites that have been put forward for development in the district. Feedback is invited from residents, community groups and all other interested parties. All are encouraged to sign up for email updates on the Local Plan Process at [www.horsham.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/localplanreview) The Consultation runs in February and March.

Members noted that part of the Longbury Hill Woods, Rock Road, is being put forward by developers in the Call for Sites process, and that it is not included in the Neighbourhood Plan for development. The land is subject to re-planting conditions before June 2020 by the Forestry Commission.

**RESOLVED** to note the information. The Parish Council’s consultation response to the sites assessment will be considered at the next Planning & Transport Committee Meeting on Monday 16th March 2020.

**To Report on Soft sand review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan**

The Chairman reported that the proposed draft soft sand review has been published prior to its submission to the Secretary of State. A new soft sand quarry at Ham Farm, just outside Washington, in the neighbouring Wiston parish, is included in the revised strategy for West Sussex. Once completed, the joint strategy with the South Downs National Park Authority will form part of the Joint Minerals Local Plan.

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to make representations on the soundness and legal and procedural compliance of the review before the 2 March deadline.

The review takes into account the comments received earlier in the year on the issues and options, including Washington Parish Council’s response. These will then be considered by an independent Planning Inspector at examination before the review can be adopted.

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Parish Council will consider an invitation to respond to the review at its meeting on Monday 3rd February, 2020. The Review is published on the Parish Council’s website.

**Longbury Hill Wood: To Report further on re-planting.**

Members noted correspondence on 20 December 2019 from Andy Glover, Field Manager for the Forestry Commission, to residents and interested parties. It is in response to residents’ enquiries about the re-planting time-scale for the woodland as part of the Felling Licence 019/180/17-18. Members noted the following extract from the correspondence:

‘…*Given the felling took place in winter 2018 and the conditions set a 2 year deadline of to carry out restocking, the owners will need to replant by the 30th June 2020. In practical terms, the replanting needs to be completed during the coming winter otherwise the chances of tree survival are significantly reduced. If restocking is not undertaken as agreed then the procedure is that we will issue an Enforcement Notice. Failure to comply with the requirements of an Enforcement Notice can lead to prosecution.*

*Planning Regulations can have a bearing on Forestry Regulations. If a Planning Authority decides to grant planning permission, that will over-ride any felling licence conditions. However, in reaching any decision we would encourage the local planning authority to consider this land as woodland in its normal regeneration phase. We consider woodland in all stages of development to be vitally important in terms of age and species diversity, for example to support a diversity of wildlife and resilience to climate change. We have already advised the local authority that this land is subject to restocking conditions.’*

Clarion Homes has confirmed its intention to make a submission to include part of the woodland in the Local Plan’s Call For Sites process. See above minute item.

**RESOLVED** to note the information and to monitor replanting of the woodland in the in spring.

***To Report the following roadworks***

* B2139 Thakeham Road/Rock Road, Storrington 11th-29th November: Traffic control (multi-way signals) at Thakeham Junction for WSCC signalised junction improvement support Rydon School and pedestrian improvement. Delays likely

Clerk’s note: improvement scheme is scheduled for completion end of February with a two-week break at Christmas.

**RESOLVED** to note the information.

1. To Receive items for the next Planning & Transport Agenda

**RESOLVED** to note that none were proposed.

1. Date of next meetings.

Parish Council Meeting: 3rd February 2020

Committees: 17th February 2020

The Meeting was closed at 20:24 hrs.

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