**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th March, 2020 at Washington Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Henderson, Cllr a Lisher (Chairman) and Cllr P Heeley.

**ALSO:** Zoe Savill Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**:

**ABSENT**: Cllr Beglan and Cllr Woods.

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20:10 hrs

1. **Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** apologies from Cllr Beglan (medical) and Cllr Woods (medical).

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

None received.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on 17th February, 2020 were AGREED as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

1. **Public Speaking**

None

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/20/0395 – Sandhill Lodge Sandhill Lane Washington Pulborough**

 *Removal of conditions 1 and 2 (personal occupancy) and variation to condition 3*

 *(ancillary use of cabin to mobile home known as Sandhill Lodge) of planning permission*

 *Granted through EN/15/0410 (APP/Z3825/C/18/3197002) to allow the timber cabin to*

 *be used for purposes ancillary to Sandhill Lodge.*

 Members discussed this application and **RESOLVED** to make an **OBJECTION** for the

 following reasons: the conditions were imposed by an appeal inspector allowing

 permanent occupancy for the appellant and his family; the arrangement is for the long

 term benefit of the applicant and his family and there is no reason given why that

 should be lifted.

 **DC/20/0444 – Fernwood Bracken Lane Storrington Pulborough**

 *Erection of a front dormer extension and installation of 4 x rooflights.*

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

 **Enforcement Issues**

 **RESOLVED** there were no further issues to report.

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

 DC/18/2095 - Thakeham Tiles, Rock Road, Storrington

*‘Outline planning application for the demolition of all existing buildings, the erection of 90 dwellings with associated works and the formation of a new access onto Rock Road. All matters to be reserved, except for means of accesses.*

Members noted the decision letter with conditions previously circulated and published on the HDC Planning Portal.

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the outline application is approved by HDC on 20th August 2019.

1. **Appeals**

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there were no further appeals lodged or decided in the Parish to report.

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

 **To Consider and Agree a consultation response to the Regulation 18 Public**

 **Consultation of the HDC Local Plan 2019 – 2036**

 Members discussed the Clerk’s draft consultation response to the Horsham District

 Local Plan review based on comments agreed at the Full Council Meeting (March 2020)

 and those kindly drafted by Cllr Hanvey. **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the draft response with

 minor amendments. Clerk to submit response to HDC.

 **To Receive quarterly CIL report and consider any improvements for funding.**

Members discussed the latest quarterly CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) report of

 development funds available in the parish: £11,198.590 from the former Highways

 Depot, London Road, and £1,200 unspent S106 monies. The Clerk reported that she has

 made a bid for SDNPA (South Downs National Park Authority) CIL funds towards the

 Parish Council’s agreed capital project, the proposed link pathway on the Recreation

 Ground which is expected to cost in excess of £22,000.

 Members noted the SDNPA application criteria for the Parish Council to also seek

 district CIL monies available to the Parish. Members also discussed HDC’s unconfirmed

 proposals for a solar-powered street light by the bus stop to replace the faulty one they

 recently decommissioned. It was noted that the Parish Council had previously declined

 HDC’s request to fund the replacement costs in excess of £2,000 as well as take over

 the Principle Authority’s maintenance responsibility.

 **RESOLVED** to apply for CIL funding towards the Parish Council’s link pathway on the

 Recreation Ground and offer £1,200 S106 monies to HDC on the condition they proceed

 with the solar-powered street as soon as possible, and before next winter.

 **To Consider a request to find a solution to traffic problems in Newhouse Lane**

 Members discussed the following recent concerns from a member of the public:

 impatient divers are using Newhouse Lane, a normally quiet country road, as a rat-run to

 the A24, to avoid the Washington Roundabout; they cut up the verges and spread mud

 onto the road which makes it even more dangerous. It was noted that there had been an

 increased use of Newhouse Lane as a detour via Muttons Lane since tree works had

 closed sections of Rock Road. Members were sympathetic and hoped that the problem

 would ease once the pine tree overhanging Rock Road had been felled on 17th March. It

 was also noted that an HDC sweeper had been requested by Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) to

 clean the muddy road. Members commented that whilst motorists are obligated to drive

 appropriately, there is nothing which can stop their lawful right to use a public highway.

 They discussed the issues of traffic volume and speed in the wider context of issues with

 Rock Road, noting the recent outline planning consent for 90 homes at Thakeham Tiles

 which will generate more traffic. Member were mindful of the following: any further

 30mph speed reduction along Rock Road will require a TRO with data to be procured

 privately (advice from Chris Stark, West Sussex Highways Authority re Rock Road in 2018)

 and categorising a road as urban leads to issues with development and obligations for

 increased street lighting (comment re Rock Road, from County Councillor Philip Circus in

 2015).

 Members noted similar issues along the A283 past Millford Grange and the Parish

 Council’s recent success in securing a 40mph speed reduction on that stretch. They

 agreed that a similar speed reduction on the 50mph stretch of Road Road between

 Muttons Corner and the A24 junction may be the most feasible option.

 **RESOLVED** to make a TRO application for the 40mph speed reduction. Clerk to action.

 ***To Report the following roadworks***

 **RESOLVED** to note that the leaning scots pine in Rock Road is schedule to be felled

 On Tuesday 17th March by UK Power Networks. Power will be turned off temporarily

 beforehand. This section of Rock Road to be closed from 16th March.

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

**RESOLVED** to note there were not items submitted.

1. **Date of next meetings**

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that due to government advice on the coronavirus, the Council

agreed at its Emergency Meeting (16th March) to suspend all its meeting until further notice, in the interest of public safety.

**The meeting was closed at 20.43 hours.**

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 **Signed……………………………………………..**

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