

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Washington Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

MINUTES of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021 at 7:45pm at the Washington Village Hall (Dore Room)

PRESENT: Cllr C Beglan (CB), Cllr P Heeley (PH), Cllr A Lisher (Chairman) and Cllr J Thomas (JT)

ALSO: Clerk to the Council Zoe Savill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:45pm

1. Apologies for absence.

None

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

There were no declarations of interest

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Transport Meeting held on 20th September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Speaking

There were no members of the public .

5. To Report Matters Arising from the last meeting

The following item was noted:

- **Draft West Sussex Transport Plan Consultation:** the Parish Council's comments have been received and acknowledged by West Sussex County Council.

6. 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/21/2011 – Hemingways Hampers Lane Storrington Pulborough RH20

Fell 1 x Oak and Surgery to 1 x Oak, 1 x Sycamore and 1 x Hedge

Councillors discussed this application and RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTION.

DC/21/1989 – Sevenoaks Sanctuary Lane Storrington Pulborough RH20 3JE

Fell 1 x Cypress

Councillors discussed this application and RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTION

DC/21/2285 – 20 Spring Gardens Washington West Sussex RH20 3BS

Erection of side and rear extensions and a new front porch

Councillors discussed this application and RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTION.

SDNP/21/02975/HOUS – Warren Hill House Storrington Road Washington RH20 4AQ

Erection of a greenhouse on the site of a former greenhouse.

Councillors discussed this application and RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTION.

7. Planning Compliance – for information only

It was noted there were no reports of cases in this parish.

For information.

The following was also noted:

Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics

The latest monthly statistics from Horsham District Council for planning compliance cases was previously circulated and NOTED.

Natural England Position Statement for Applications within the Sussex North Water Supply Zone

Members noted correspondence from Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) on a report from Natural England of its concerns about new development and the impact upon water neutrality. This has meant that that further consideration will need to be given to planning applications as well as having implications for the Local Plan. Horsham District Council has cancelled planning committee's schedule this week, pending legal advice.

8. To Receive and Report planning department decisions

It was NOTED that there were no decisions on significant applications to report.

9. Appeals

It was NOTED there were no appeals lodged or decided at the time of the meeting.

10. To Report Matters Arising from the last meeting.

None to report

11. To Discuss Transport and Planning Issues.



To Consider an invitation to lead on a traffic calming scheme for Rock Road, Washington
Members discussed concerns from a resident about speeding along the 40mph stretch of Rock Road between the Georges Lane and Newhouse Lane junctions.

Correspondences from Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) and Mr Steve Douglas (West Sussex Highways Authority) with advice on traffic calming options were discussed. One option is a Speed Indication Device (SID) which flashes both sides and would cost the Parish Council in the region of £2,000. The device would only require a licence by WSCC which is free. Alternatively, the Parish Council could apply for a Community Highways Scheme for a WSCC Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) similar to the one by the Kia garage dealership by the Washington roundabout. Members discussed this and PH proposed a speed survey in two locations along Rock Road as a first step to determine how many vehicles are speeding: one between the two junctions and one immediately to the west of the blind summit (between Hampers Lane and Chancton Close). It was further proposed that the clerk enquires about effectiveness and full costs of the SID at Amberly. **RESOLVED to AGREE** the proposals subject to a quotation for the traffic survey for consideration at the next meeting. Clerk to seek quotations.

To Discuss a complaint about inconsiderate driving and speeding on the public Rights of Way network of 'The Lanes', Heath Common, and Consider any further action.

Members discussed a resident's reports of speeding and dangerous driving on the 'Lanes' and an invitation for the Parish Council to take action. It was agreed by Members that the Parish Council was unable to act because the 'Lanes' network is private, maintained by residents and with no public access. However, residents with concerns about dangerous driving are encouraged to log details of incidences and report them directly to the Police, especially with photographic or video evidence. **RESOLVED** that the clerk writes to the resident with the Committee's advice.

To Consider further amendment of the Planning & Transport Committee's Terms of Reference on delegation of minor planning consultation responses

At the FC Meeting in July (Min Ref 23.35.3) it was resolved that the Council's consultation responses on minor planning applications should be delegated to nominated Councillors in the Clerk's absence. The Council Chairman reported that minor applications, such as tree surgery, can make for an unnecessarily long FC meetings. Following a discussion, the Committee Chairman proposed that minor applications which miss the Planning & Transport meeting agendas at any time are delegated to the Members for a consultation response by email, and not just in the clerk's absence. It was further proposed that the Committee Chairman and the Clerk decide on the applications for delegation and publication on the Council's website at least 3 clear days beforehand **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** the proposals and to amend the Standing Orders accordingly. To be considered for approval at the next Full Council meeting on 1st November.

To Report roadworks in the area – for information only

It was noted that current road works on the A24 in the parish were scheduled for completion overnight on 18th/19th October. There were no other road works to report. Details for any road works are published on the following link: <https://one.network/custom/westsussex>

12. To Receive Items for the next Planning and Transport Agenda

CB requested that the state of road signs in the parish are discussed at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meetings in the Dore Room, Washington Village Hall:

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 1st November, 7:30pm

OSRA Committee Meeting: Monday 15th November, 6.30pm
Finance Committee Meeting: Monday 15th November, 7.15pm – Budget Review
Planning & Transport Meeting: Monday 15th November 8:00pm
No Committees in December.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman concluded the meeting at 20:42 hrs .

Signed.....



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15/11/21