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**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th March, 2019 at Washington Village Hall**

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

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: Cllr Ross

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:55hrs

1. **Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Ross (holiday)

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

There were no declarations of interest

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

The minutes of the Meeting of 18th February, 2019 were **AGREED** as being a correct record and **duly signed** by the Chairman.

1. **Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking.

1. **To consider new planning applications on the current weekly lists from Horsham**

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 **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there were not planning applications to report.

1. **Enforcement Issues**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there were no decisions to report. Details of new planning decisions are available for the public to view on the Horsham District Council planning portal.

1. **Appeals**

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

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

*Request for a meeting with Barbara Childs, Heath of Place at HDC, to discuss*

*how the Heath Common Design Statement can be more effective - update.*

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the clerk has sent a reminder of the Council’s invitation to Barbara Childs requesting a meeting. Cllr Paul Marshall has confirmed he would like to attend, subject to his availability. Clerk to follow up.

*To Consider a TRO for traffic safety improvements along Rock Road and the A24 junction*

Members discussed the email response from Stephen Douglas (Traffic Officer for the Horsham Area, West Sussex Highways Authority) to concerns about the road and A24 junction, and the Chancton Copse junction, raised at the previous meeting. They NOTED that signage will be improved in the next 2-3 week, following a recent survey of road signs in the area around the junctions with Merrywood Lane and Newhouse Lane. Beyond this, Mr Douglas explained that there is no mechanism or process by which the County Council does a general risk assessment on a section of the public highway.

 He further advised that all infrastructure concerns regarding local housing

 development, should be picked up at the planning stage and taken up with the district

 council.

**RESOLVED** to wait 12 months to assess improvements from the signage scheme, and how proposals for the Thakeham Tiles development, if approved, will address issues raised by the Highways Authority.

*To Consider a TRO to protect the Notable Verge by the A24 Washington Roundabout*.

Members discussed a proposal to better protect the Notable Verge by the Kia garage dealership which is within the South Downs National Park. A system of wooden posts and a bund of sympathetic sign was put forward as a way of preventing cars from driving across the protected verge in breach of the planning condition.

Members NOTED that a long term solution is needed after years of planning enforcement has proved unsuccessful, and the dealerships’s plans to eliminate the problem have failed to materialise

**RESOLVED** to write to the Highways Authority for guidance on a solution, and if the proposed scheme could be considered as a realistic and viable option. Clerk to action

*To Report on a further meeting with National Trust regarding improvements to the*

*southern section of Georges Lane public bridleway.*

The Chairman reported on good progress with the National Trust in finding a a permanent solution to improving the southern end of the bridleway. The Trust has ruled out the £100k tarmac option because of the expense, and that S106 and CIL funds were unlikely to be available. Instead, the Trust will seek quotes for a forestry-style track which can be tar-sprayed and chipped. It is hoped that the ongoing Forestry works in Warren Hill will make the scheme eligible for a grant from the Forestry Commission, with dummy gates at the southern entrance to restrict access. A further meeting is planned in May.

 **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

*To report West Sussex Highways’ response to a request to move 30mph signage on*

*The Pike slip road*.

Members NOTED that Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) has requested confirmation from the Highways Authority that a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is required to move the 30mph signage in the slip road by The Pike.

**RESOLVED** to defer discussion to the next meeting, pending Highway’s response and

support of a TRO from Cllr Marshall

*To Report scheduled road works in the parish*

**RESOLVED** to**NOTE** the following

* A283 Washington Road, Sullington, Stop/Go boards 20-21 March 2019 for stud removal prior to carriageway surface dressing between Heather Way and Hampers Lane by West Sussex Highways.
* Rock road, Washington, road closure between Muttons Lane and Georges Lane

25 -27 March 2019 09:3o to 16:30 for tree works by West Sussex Highways.

* A283, Washington Road, Sullington, multi-way signals 2 -4 Apr 2019 for Openreach fibre cabling works.

 ***For information only:***

 **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** WSCC’s acknowledgement of the PC’s response to the Soft Sand Review of the

adopted West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan

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

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following:

Date of next meeting: 15th April, 2019

Full Council Meeting 1st April, 2019

**The meeting closed at 20:15hrs**