

**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th July, 2020 via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform

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

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: Cllr P Heeley

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 19.35 hrs

1. **Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence (holiday) from Cllr P Heeley.

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

**RESOLVED** there were no declarations of interest

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

**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting on 16th March, 2020 and to be duly

signed by the Chairman at the next physical meeting.

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/20/1270 - Shambles Bracken Close Storrington Pulborough**

*Surgery to 1 x Silver Birch*

Members discussed this application. They NOTED there were no objections from

neighbours published on the Planning Portal. **RESOLVED** unanimously to make **NO**

**OBJECTION.**

**DC/20/1249 – Apple Barn Rock Lane Washington Pulborough**

*Removal of Condition 4 of previously approved application DC/19/1117 (Erection of a*

*single-storey side extension with internal alterations to southern elevation) Relating to*

*the removal of the glazed link. The internal layout has been modified to reflect the*

*removal.*

Members discussed this application. They NOTED there were no objections from

neighbours published on the Planning Portal. **RESOLVED** unanimously to make

**NO OBJECTION**

**DC/20/0775 – Pump House Cottage The Hollow Washington Pulborough**

*Erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey side extension*

Members discussed this application. They NOTED there were no objections and

comments from two neighbours published on the Planning Portal in support of the

application. Members also NOTED the technical advice to the applicants to put

mitigation measures in place regarding the stream on site and flood zone.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to make **NO OBJECTION.**

**Enforcement Issues**

[**Alleged: Erection of structure in the garden of the property without planning permission**](https://public-access.horsham.gov.uk/public-access/enforcementDetails.do?keyVal=QCBQPTIJ02S00&activeTab=summary)

Pump House Cottage The Hollow Washington Pulborough West Sussex RH20 3DA

Ref. No: EN/20/0288 | Received: Mon 22 Jun 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** there are no details published on the Planning Portal and may be

related to the current planning application DC/20/0775.

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

**DC/20/0883 – Bungalow Barnards Nursery Rock Road Washington**

Restoration of glasshouses. Application permitted 10th July 2020

**RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the information.

1. **Appeals**

None reported at the time of publication of the agenda.

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

**To Receive quarterly S106 and CIL report and consider any projects for unspent**

**monies.**

The Clerk reported that she is waiting for HDC to confirm if a proportion of the

parish’s £3,660 remaining S106 funds can be spent on repairing the London Road bus

stop light by the Recreation Ground. A sum of £2,000 was previously quoted for repairs

by HDC’s contractors but is now out of date. Members discussed this and noted that the

S106 funding should meet the criteria of improving transport infrastructure since it is

intrinsically linked to provision of lighting to make a bus stop useable.

**RESOLVED** to await HDC’s response regarding the bus stop. If there are S106 funds still

available, members also agreed that the council should make an application for funding

towards a survey and early outlay design work of the proposed link pathway

on the Recreation Ground before seeking quotations. Cllr Henderson agreed to assist

the Clerk in an application.

**To Consider a response to the A24 Worthing to Horsham Corridor Feasibility Study**

A copy of the webinar presentation from WSCC about the Study was previously

circulated. Members discussed this and **RESOLVED** to make the following response:

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* Impact on access to bus services in this area, particularly Washington village, and lack of lay-bys serving bus stops along A24 corridor: bus services have been very adversely affected because of the lack of lay-by provision along this part of the A24. The issues should be a priority for measures to support bus services otherwise there is a risk that the parish will lose them;
* Crossing measures at the Washington Bostal: to consider impact on village bus services. Bus companies have reported in the past that if the Washington Bostal was closed, they would not divert to the A24 Washington roundabout and into Washington village because of the impact on the timings of buses further along the route, and therefore they would no longer serve the village.
* South Downs Way/Washington Bostal measures: to consider the opportunity to improve pedestrian/equestrian/cycle crossing provision which connects both sides of the South Downs and those communities severed by the A24. A good quality crossing would have serious benefits not just for residents, particularly in Glaseby Lane, but also for tourism generated from the recreational use of the nearby South Downs Way.
* Junction of Rock Road /A24: safety issues and whether current provision is adequate for the increases in volume of traffic generated and anticipated by the recent and emerging development projects in the locality e.g. Thakeham Tiles and Abingworth Meadows developments, and those designated in the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan.
* Assessing impact on neighbours and neighbouring villages of options put forward – will there be consideration for this as the plans are developed?
* Junction capacity and delays at the A24/A283 Washington Roundabout – the

Parish Council welcomes that this is being recognised as an issue to be

addressed.

* The Parish Council supports comments from Cllr Paul Marshall (Leader of West Sussex County Council and local representative for the Storrington Division) in which he has raised the issues of public transport and pedestrian, cycling and horse-riding access as the highways are a shared space; the capacity and delays of the Washington roundabout and that this is now at full capacity

**To Receive notification of public consultation on the proposed Rampion 2 Offshore**

**Windfarm off the West Sussex coast and to consider a response.**

Members considered the letter from the planning inspectorate and consultation document

(from the at the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010117-000006>)

Members made the following points:

* Washington parish (southern end) lies in the middle of the scoping boundary for the proposed cable, a 50- metre section extending across the A24 and across the top of the South Downs. Members commented that it appeared to be the location for a large section of the works, making it also a favoured location for a large construction base.
* Members noted that although this seemed to be the shortest option, and the least visually intrusive compared with pylons, they were concerned about the overall environmental impact of the windfarm proposals.
* In the absence of a full traffic assessment, members were concerned about the impact from construction traffic on the A24 and its access points.
* They were also concerned about the possible implications of using greenfield sites for a construction base which could then be re-classified as brownfield and put forward for future housing developments.
* In the absence of insufficient information, it was RESOLVED to defer comment until the public consultation on detailed proposals and full transport assessment; to request details and location of proposed construction base.

***To Report the following roadworks***

**22-23rd July 2020: A24 London Road South Bound, Washington**

Lane closure for cyclical gully emptying.

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

**RESOLVED**

1. **Date of next meeting**

Full Council Meeting: **Monday 7th September 2020**

Committees**: Cancelled until further notice.**

**The meeting was closed at 20.10 hours.**

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**Signed……………………………………………..**

**Dated………………………………………………**