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## Planning and Transport Committee Meeting

**MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room)

**PRESENT:** Cllr B Hanvey (BH), Cllr P Heeley PH), Cllr T Keech (TK), Cllr A Lisher (Chairman), Cllr J Luckin (JL) and Cllr J Thomas (JT).

**ALSO:** Clerk to the Council Ms Z Savill

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 14

**ABSENT:** 0

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:21pm.

**PT/11/23/1 To Receive and Approve apologies for absence**  
None

**PT/11/23/2 To Receive Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations**  
Declarations of prejudicial interest was received from Cllr Luckin on the next item during the public session as it forms part of the proceedings of the meeting. Reason: Neighbour.

**PT/11/23/3 Minutes of the last meeting**  
The Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Planning & Transport Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 as a correct record which was duly signed by the Chairman.

**PT/11/23/4 Public Speaking**  
Mr Mike Jones, on behalf of Wiston Estate, gave a presentation on their early proposals for a small primarily affordable housing scheme of 6 dwellings in the village, mainly for estate workers and residents. A "garage site" in the village's conservation area, adjoining Bowleys in The Street, had been identified as a possible site. Mr Jones explained that the estate was well aware of the sensitivity of the site, and was seeking opinion from the council, community and the SDNPA, to see if there was a consensus before submitting a formal planning application. He explained that it was the estate's intention to provide well-designed, landscaped affordable homes that would benefit the local community.

Cllr Heeley commented that the rejection of the site in the Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan, would be an important consideration for the council if it was to comment on a future housing proposal.

Mr Jones explained the need for affordable housing in lots of communities like Washington, and that there were not enough brownfield sites on the estate inside the park to meet this. The estate hoped to reach a compromise but if the feedback is that it is not a good idea, the estate would not make the application.

Cllr Hanvey, raised a number of issues, including parking from the additional traffic generated by the housing proposals, particularly as they are close to the junction of School Lane. Mr Jones agreed this was fair comment and that the estate was working with traffic consultants to look at the parking element in particular.

Mr Jones responded to queries from several residents particularly about the line of trees on the site. He explained that the trees are in a conservation area and not one will be lost for the development. Cllr Heeley asked if the estate planned to hold a public meeting as clearly there was a lot of strong local opinion. Mr Jones said at this early stage, the estate was looking at initial feedback to the scheme before deciding whether to progress to a planning application. He agreed he would be happy to answer any individual questions and concerns if people wanted to raise them by email after the meeting. He would provide pre-application information and his contact details for publication on the council's website.

*The Chairman thanked Mr Jones for speaking at the meeting and members of the public. All left the meeting.*

**PT/11/23/5 Matters Arising from the last meeting**

To Receive a report of Outstanding Actions and Matters Arising from the last meeting. Members noted the report in Appendix 1 and updates reported at the meeting.

**PT/11/23/6 To Consider consultation responses to planning applications in the parish:**

**DC/23/1983 – 16 Montpelier Gardens Washington RH20 3BW**

*Erection of a single-storey side extension*

Members considered this proposal, noting there were no objections in the published application documents. The Committee **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**DC/23/2025 – Morningside 5 Gorse Bank Close Storrington Pulborough**

*Erection of a single-story rear extension, extension of existing rear dormer and Construction of a new front gable. Conversion of existing garage and alteration of The existing fenestration.*

Members considered this proposal, noting one letter of support in the published application documents. The Committee **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**PT/11/23/7 Planning Compliance**

None reported.

**PT/11/23/8 Planning Decisions: To Receive and Report on decisions of significant applications in the parish**

None reported.

**PT/11/23/9 Appeals: To Receive and Report on appeals of significant application decisions**

None reported.





**PT/11/23/10 Planning & Transport Issues: To Sign WSCC Licences for Speed Indicator Devices in Rock Road and London Road.**

It was noted that the Council had agreed at its meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> last, to the speed indicator devices in London Road and Rock Road. Assistant Area Highways Manager had agreed that once the licenses are signed and returned to him, the Council could "proceed with the installation." The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would make arrangements after the meeting for the Chairman to counter-sign the licences and email back to the Assistant Area Highways Manager.

**PT/11/23/11 To Receive Items for the Next Planning and Transport Meeting Agenda**

Cllr Hanvey asked about progress on the PC's approved Community Highways Scheme to improve the Rock Road/A24 junction. The Clerk reported that she was waiting for an update from Cllr Marshall, which he agreed to look into after the last FC meeting. Cllr Hanvey requested that the Council discusses the implications of HDC's anticipated decision on the Local Plan, which is going to their Full Council on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Committee agreed to add an agenda item about the Local Plan at the FC meeting in January, pending Cllr Grech's feedback.

Cllr Luckin asked if there will be an update on the enforcement investigation previously reported about Corner Cottage in the village. The Clerk explained that she would aim to publish a decision once a notification is received from the HDC planning enforcement team, if it is received in time for the agenda of either a Council or the Planning & Transport Committee meeting.

**PT/11/23/12 Date and Time of next meetings**

**Personnel Meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7:00pm**

**Parish Council Meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 7:30pm**

**No Committee meetings in December**

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 8:00pm

Signed.....

Dated..... 19/10/23

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**Appendix 1**

**Outstanding and Matters Arising since Planning & Transport Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Action	Progress
Sign licence agreements for the Speed Indicator Devices in Rock Road and London Road	In progress. See main agenda. Signatures to be sought from the Chairman/Vice-Chairman after the meeting.
Request WSCC Highways Authority to review its decision not to support the PT Committee's request for yellow-backed 30mph signage in London Road. Clerk to	In progress. Awaiting response from the Assistant Area Highways Manager.