

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 21st February 2022 at 7:45pm at Washington Village Hall (Dore Room)

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

ALSO: Clerk to the Council Zoe Savill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

ABSENT: Cllr A. Lisher (AL/The Chairman)

The Meeting was opened by PH at 20:05 hours.

1. To Elect a Chairman of the Meeting

Due to the absence of the Committee Chairman it was proposed by JT and seconded by CB to elect PH to Chair the meeting. PH agreed and was duly elected.

Apologies for absence.

RESOLVED to **ACCEPT** apologies from AL.

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

None declared.

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

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the minutes of the last meeting on 24th January 2022 to be duly signed by the Meeting Chairman

4. Public Speaking

Mrs Julie Luckin spoke on her objections to the planning application reference:

SDNP/22/00287/HOUS-St Marys Gate The Street Washington RH20 4AS

Erection of a detached garage, and creation of new vehicular access from School Road.

Mrs Luckin, who lives in the neighbouring property, reported 27 public objections to the application on the SDNPA public portal.

She summarised objections based on the proposed “unethical” loss of beech trees, which are crucial to the amenity and ecology of the historic location; the dangers to pedestrians, particularly school children, from the proposed second driveway access onto a blind brow and very narrow lane; the large garage which is not in keeping with the main and surrounding properties of the village’s Conservation Area, and would also be detrimental to the privacy of 3 neighbouring properties including her own. One of the neighbours also spoke against the application.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Luckin for her comments and explained that the Committee would take these into consideration when it discussed the application later in the meeting. Mrs Luckin thanked the Chairman before leaving the meeting.

5.To Report Matters Arising from the last meeting

None to report

6.To consider new planning applications on the current weekly lists from Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council

SDNP/22/00287/HOUS-St Marys Gate The Street Washington RH20 4AS

Erection of a detached garage, and creation of new vehicular access from School Road.

Members discussed the application and noted comments from two neighbours during the public session. The main concerns expressed by Members were twofold: the proposed second access onto School Lane. They felt this was dangerous due to its reduced visibility on the brow of a hill, and onto a narrow lane which is used by children and parents for the nearby school. They were also concerned about the bulk of the proposed garage which they felt was an intrusion on the street scene of the village’s Conservation Area. For these reasons, Members **RESOLVED** to make a **STRONG OBJECTION** to the application.

DC/22/0210 - Tall Timbers Tudor Village Storrington Pulborough

Erection of first floor and single storey side extensions.

Members discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**

DC/22/0219 -Land Adjacent to Spring Gardens London Road Washington RH20 3BP

Creation of new paddock entrance following removal of existing entrance

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

SDNP/20/04281/HOUS-- 1 Rose Cottage The Street Washington RH20 4AS

Installation of a dormer window to the rear elevation. Retention of a modern ground floor stud partition with an access doorway (Householder Application).

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

SDNP/20/04282/LIS - 1 Rose Cottage The Street Washington RH20 4AS

Installation of a dormer window to the rear elevation. Retention of a modern ground floor stud partition with an access doorway (Listed Building Consent).

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

7.Planning Compliance – for information only

None to report.



8.To Receive and Report planning department decisions – for information only

HDC Decisions (from notifications sent to the Parish Council) on significant applications only:

None reported

SDNPA Decisions on significant applications only.

None reported.

9.Appeals

None reported.

10.To Discuss Transport and Planning Issues.

To Discuss and Agree further action on speed loop data results on Rock Road.

Members reviewed the survey results of two speed loops placed along Rock Road in January by Base Point Data at the Parish Council's request. It was noted that the analysis by Bellamy Roberts showed a speeding issue at the second location, a long straight open section near Gorse Bank Close where 85% of the traffic was recorded travelling 6.1mph-8.4mph above the 40mph limit. The first site, west of the brow of the blind summit, showed that 85% of traffic was travelling at or a little (1.9mph) above the limit. Members discussed various options to reduce the speed. It was agreed a SID (Speed Activation Device) for 40pmh would be effective but a 30mph speed reduction would risk urbanising the area. It was further noted that a SID would require a Section 115 licence application to the West Sussex County Council which involves a public consultation. A copy of the Parish Council's available reserves for highways improvements was copied to members before the meeting.

Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to seek quotes for up to two SIDS (Speed Activation Devices) or double-sided, to be reviewed by Full Council before making a Section 115 licence application.

To Discuss and Agree spending of S106 funds for public transport improvements in the parish

Members noted that there is £3,660 unspent S106 funds available to be used solely towards improving public transport in the parish. This excludes the £1,950 allocated for the bus stop light in the village in London Road. **RESOLVED** to defer to the next Planning & Transport or Full Council Meeting pending enquiries by JT to determine which of the voluntary local mini bus providers serves Washington.

To Agree comments for submission to WSCC's A24 Worthing to Horsham Corridor Feasibility Study

Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next Planning & Transport Meeting. This is pending availability of a recording of the recent stakeholders' webinar discussions and details of the design proposals from West Sussex County Council. Clerk to seek an extension of the deadline for comments until after the next committee meeting on 21st March 2022.

To Agree comments for submission to the National Highways' A27 Arundel Bypass public consultation

Members noted correspondence from WSALC (West Sussex Association of Local Councils), Mr Trevor Leggo (24th January) to Washington Parish Council, Storrington & Sullington Parish Council and Pulborough Parish Council inviting them to consider supporting the scheme which should reduce traffic on the A283 through those villages, and hopefully improve air quality.

Details of the National Highways' proposed refinements of the preferred Grey Route of the A27 Arundel bypass were copied to members before the meeting, together with the Parish Council's original consultation response in support of the route. It was noted that the whilst the route

alignment as a whole had not changed, the biggest changes in refinements to potential crossings, mitigation and junction designs would be to the west in the Arun area.

National Highways have invited comments on the detailed aspects of the scheme, ahead of submission of the Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate this year. If the application is approved by the Secretary of State with no delays, construction may start in 2024. Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to recommend fully supporting the scheme as it would benefit the parish in reducing some of the through traffic. To be considered for approval at the next Full Council Meeting before submitting the response.

To Report roadworks in the area – for information only

None reported. It was noted that details of all roadworks in the area would be reported at:

<https://one.network/custom/westsussex>

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

None submitted.

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

The following dates were noted:

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 7th March 2022, 7:30pm

Open Spaces Committee Meeting: Monday 21st March 2022 7:00pm

Planning & Transport Committee Meeting: Monday 21st March, 7:45pm.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 21:00hours.

Signed.....

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