

**Washington Parish Council**

**Planning and Transport Committee Meeting**

**Draft MINUTES** of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7:45pm at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room)

**PRESENT:** Cllr P Heeley (PH), Cllr T Keech (TK), Cllr J. Luckin (JL) and Cllr J Thomas (JT)

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 0

**ABSENT**: CB and AL

The Meeting was opened at 19:45hours.

1. **To Elect a Chairperson of the Meeting.**

PH indicated his willingness to chair the committee’s first meeting of the new municipal year. There were no other nominations. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that PH chair the meeting and he accepted.

1. **To Elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.**

 The Clerk reported that AL had indicated his willingness to continue as Chairman of the

 Committee. There were no other nominations received. It was proposed and seconded and

 unanimously **RESOLVED** that AL be duly elected in his absence as Chairman of the Committee for

 ensuring year. AL to confirm his acceptance at the next meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from CB and AL and it was **RESOLVED** that they be **ACCEPTED**.

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

No declarations were made as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct.

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

**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting on 25th April 2022 as a correct record to be duly signed by the Chair of the meeting

1. **Public Speaking**

None

1. **To Report Matters Arising from the last meeting**

The following information was NOTED

* **Speed indicator devices(SID) on Rock Road:**

Three traffic management specialists have confirmed their interest in quoting for Speed

Indicator devices on Rock Road to be considered at the next meeting.

1. **To consider consultation responses on planning applications in the parish**

None reported.

 **Reports on planning compliance in the Parish – for information only**

 None reported

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

 **Local Planning Authority decisions on significant applications in the parish:**

 None reported~~.~~

**10..Appeals lodged or decided in the parish**

 None reported

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

 **To Discuss residents’ concerns about the safety of London Road in Washington Village and**

 **consider proposed action.**

 JL reported on residents’ concerns about traffic cutting through village at speed to avoid the

 congestion at Washington roundabout. Members discussed her report circulated before the

 meeting and the suggested measures to help make it safe especially for the children who walk to

 the local school. Members took into consideration plans to create a third lane at the Washington

 roundabout which may help reduce traffic through the village. It was noted that this was

 not anticipated for another two years and would not prevent traffic accelerating from the Pike as it

 comes off the A283; plans by the South Downs National Park Authority to improve village links to

 the South Downs Way, to include a shared path on the Bostal. A public consultation on the scheme

 was still pending.

 Members discussed whether it would be worth exploring a traffic solution in the meantime which

 would be low cost and quicker to implement such as a 20mph speed limit in the village and a speed

 activation device. They considered the difficulty in meeting the Highways Authority criteria

 for the provision in the absence of the required accident statistics. The last traffic survey in 2016,

 following the speed limit reduction to 30mph in 2015, did not show a significant speeding issue. JL

 pointed out that there were numerous observations of speeding in the village. She had also

 spoken to highways contractors who confirmed that the London Road was even too dangerous for

 their litter pickers without a closure in place.

 Following further discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to write to Cllr Paul Marshall

 explaining the issues, with a copy of JL’s report, and to request a site meeting to discuss available

 options. JL and JT agreed to attend. Clerk to circulate a copy of the 2016 traffic survey and

 interpretation of the data by former Cllr John Henderson.

 **To Report roadworks in the area**

 It was NOTED that roadworks are reported at the West Sussex live map at: <https://one.network/custom/westsussex>

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

JT requested a discussion on parking obstruction at the junction of School Lane and London Road.

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

 **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 6th June 2022, 7:30pm

 **Open Spaces Committee:** Monday 20th June 7:00pm

 **Planning & Transport Committee**: Monday 20th June 2022, 7:45pm

There being no other business to transact ,the meeting was closed at 20:27hrs

**Signed……………………………………………..**

**Dated………………………………………………**