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Planning & Transport Committee Meeting

MINUTES of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 22nd April 2024 at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room)

PRESENT: Cllr B Hanvey, Cllr T Keech, Cllr A Lisher (Chairman) and Cllr J Luckin.

ALSO: Clerk to the Council Ms Z Savill and 2 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:30pm.

PT/4/24/1 To Receive and Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies with reasons for absence from Cllrs Heeley and Thomas were **APPROVED**.

PT/4/24/2 To Receive Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation.

None received

PT/4/24/3 To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 19th February 2024

The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting on 19th February 2024 with one amendment to replace the word 'south' with 'east; under minute item PT/2/24/10.

PT/4/24/4 Public Speaking

A resident spoke in support of his TRO application for double yellow lines and no parking signs on the short sections of Old London Road near the exits of Lamorna Close and Vineyards Close, to improve driver visibility. He confirmed there was strong local support from residents in both roads who had replied to his written email consultation.

The Chairman brought forward the following agenda item for consideration:

PT/4/24/5 To Consider supporting a TRO application for parking restrictions on a section of the Old London Road, Washington.

Members discussed a TRO application for double yellow lines and no parking signs on the short sections of Old London Road near the exits of Lamorna Close and Vineyards. The application was previously circulated.

The applicant confirmed that his proposal had strong local support from residents in Lamorna Close and Vineyards Close who had responded to his consultation, and also from Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC). Members took this into consideration with the

applicant's responses to queries during the public speaking earlier in the meeting. Following further discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** unanimously to support the TRO application as described at the meeting. The applicant thanked the Committee.

PT/4/24/6 To Report Actions and Matters Arising from the last meeting

The following updates were noted for information:

- Meeting with Sussex Police on Thursday 25th April 2024 at the Dore Room, Washington Village Hall, to discuss issue of traffic cutting through the village at speed, especially via the A24 bus lane. Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC), Cllr Luckin and the Clerk have agreed to attend.
- Meeting with Kia garage to discuss parking concerns, on Wednesday 1st May 2024: Cllr Emma Beard (HDC) and Cllr Luckin have agreed to attend. Cllr Thomas to confirm attendance.
- The Council's request to the Highways Authority (HA) to reconsider yellow-backed 30mph speed signage on the London Road/Bostal: Feedback from Cllr Marshall is pending on his enquiries to the HA.

PT/4/24/7 To Report on Planning Compliance updates from Horsham District Council

None reported.

Wall and landscaping scheme at the village pub: It was noted that Cllr Grech agreed at the last Full Council Meeting to enquire if there is a breach of planning conditions for the wall and landscaping, and how this was being handled by HDC. Following a discussion the Committee asked that the Clerk contacts Cllr Grech for an update ahead of the next Full Council meeting.

PT/4/24/8 To Receive and Report on decisions of significant planning applications in the parish

None reported.

PT/4/24/9 To Received and Report on planning appeals in the parish

None reported.

PT/2/24/10 To Review the maintenance schedule and location of the Council's Speed Indicator Device in Rock Road for recommendation to the Council.

Members noted that the Council had written to WSCC fully supporting the relocation of the SID in Rock Road to just east of Gorse Bank Close, subject to costs, as agreed at the last PT meeting (19th February 2024).

The following options for Wilbar Associates, the original contractor, to relocate the existing battery-powered device and a solar-powered option, were considered:

- To replace the existing post with 4.5m 89mm posts and re locate sign to hold both SID and Solar panel £742.50 +VAT
- To supply a post extension to hold the SID and relocate £240 +VAT
- To supply Elan City Uk solar panel and fittings £420 + VAT

- Increase frequency of battery changes £80

It was noted the original officer handling the licence process, had since moved to a new role and had passed the matter onto his former line manager. There had been no response in time for this meeting, to the council's request that WSCC meet the costs for moving the device.

Members queried whether the £80 quote for battery changes was annual or monthly, noting that there would be a significant saving if the council opted for the solar power device which required less inspections. They reiterated the Council's previously held opinion, that the current location of the device had been based on poor advice from WSCC. It was therefore only fair that WSCC should cover the relocation costs.

Following further discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to defer a decision until WSCC makes a response AND to seek clarification from the contractor on the revised maintenance schedule costs for both the battery and solar-powered options. Clerk to action.

PT/2/24/11 To Consider a request to assist in a TRO application for a 40mph speed restriction between The Hollow and The Pike on the A283 at Washington.

Members considered the TRO applicant's request for the Council to head up a consultation exercises for his proposed 40mph speed limit reduction between the Hollow and The Pike. His application was previously circulated.

It was noted that WSCC Highways Authority had advised the applicant to contact residents and businesses individually who may be directly affected by the proposal, as this would give a more realistic view and carried more weight in progressing the application. The properties identified were in Sandhill Lane, Kia and Triumph, and Green Farm.

Following a discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to reiterate the Council's support of the proposed speed limit, agreed at the last Ful Council Meeting (8th April 2024) but is unable to contact residents and businesses as requested.

PT/2/24/12 To Agree responses to the Horsham Association of Local Councils Survey of the Horsham District Council's consultation on the Local Plan

Members considered and agreed responses to the HALC survey of HDC's consultation on the Local Plan. Clerk to action.

PT/2/24/13 To Receive Items for the next Planning and Transport Meeting Agenda
None received.

PT/2/24/14 Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 17th June 2024, 7:00pm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 7:49pm.

Signed



Dated.....

13/5/2024