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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of Washington Parish Council held on Monday 28th April 2025 in the Washington Village Hall (Doré Room) School Lane, Washington RH20 4AP

PRESENT: Cllr C. Brookes, Cllr A Dillaway, Cllr B Hanvey, Cllr P Heeley, Cllr T Keech, Cllr A Lisher (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: Apologies received from Cllr P Marshall (WSCC), Cllr E Beard (HDC), Cllr J Grech and Cllr C Fisher (HDC).

ALSO: Clerk to the Council and 3 members of the public.

ABSENT: 1

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm.

EOM/25/4/01 Apologies for Absence

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Thomas

EOM/25/4/2 Declaration of Members' Interests.

None declared as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

EOM/25/4/3 Minutes of the last Full Council

The Council **RESOLVED** to defer adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th April 2025, to the next meeting..

EOM/25/4/4 Public Forum

A resident raised objections to planning application DC/25/0470 Fernbank, Hampers Lane, citing concerns over loss of privacy and amenity due to the proposed roof size, especially given the property's elevated position. He asked the Council to take these points into consideration in their comments, and to include a request for screening measures prior and during construction.

Mr Oliver Jupp, applicant for the Washington Ward Councillor vacancy, spoke of his strong local ties and commitment to serving the local community.

The Chairman thanked both speakers and welcomed them to stay for the remainder of the meeting, and to hear discussions on the Fernbank application and Co-option.

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EOM/25/4/5 Planning applications

SDNP/24/03835/FUL - Land at The Street, Washington, West Sussex

Demolition of existing garages and erection of 5 no. residential dwellings, with associated access, parking and landscaping. (FURTHER INFORMATION ON PARKING PROVIDED & REVISED LANDSCAPING AND MATERIALS)

The Council discussed the application, and acknowledged the applicant's amendment to provide two parking spaces per property, albeit six are in tandem. The Council raised concerns at the withdrawal of visitor parking and the potential displacement of existing vehicles from the Yard. It believed that this, and the increased visitor traffic, would exacerbate existing parking issues on The Street and hinder emergency vehicle access.

The Council also highlighted the likely environmental harm to this small rural village community, both during and after construction.

The Council **RESOLVED** to make the above comments in its submission to the Local Planning Authority.

DC/25/0470 - Fernbank Hampers Lane Storrington West Sussex

Erection of side and rear extensions, first floor roof extension and detached garage with accommodation above.

The Council discussed the proposals and comments made by a neighbour during the public session. It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** to the principle of the application in its submission to the Local Planning Authority. However, in view of the size and height of the proposed development the Council agreed to request that it is essential that effective screening to adjacent properties is established as a condition.

DC/25/0418 – 7 John Ireland Way, Washington, West Sussex

Conversion of loft into habitable living space with installation of rooflights.

The Council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** to the application in its submission to the Local Planning Authority.

EOM/25/4/6 Dates and Times of the next meetings

The Council noted the dates and times of the next meetings:

Annual Parish Council Meeting: **Monday 12th May April 2025, 7:00pm**

Parish Council Meeting: **Monday 12th May 2025, 7:30pm**

Planning & Transport Committee Meeting: **Monday 19th May 2025, 7:00pm**

OSRA Committee Meeting: **Monday 19th May 2025, 7:45pm**

EOM/25/4/7 Co-option

There was one application for the Councillor vacancy on the Washington Ward. Members voted unanimously and Mr Oliver Jupp was co-opted. He thanked the Council and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Council **RESOLVED** that Oliver Jupp is co-opted to be a member of the Open Spaces, Recreation Ground and Allotment (OSRA) Committee

EOM/25/4/8 Confidential Session

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as publication would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

EOM/25/4/9 Washington Recreation Ground Charity (WRGC) : Rampion 2 Heads of Terms

A copy of Savills' terms of business for negotiating an access agreement on the Rampion 2 cable beneath the Recreation Ground, was previously circulated.

Cllr Keech reported on an introductory meeting with Mr Streeter, Director of Savills' Rural Consultancy Services, on the grounds prior to the EOM, and attended by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Members noted that Rampion Extension Development Ltd (RED) s providing the Council with a full indemnity on all fees, and these would be paid directly to Savills as per the conditions.

Cllr Heeley commented that having lost the battle over the route, now is the time to maximise the advantage to the council and the community.

Following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to agree Savills' business terms and engage his services.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:50pm

Signed... 

Dated... 02/06/25