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Planning & Transport Committee Meeting

Draft MINUTES of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024 at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room)

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

ALSO: Clerk to the Council Ms Z Savill. No members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 6:30pm.

PT/11/24/1 Apologies for absence

The Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE** and **ACCEPT** apologies from Cllr Heeley.

PT/11/24/2 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interests on any items on the agendas as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

PT/11/24/3 Minutes of the last meeting on 22nd April 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the [Minutes of the last Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on 16th September 2024](#)

PT/11/24/4 Public Speaking

None.

PT/11/24/5 Actions and Matters Arising from the last meeting

It was reported that there was one item: the relocation of the Council's Speed Indicator Device in Rock Road by WSCC traffic engineers in the previous week.

The Chairman reported that the new position was an improvement especially for westbound traffic visibility but not as much as was expected for eastbound traffic because the post had been moved further west than was originally agreed.

The Chairman reported that he had raised the matter with the Assistant Area Highways Manager (email 18th November) who had advised that this was in order to meet their policies. But that a potential site line eastbound could be achieved by cutting back vegetation. The Clerk agreed to seek a quotation for this to be formally approved at the next Full Council meeting on 9th December.

The Actions Report was noted and to monitor the effectiveness of the SID's new location.

PT/11/24/6 To Consider commenting on planning applications in the parish SDNP/24/04399/FUL – Pheasant Hatchery, Wiston Estate Winery, North Farm, London Road, Washington, West Sussex, RH20 4BB
Demolition of existing pheasant hatchery building and construction of 4 self-contained cabins for use as holiday accommodation, together with associated landscaping works (revisions to scheme approved under SDNP/22/00040/FUL).

The Committee discussed the application noting the reduction from two-storey to single-storey which they agreed may be more acceptable in planning terms.

A Member raised concerns that that the application may set a precedent for residential development in the future there, including windfall.

Following further discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to make no objection subject to a condition that the proposed development is only used for holiday accommodation for a limited period, i.e. 11 months a year.

DC/24/1653 – The Coach House, The Hollow, Washington, West Sussex
Installation of solar panels to the south facing roof. (Retrospective) (Householder Application).

DC/24/1460 – The Coach House, The Hollow, Washington, West Sussex
Installation of solar panels to the south facing roof. (Retrospective) (Listed Building Consent).

The Committee discussed both applications noting a published objection from a neighbour. It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT**.

PT/11/24/7 Planning Decisions and Appeals and Compliance
To Report on planning decisions, appeals and compliance matters on significant development in the parish. Report to be circulated.

The Committee noted that there were no reports for this meeting under this item.

PT/11/24/9 HDC Planning Committee notifications
To Consider making spoken representation at the HDC Planning Committee on 19th November 2024 for Planning application:
DC/23/2282 - 2 Jenners Field, Rock Road, Washington RH20 3BH
Change of use of the land for use as day care facility for dogs (sui generis). Details of the application can be viewed on the HDC public portal:

It was noted that the Council had previously submitted a written objection

to the application published on the HDC public portal at:
https://iawpa.horsham.gov.uk/PublicAccess_LIVE/Document/ViewDocument?id=97CD491F503B44EC971D0D64113D4D10

The Committee **RESOLVED** it would not make a spoken representation.

PT/11/24/10 Planning Tracker

To Consider providing a planning tracker service on the Council's website

The Committee discussed a quote from the Council's website host for a £2 monthly planning tracker service which links to parish applications on the principal planning authority website. It was agreed this would be a useful service especially if it includes a link to the planning lists on the SDNPA as well as HDC website.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quotation and additional £2 per month if required to include links to the SDNPA planning lists.

PT/11/24/10 Traffic Calming

To Consider an invitation to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit on The Washington Bostal road and nominate a Member/Working Party to prepare the application.

The Committee discussed the suggestion by Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) (FC Meeting November 2024) that an application is made to WSCC for a reduction in the national speed limit along the Washington Bostal road. It was noted that he had agreed to support a 30mph speed restriction to help address concerns of speeding, especially from traffic unlawfully using the A24 bus crossing to cut through the village and avoid queues at Washington roundabout.

Details about making TRO applications available on the WSCC website at:
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/apply-for-a-permanent-tro/> were previously circulated with the agenda.

A Member proposed that an application is made for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village and the Bostal road in order to fully address the issues, and as an additional deterrent to the anticipated increase in HGV traffic from the nearby quarry. It was noted that there were other villages with the same speed restriction and that this would likely be far more effective.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer discussion on a TRO application until it has sought Cllr Marshall's support for 20mph speed limits throughout the village and the Bostal road. His response would be discussed at the next PT meeting. Clerk to write to Cllr Marshall.

PT/11/24/11 Date and Time of next PT Committee Meeting

It was NOTED that the next meeting is on Monday 20th January at 7:00pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:06pm

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