

# WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Washington Parish Council Planning & Transport (PT) Committee

Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room).

**PRESENT:** Cllr B. Hanvey, Cllr A. Dillaway, Cllr T Keech, Cllr A. Lisher (Chairman),  
Cllr M. Shaw and Cllr J. Thomas

**ALSO:** Ms Z Savill, Clerk to the Council. There were no members of the public

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:00pm.

**PT/7/25/1 Apologies for absence**  
None. All present.

**PT/7/25/2 Declarations of Interest.**  
Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest in item **PT/7/25/6** for planning application **DC/25/0924 25003 – Apple Barn Rock Lane Washington** because he knows the applicant.

**PT/7/25/3 Minutes of the last meeting**  
The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**PT/7/25/4 Public Forum**  
There were no public representations

**PT/7/25/5 Actions and Matters Arising**  
It was noted that the Council's TRO application from Cllr Thomas for further speed restrictions in Washington village is in progress.

**PT/7/25/6 Planning Applications.**  
The Committee discussed the following applications in the Parish as a

consultee:

**DC/25/1009 - Land To The South-East of Spring Gardens Washington West Sussex**

*Retention of existing entrance and stable block together with reduced area of hardstanding (permeable). (Retrospective).*

The Committee **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** to the stable being used solely for stabling and not storage, and for the parking of one horsebox.

Members also agreed to express the Committee's concern at the number of applications being submitted for this site without overall effective determination and, if appropriate, enforcement.

**DC/25/1118 – Silverburn Melrose Place Storrington (Washington parish)**  
*Surgery to 1x Scots Pine*

The Committee **RESOLVED** to make no comment but to defer to HDC's Arboricultural Officers.

**DC/25/0924 – Apple Barn Rock Lane Washington West Sussex**

*Retention of two temporary structures, 1x yurt tent and 1x movable shepherds hut/caravan, for use as holiday accommodation and the erection of shower and toilet facilities (Retrospective)*

The Committee discussed the application. A member cautioned on the risks of a successful alternative use of the residential property into an established commercial operation in a residential location.

The Committee **RESOLVED**, with one abstention, to make **NO OBJECTION** to the application on condition that it is limited to the existing one yurt and one shepherds hut/caravan and that there is no further expansion.

Cllr Thomas abstained from the discussion and voting.

**PT/6/25/7 Planning Decisions**

There were none to report on significant applications in the parish:

**PT/6/25/8 Appeals**


There were no reports of any appeals lodged or decided on significant applications in the parish.

**PT/6/25/9 Planning Compliance**

It was reported that HDC has reminded the site operators at the care home development on the former Old Clayton Kennels site of the permitted working hours following a resident's complaint.

Members noted the report and that the resident had been advised to contact the planning compliance team if the nuisance continues.



- PT/6/25/10 Traffic Calming**  
The Committee noted that Cllr Thomas required more time to fully prepare the Council's TRO application for speed restrictions in the village.  
It was **RESOLVED** to defer this to the next appropriate meeting.
- PT/6/25/11 Consultation on the Reform of Planning Committees**  
Details of the Government consultation to reform Planning Committees, together with information from the Horsham Association of Local Councils about the proposals, were previously circulated.
- It was noted that the Government is proposing fundamental changes to how local authority planning committees operate, and that the three HDC Councillors representing the parish would be expressing their concerns in a consultation response.
- Following a discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the following consultation response from the Parish Council:
- "We [The Council] are concerned that these proposals reduce the effectiveness of the democratic process."* Clerk to submit the response.
- PT/7/25/12 SDNPA Partnership Management Plan Consultation**  
Details of the South Downs National Park Authority's consultation running from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 were previously circulated.
- Following a discussion, it was agreed that it would be difficult to reach a consensus as a Council on every survey question of the consultation. The Committee **RESOLVED** therefore that members be encouraged to respond individually as residents before the consultation deadline.
- PT/7/25/13 Road Closures**  
None reported.
- PT/7/25/14 Urgent matters**  
None reported.
- PT/7/25/15 Date and Time of next PT Committee Meeting:**  
It was noted that the next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7:00pm. The Chairman advised that a meeting could be called beforehand on 18<sup>th</sup> August for any responses to significant planning application, should the relevant Local Planning Authority not agree an extension.
- There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 7:35pm.
- Signed... 
- Dated... 15/09/25