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Planning & Transport Committee Meeting

MINUTES of the Planning & Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2025 at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room)

PRESENT: Cllr B Hanvey, Cllr P Heeley, 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 7:00pm.

PT/01/25/1 Apologies for absence
There were no absences

PT/01/25/2 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/01/25/3 Minutes of the last meeting on 18th November 2024
It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the minutes be **APPROVED**

PT/01/25/4 Public Speaking
None.

PT/01/24/5 Actions and Matters Arising from the last meeting
The Committee **NOTED** that there were no outstanding actions or matters arising to report.

PT/01/25/6 To Consider commenting on planning applications in the parish

*Note: Notification of the following applications, which include links to supporting documents, are attached to email summons for this meeting.
Also previously emailed to all Members*

[DC/24/1870- Little Fairseat Georges Lane Storrington West Sussex](#)
Erection of a single storey front, side and rear extension, erection of a garage, demolition of outbuilding and erection of an annexe, and associated remodelling and landscaping works. Place cursor on highlighted text to open

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Following a discussion the Committee **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** on condition that the annexe is tied to the main property and the proposals align with the relevant guidelines of the Heath Common Design Statement.

DC/2/50004 - Rowan Cottage Thakeham Copse Storrington
Fell 1x Oak.

Following a discussion the Committee **RESOLVED** to make no comment and to defer to the HDC Arboricultural Officer.

- PT/01/25/7 Planning Decisions and Appeals and Compliance**
To Report planning decisions, appeals and compliance matters on significant development in the parish.

None reported.

- PT/01/25/8 Local Plan briefing**
To Consider an invitation from Horsham District Council to a Local Plan briefing.

It was noted that following the Local Plan Inspector's decision to cancel the Local Plan Examination Hearings, HDC is holding a confidential online Parish and Neighbourhood Council briefing on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 5:30pm, to provide any update from the Inspector and an opportunity to ask questions. It would also be an opportunity to discuss how planning applications will still need to be considered, whatever the outcome.

Following a discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and the Clerk attend .

- PT/01/25/9 Traffic Calming**
To Consider making an application for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit on the Washington Bostal road and to nominate a Member or Working Party to draft for submission to WSCC.

It was noted that this item had been deferred from the last Planning and Transport Committee Meeting, to seek Cllr Marshall's support for a 20mph limit throughout the village and the Washington Bostal road to address local concerns about traffic cutting through the village from the A24. There was strong local support for the speed restriction to address this and the danger to pedestrians, particularly school children and the elderly, and to equestrians, because there is no pathway.

A copy of an email from Cllr Marshall after the meeting confirmed his support for 20mph, but that it may be contrary to Highways policy to extend this to the top of the Bostal road due to its rural location and that there are no houses. He had suggested the possibility of extending the 30mph to the Bostal and a reduction of the existing 30mph to 20mph.

Following a discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to make a TRO application to reduce the national speed limit on the Washington Bostal road to 40mph and to reduce the existing 30mph on London Road to 20mph to just beyond Stocks Mead. There were 2 abstentions to the vote. Cllr Thomas to draft an application.

PT/01/25/10 Traffic Calming

To Discuss and Consider supporting a 20mph speed limit petition by the Storrington Traffic Group in Storrington and Sullington village.

A link to the online petition at:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=45> for a 20mph speed limit was previously circulated.

The Committee considered this and several points of concern raised by a Washington resident on the profound consequences of the initiative for the network of roads and lanes of the Heath Common area and its special character.

Following a discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** that due to insufficient information about the details of the proposals, it is not appropriate to comment at this stage.

PT/01/25/11 Date and Time of next PT Committee Meeting:

Monday 17th February 2025 at 7:00pm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 7:44pm

Signed.....

Dated..... 17/03/25