

**WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010 AT 7.30pm**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr L. Britt (Chairman), Cllr C.Beglan, Cllr T. Cook, Cllr N. Cooper,  
Cllr N Dore`, Cllr J. Henderson, Cllr R. Milner-Gulland (7.35pm),  
Clerk Mrs L Quirk.(8.55pm left), District Cllr J. Sanson, County Cllr F. Wilkinson.  
1 member of the public.

38. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies

Cllr M. Turley- Work commitments, Cllr J. Davies – holiday, Cllr D. Wilkins & Cllr M. Shaw unwell. District Cllr R Dawe

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Henderson – Planning Application – 26 Montpelier Gdns - neighbour.

Cllr Britt- correspondence regarding Disable parking bay- neighbour

39. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2010 were approved and signed.

40. **Matters arising**

149. St Mary's Bridge No. 1488 –Cllr Milner-Gulland asked if a sign restricting the speed of traffic could be erected. County Cllr Wilkinson said this would be a lengthy process, probably taking 3-4years, Cllr Cooper said that he thought this was actually a Bridleway and not Highway, Cllr Wilkinson will investigate this. Clerk to forward email to him. Email sent. Cllr Cook reported that she had further contact from Mr Green WSCC and the signs would be installed on 13<sup>th</sup> April with the infill panels on the bridge to follow.
151. Beggars lane - Estimate had been approved. Chairman met with Mr Pullen regarding installation of the handrail, and he will install this as soon as possible.
- 20.5 EN/10/0037 - Tintells, Melrose Place Breach of condition 2 of DC/09/0334 re-matching materials to those of the existing and EN/10/0038 Clerk to ask for confirmation from EN at HDC.
23. WSCC – R.O.W. - County Cllr Wilkinson will speak to Deborah Urquhart regarding a response. Response receive from Officer on behalf of Deborah Urquhart. pass to Footpaths Committee.
- 31.2.3 Wiston Estates Liaison meeting Cllr Cooper reported on the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 5.00pm. Cllr Cooper had compiled some notes following the meeting, which he circulated to members. Mr Trinick had asked if it were possible to do anything about the dead trees in the no through area in The Pike, near the entrance to Tilleys Cottage. It was suggested that a liaison meeting be arrange with Biffa again, to look at the progress of the Windmill site. William Trinick to give some dates.
- 34.1 The Chairman had taken photographs (which she handed round) of further tree etc cutting on the top of the bank along London Road, this was a continuing problem, as not only was it being cleared, but the trees were being left to fall onto the pavement and into the roadway. WSCC have confirmed that they have not been doing any works in the area. Clerk to send email to County Cllr Wilkinson who will investigate, as this is part of the same bank that has cause problems in The Street for some time. WSCC have now agreed to maintain the bank The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilkinson for his efforts.
- 34.2 Cllr Turley asked that HDC Enforcement be asked again to enforce the restoration of the bank in School Lane, that a resident cut through to access the rear of their property which is believed to be 6, Chanctonbury Close. This is in the Conservation area and is causing muddy water run off into School Lane. Enforcement asked again to enforce.

41. **Finance**

The Following cheques were approved:

Mrs S Muddle

Mrs L Quirk

SALC 4 x issues Local Council Review £ 27.00

SCS £207.75

Inland Revenue £891.23 (refund received now to pay) £626.10

GACC Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign subs £ 10.00

MBC Office £ 31.92

HDC Trade sacks £ 24.03

J Pullen rec maintenance £125.00

Village Hall hire £360.00

St Mary's Church hire £18.00

Members decided to delegate the decision to the Finance Committee, who will consider, with the current financial restrictions whether to renew the SALC /NALC annual subs of £456.83.

42. **Planning**

42.1 **Planning Applications**

Yet to be received

DC/10/0631 - Wood View, Bracken Close- Fell 1 Scots pine & surgery 1 Scots Pine- application to be considered a Planning committee as plans had only just been received.

Received

DC/10/0555 - Jasmine Cottage, 1 Chanctonbury Close- Erection of Porch- No objection

DC/10/0542 - The Chardonnay Restaurant Old London Road - 1 replacement free standing sign. - Object

DC/10/0572 - High Barn Newhouse Lane- Proposed alterations and single storey extension with rooflights to front pitch and dormer extension to rear pitch. Also new roof to existing conservatory and replacement of brick chimney with flue. Comments

DC/10/0469 - Burrwill Moulds Old London - Change of use to vehicle, maintenance, MOT and general engineering. Business relocating from Unit 1 opposite on the same site. No objection – request conditions re working hours etc.

42.2 **Approvals/Refusals etc**

DC/09/2197 - High Barn Newhouse Lane Storrington - Withdrawn Application

DC/10/0083 - The Chardonnay Restaurant Old London Road - Refused

DC/10/0134 - Uphill Cottage Vera's Walk - Permitted

DC/10/0321- Hampers Cottage Hampers Lane - Permitted

42.3 Hughes Pumps – Notification had been received that this was to go to HDC Committee with the recommendation for Approval, as the noise survey had raised no objection from the Environmental Health Department. It was agreed to write to HDC prior again expressing concern about the increase in hours with the close proximity to the residential area, where a number of objections had been raised, there would be additional noise with staff arriving and leaving for the shifts, security lights etc.

42.4 Washington Workshops – The Chairman updated members on the meeting she had attended regarding the proposed development of the site, and handed photographs and visual plans of the site and the proposal. The Chairman reminded members that no comments should be made on the plans prior to the planning application being received and considered by Council, member could ask questions and attend the public exhibitions, but must not make any comments for or against the proposal, prior to the Parish Councils forming its view. This is to ensure there is no suggestion of pre-determination or bias. The Chairman also suggested that it may be pertinent as this is a large development proposal with the parish, to hold a public meeting to allow residents the opportunity to express their view to members. Clerk to check with HDC to see if they would consider a

longer period of consultation on this application to enable a meeting to be held once the application has been received, failing this a meeting will be arranged after the public exhibitions have been held. Cllr Henderson suggested that the County Times may be interested in publishing an article which could also advertise the meeting date, and ask residents for their views.

- 42.5 Rock Place Cottage, 26 Montpelier Gdns - Cllr Henderson declared an interest and left the room. The application was delegated to local members at the HDC March Planning Committee and the District Cllrs had asked Parish Councillors for their comments. An email that had been received from the Planning Officer was discussed and after further debate members reluctantly agreed to go with the recommendations of HDC, but asked for a condition to be applied for no further development on the site, as the Planning Officer who dealt with the original planning application had gone to great lengths to ensure that the footprint be reduced to reflect the size of the plot, and the mobile home it replaced at the time, and members were concerned by the gradual creeping development on the site with additions since it was originally built. Cllr Henderson returned to the meeting.
- 42.6 A24 Barrier – a number of emails have been exchanged with WSCC regarding the recent accidents that have occurred in the same location on the A24 just before the subway, and at the concern for members of the public walking on the footpath which is adjacent to it. Members were disappointed that WSCC did not think a meeting appropriate at this time, as it was thought that by viewing the problem they may be able to establish if there was a problem with the road surface etc, which could be the cause of these accidents recently. It was agreed to go back to WSCC and make the request again, Cllr Wilkinson said if the Clerk emailed him he would see if he could arrange a meeting. Cllr Henderson will endeavour to find out the estimated costs of providing a length of barrier.
- 42.7 East Clayton Farm- Email received from George Parker WSCC stating that works on the visibility display were due to start next week, and traffic lights would be installed.

43. **Chanctonbury Unmanned Speed Indicator Device (CUSID) scheme**

To consider the updated information received regarding the CUSID and whether the Parish Council wishes to be part of the scheme. The details of the proposed scheme had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and the Clerk had checked the costings with WSCC and that they were for 2 bookings per year for 2 years @£350 per annum, costs may be increased if it was to be resited during the period.

The Clerk had to leave the meeting at this stage due to family illness, and the minutes were taken by Cllr Beglan

Cllr Wilkinson said he did not think it would be of special benefit to Washington but the Chairman did not agree and felt that Rock Road could benefit. In principle members were still interested and decided to see what other parishes do, and to ask the local PC if he has an opinion on the value.

44. **Correspondence**

- 1 A letter from Frank Wilkinson, Chairman of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee, providing an update to the proposed Chanctonbury Unmanned Speed Indicator Device (CUSID) scheme. *circulated by email (agenda item)*
- 2 Email from William Trinick with attachment re Chanctonbury Ring, and suggestion of further site meeting.
- 3 Operation Crackdown monthly report -
- 4 Cabinet Member Update (2010/11 Highways Works Programme) email circulated.
- 5 Steyning Area Minibus Thank you for donation
- 6 West Sussex Connections
- 7 GACC newsletter
- 8 Out set annual report
- 9 Sussex Air Ambulance – Thank you for donation

- 10 WSCC ROW response on behalf of Deborah Urquhart- Footpaths committee  
11 Storrington Museum Thank you for donation  
12 Storrington Area Help Scheme  
13 Thakeham Church thank you for donation  
14 West Sussex Rural Youth Trust thank you for donation  
15 Working group has been set up at Horsham District Council, as part of the Scrutiny and Overview process to review the consequences of the recent severe weather in the District. The attached press release tells what we have said to the public in general, but the Members of the Working Group are particularly keen to hear from the parish and neighbourhood councils, knowing that you stood on the front line during the severe weather and will understand better than most what we should learn from the experience. So, your comments will be most welcome. If you wish to email, please send all comments to [scrutiny@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@horsham.gov.uk) or if you would like to attend a meeting and speak to the Group, please contact Daniela Miedzianowska on (01403) 215138. Email circulated.

It was agreed to put Accident Study Report – A24 Findon to Dial post on the Planning Committee agenda.

45. **Reports and Recommendations from Committees**

The newsletter has come out and received compliments, a check needs to be done on the number ordered as there was a shortfall and a further 100 had to be printed. Also whether 750 is actually the number required.

46. **Local Issue including Maintenance**

1. Cllr Milner-Gulland pointed out point 9 on the action points list should read Underhill Lane and not halfway to the Downs at Rowdell. The area is very bad at the moment and he thought a meeting should be arranged with Richard James.
2. Cllr Dore` reported that the tree by the recreation gate entrance needed shaping as it was lopsided since EDF and removed branches for the cables.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the member of the public to speak  
He informed members that there had been a CUIISC on Water Lane for several days recently, and local police were in attendance at one point, it was suggested that they be contacted their views. Also he felt that the spate of accidents on the A24 may be down to the road surface as the numbers of accidents have gone up suddenly.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

47. **Meetings Attended**

None to report

48. **Any Other Urgent Business**

None to report

49. **Date and Time of next meeting**

Full Council and AGM 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Planning Committee Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed ..... Date 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Chairman