

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on
Monday 16th November 2009 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr K. Ballard, Cllr C.Beglan, Cllr L. Britt (Chairman), Cllr N. Cooper, Cllr M. Shaw, Cllr Wilkins, Clerk L Quirk. 1 member of the public

Apologies

Cllr Turley Work commitments.
Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the 17th August 2009 (no meetings held in Sept or Oct) were signed and approved.

Matters Arising

Previous matters arising covered at Full Council

Planning Applications

DC/09/1956 - Summerhill Hampers Lane - Single-storey, 1st floor front extension, dormer windows and roof alterations – no objection.

DC/09/1950 - Little Georges Barn East Clayton Farm Storrington Road - Re-building and restoration of dilapidated barn structure to form a farm volunteer centre for East Clayton Farm- Strongly object

DC/09/2011- Wynfold, Melrose Place- single storey rear extension.- No objection

Decisions

Approved - DC/09/1684: Application Permitted- Overhead Lines - (Bracken Lane, Hazelwood Close and Hampers Lane, Storrington)

Other

EN – Taints Orchard- Beth Howland –Smith from Enforcement has confirmed that the position of the stable is only 25cm out of the requirement and that it is not a fixed permanent stable, but one that can be towed. There is therefore little that enforcement can do, and she has suggested that any problems neighbours have with odour from the stable should be reported to Environmental Health. Members suggested a letter be sent to the tenants pointing out that the siting of the stable is not very sympathetic to the users of the graveyard as there is a bench by that side with just a hedge in-between that and the stable.

Iron Stone Barn- Cllr Cooper asked for an update, the Chairman said that they had been given 21 days by Enforcement to remove the gates.

Roundabout Sponsorship- the Chairman gave an update, and made reference to the support and comments received from South Downs Joint Committee, Clerk has asked for more information on the reference to the size of signs in an AONB. Cllr Wilkins will produce a short article for the newsletter.

Parish Council representative for the New National Parks Authority- Cllr Cooper asked if the Parish Council would be putting a member forward. It was agreed this would be discussed at Full Council.

Parish Plans

Invitation to the new web based Community Led Plans (Parish plans) Database Training which will be taking place on **Tuesday 23 February 2010 at Parish Council Chamber, Beeson House, Southwater. From 10.30am to 12.30pm**

The day is designed for Parish Councillors, Clerks and Action Plan Groups in Horsham District who are or will be responsible for reporting and updating their parish plans as well keeping abreast and informed on other community plans regarding rural issues. This database allows you to update the status of each action in your plans and add new actions which can be viewed instantly by Local Authorities and Service Providers. If you wish to attend, please can you confirm your attendance by contacting Faustina Bayo, Action Plans Development Officer, Action in rural Sussex. 212 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 2NH or on 01273 405885 or faustina.bayo@ruralsussex.org.uk Cllr Cooper said he thought it was important that someone attended.

Newhouse Lane- Cllr Wilkins reported that some of the ditches had been cleared, he will send details of the areas still outstanding.

Public Adjournment

The Chairman closed the meeting to enable a member of the public to speak.

Local resident Patrick Purcell, expressed concern about the East Clayton Farm, and what would happen to the future use of the buildings if funding ceased for the Lorica Trust which is run by St Patrick's Trust in Brighton. He believed that the farm had been bequeathed to the National Trust in 1921 to be run as a farm, and he was surprised that the National Trust had not allowed this to be continued, as he was under the impression that a number of farmers had wished to do so over the years. He was also concerned about the way in which the conversion had been carried out, which he considered had not been done sympathetically and was not in keeping with the existing buildings, the site had become more of an eyesore. He thought that the National Trust may have broken the rules of the bequest by letting it in this capacity, and not as a working farm. The Chairman said that the Parish Council had made strong representations to Horsham District Council and were also dismayed about the result of the building renovations and conversion, but that the idea was that the farm was to be worked as part of the Lorica Trust scheme. Mr Purcell thought that the Lorica Trust should be made to finish the works to the main area such as the roadway that was still outstanding, before taking on additional works. He also expressed concern about the application in at present for the conversion of Little Georges Barn, looking at what had been done to the farm, he thought that the Barn should be renovated and used for its intended agricultural use. The Chairman thanked Mr Purcell for attending and giving his comments.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Clerk to check with WSCC what is happening regarding the site lines and the road works. Cllr Shaw reported that the parking lights are still very bright at night.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm