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Planning & Transport Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026 at the Washington Village Memorial Hall (Doré Room)

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

ALSO: Ms Z Savill, Clerk to the Council and two members of the public including Cllr E Beard (HDC).

ABSENT: 0

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm

PT/07/26/01 Apologies
None received. All present.

PT/07/26/02 Declarations of Interest.
No interests declared as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

PT/07/26/03 Minutes of the last meeting
The Committee **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee meeting held on 15th June 2026 which were duly signed by the Chairman.

PT/07/26/04 Public Forum
Cllr Emma Beard advised that she had succeeded Cllr Joan Grech as the Horsham District Council representative on the South Downs National Park Authority and looked forward to representing local Park matters.

Cllr Beard thanked the Parish Council for undertaking a survey to support its Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) application to reduce speed limits in the village and on Washington Bostal. She supported improved safe access between the

village and the South Downs and considered a 30mph limit on the whole of Washington Bostal preferable, whilst recognising the rationale for the proposed 40mph limit based on WSCC advice.

A resident spoke in support of the Parish Council's TRO proposals. She spoke about the need for a formal one-way system on School Lane and The Street to improve traffic flow, and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. The Chairman advised on the process for raising highway proposals and encouraged the resident to apply for co-option. The Clerk reported that the school are aware of the unofficial one-way system and agreed to write to them again to request that they raise awareness of this with parents.

PT/07/26/05 Actions and Matters Arising

The Committee noted the action log at Appendix A. Cllr Beard agreed to pursue a response from Horsham District Council regarding the PC's request for the new care home to adopt a name reflecting its Washington location.

PT/07/26/06 Planning Application, Appeals and Planning Compliance

No new planning applications had been received since the previous meeting.

Appeal: DC/25/1300 - High Chaparral, London Road, Washington RH20 3BP
Permission in Principle for the construction of four two-storey dwellings.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to reiterate its strong objection to the proposal as contrary to the adopted Storrington, Sullington & Washington Neighbourhood Plan and to support Horsham District Council's reasons for refusal dated 8 May 2026.

Compliance Matters

None reported in the parish since the last meeting.

PT/07/26/07 Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040

The Committee considered the proposed Main Modifications of the Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040 and their implications for local infrastructure, particularly the A24/A283 Washington roundabout and the wider road network.

Members also reviewed written comments from Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) and shared concerns regarding the impact of additional housing growth on infrastructure capacity within rural communities and the Storrington Division.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr Keech would assist the Chairman in preparing a Parish Council response, reiterating concerns regarding infrastructure constraints and further housing growth. The response will be submitted before the consultation deadline of 24 August 2026 and ratified by Full Council on 3 August 2026.

PT/07/26/08 **Horsham District 2045: Notice of Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites**
The Committee reviewed the Horsham District 2045 Scoping Consultation in preparation for the new government requirement to extend the Local Plan a further five years to 2045.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to submit comments highlighting key issues for consideration, including infrastructure, employment, design, environmental protection and housing need.

Cllr Keech agreed to assist the Chairman in preparing a response reflecting parish priorities for submission by 28 July 2026, to be ratified by Full Council on 3 August 2026.

The Committee noted the Call for Sites consultation and that no additional sites would be promoted by the Parish Council beyond those already allocated within the adopted Neighbourhood Plan. The Council will have an opportunity to comment on any sites subsequently identified by HDC for further consideration.

PT/07/26/09 **Parking Matters**
The Committee considered residents' reports of camping vehicles parked on London Road without visible toilet or washing facilities. Members expressed concern that the location was unsuitable and could encourage similar activity.

Reports of a refreshments van operating opposite Washington Cottages on the A283 were also discussed. Members considered the location potentially hazardous due to its proximity to the A24 roundabout and vehicle speeds.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to report the camping vehicles to WSCC. Cllr Beard agreed to raise concerns with HDC regarding the refreshments van

PT/07/26/10 **Date of the next meeting, items for the next agenda and Chairman's announcements.**
The following Chairman's announcements were previously circulated:

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Access Lead has written in support of the Parish Council's proposed speed limit reductions.

The SDNPA is expected to consult later this summer on proposals to improve countryside access between Washington village and the South Downs.

The Chairman and Clerk will attend a meeting with Storrington & Sullington Parish Council and HDC's Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer on 22 July to discuss Neighbourhood Plan review matters.

WSCC will hold a public consultation event on 16 November 2026 (4.00pm to 7.00pm) regarding proposals for improvements to the A24 Worthing to Horsham corridor. The event has been scheduled at Washington Village Hall, immediately before the Committee meeting to maximise community participation.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee will be held on **Monday 21 September 2026 at 7.00pm**. Members were reminded to submit written motions for any proposals in time for the next agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at **7.40pm**.

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Appendix A: Action Log

Minute Ref	Action	Responsible	Status/Update
PT/05/26/08 Traffic Calming	Progress TRO application for proposed speed limit reductions in the village and on Washington Bostal, including gathering evidence of public support.	Cllr Thomas & Clerk	Survey completed and distributed. Over 60 responses received with strong support. Support also received from Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC) and HDC Cllrs Beard and Grech. Ongoing.
PT/06/26/09 SDNP/26/01944/FUL	Submit Parish Council support comments to SDNPA.	Clerk	Completed.
PT/06/26/09 Appeal DC/26/0035	Reiterate Parish Council objections to appeal proposal.	Clerk	Completed.
PT/06/26/07 SDNPA Local Plan Regulation 19	Prepare and submit Parish Council response on the soundness and legal compliance of the draft Local Plan.	Cllr Dillaway & Clerk	Completed.
PT/05/26/10 Urgent Matters	Request Traffic Management Plan conditions for Rock	Cllr Thomas & Clerk	Request submitted. Awaiting Highways Authority response

	Common Quarry to divert HGV traffic away from Washington village and the A283.	regarding consultation arrangements and potential amendments to quarry vehicle movements.

Appendix B – Actions Arising from Decisions (20 July 2026)

Minute Ref	Resolution/Decision	Action Required	Responsible	Target Date
PT/07/26/06	Reiterate the Parish Council's objection to Appeal DC/25/1300 and support HDC's reasons for refusal.	Submit objection response to the Planning Inspectorate.	Clerk	Before appeal consultation deadline
PT/07/26/07	Submit representations on Horsham District Local Plan Main Modifications.	Review documents and prepare draft Parish Council response for Full Council ratification and submission.	Chairman & Cllr Keech	Full Council 3 Aug 2026; submit by 24 Aug 2026
PT/07/26/08	Respond to Horsham District 2045 Scoping Consultation.	Review documents and submit consultation response reflecting parish priorities.	Chairman & Cllr Keech	Submit by 28 Jul 2026; ratify 3 Aug 2026
PT/07/26/08	Note Call for Sites consultation.	Monitor future consultation on any sites identified by HDC and comment as appropriate.	Planning & Transport Committee	Ongoing
PT/07/26/09	Report camping vehicles on London Road.	Report concerns to West Sussex County Council.	Clerk	Before next meeting
PT/07/26/09	Concerns regarding refreshments van opposite Washington Cottages.	Raise matter with Horsham District Council.	Cllr Beard	Before next m meeting
PT/07/26/05	Pursue response regarding naming of new care home.	Contact relevant HDC officers to resolve.	Cllr Beard	Urgent