

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON
MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillors Mrs J Reynolds (Chairman), Ms K Gill,
J Goodman (substitute), B Mabbett (part) and S Trinder.

Other Councillors present: Councillors Mrs J T Hannaby and C McCarthy (part).

Others present: One member of the public.

Deputy Town Clerk: Mrs K Buckingham.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford and Major J Sibbald.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

Minutes of meetings held on 18 September and 9 October 2017

The minutes were approved and signed.

23. Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

24. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Update on traffic calming and communities grant

The Localities Team had now met and a grant from the Communities Fund had been awarded for the scheme at Chain Hill. £4,166 had been awarded with the scheme costing £4,203.59 in total.

It was agreed that instructions to proceed with the Chain Hill Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) would now be given to the OCC engineers. This VAS included Bluetooth data collection and the data would be used to judge whether it had a sufficiently significant impact to consider the signage at Ickleton Road and Mill Street. This would also allow time for any remaining funds from the Communities Fund to be allotted, which would be done by January.

The Deputy Clerk was thanked for her time in preparing and submitting the applications in the short timescale.

b) Update on bus congestion in Market Place and comet bus service

The memo of 18 October from the Clerk to the Leisure and Amenities Committee was noted. It was agreed that the works suggested were a short term solution which should be pursued.

It was noted that there had been some incidents of emergency vehicles being delayed getting through the Market Place due to buses double parking. Enquiries would be made as to how often this occurred to feed back to OCC. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

c) S106 update

Confirmation from OCC was still awaited as to whether there were any outstanding s106 funds for highway improvements and this would be chased up. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

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d) Illegal parking and civil parking enforcement

There was no update on illegal parking. The matter was still being pursued at County and District level. Post Office Lane continued to be an issue with vehicles blocking the road.

Councillor Mabbett joined the meeting.

e) Premises Licence Variation Application – King Alfred’s Head Public House

The reply from the licensing team and letter from the applicant’s solicitor had been forwarded prior to the meeting. It was agreed that 10 pm closure for the external bar was acceptable, but that it should be made clear that enforcement of this and use of the garden in accordance with Annex 2 should be carefully monitored.

Action: Deputy Clerk

f) P17/V2479/RM – King Alfred’s Academy East Site

There had been many residents letters submitted to the District Council since the original Town Council comments were submitted. It was agreed to send a further response to the District Council detailing the lack of the buffer zone, the layout concerns and the impact on specific neighbouring properties. A suggested reply would be circulated by email before being submitted.

Action: Deputy Clerk

25. To consider the planning applications listed overleaf and any other planning applications that are received prior to the meeting

The planning applications listed on the attached sheet were considered, and the comments agreed.

26. Update on Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Part 2

The work on completing the green matrix for each green space detailed in the last version of the Neighbourhood Plan was almost complete. The final changes to the document and the altered mapping were imminent. The supporting documents could be completed whilst consultation with the District Council was taking place.

The Local Plan Part 2 was currently out to its last round of public consultation. This ran until 22 November with various local consultation events before this date.

27. Estimates 2018/19

It was agreed to add in the budget for the VAS/traffic calming which may be installed at Mill Street and Ickleton Road of up to £8,500.

28. General correspondence

a) VWHDC – Tree Preservation Order No. 17V08

It was noted that this Tree Preservation Order had been retracted/ceased to exist.

b) Procedural arrangements for applications with an objection

Two applications had recently been approved where the Town Council had objected but these had been approved by the District Council under its Scheme of Delegation rather than being taken to the Planning Committee. It was agreed all applications with an objection should now potentially be called in to the District Planning Committee by the Ward Councillor.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goodman
SECONDED BY Councillor Trinder

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IT WAS RESOLVED that any objection made in a meeting be communicated to the Ward Councillor to consider calling in said scheme. Should timing not allow this to occur after a meeting, it would be highlighted to the Ward Councillor that an objection was likely when the agenda was distributed.

Councillor McCarthy left the meeting.

It was reported that further applications had been submitted for Crab Hill (part 1b) and Grove Airfield. Both were likely to come to the next meeting. No contact had been made about any future forum dates for both of these sites and this would be chased up. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P17/V2406/FUL. Installation of new security palisade style fence to front of school.
King Alfred's School West, Challow Road, OX12 9DU for KA Academy.

No objection.

- b) P17/V2654/FUL and P17/V2657/LB. Change of use existing offices to five flats. 6 Newbury Street, OX12 8BS for Chapman Worth Accountants.

and

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V2657/LB>

No objection.
