

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF  
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON  
MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2019 AT 8.15 P.M.**

- Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman)  
Councillors I R Cameron, A Dunford, T Gilhome, E Johnson and  
I L Sheldon
- Other councillors present: Cllrs J T Hannaby and J E Nunn-Price (part)
- Others present: Neil Townsend – Wantage Community Church (up to item 2)  
One member of the public
- Deputy Town Clerk: S Sanders.

**Apologies for Absence**

None.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**Minutes of meetings held on 4 March, 1 April, 29 April and 13 May 2019.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**1. Statements and Questions from the Public**

The member of the public made the following statement and raised the following questions:

- a. Agenda item (g). Plans received were inconsistent and clarification was required regarding access.
- b. To ask for consideration to be given to the funding of a PCSO to enforce parking regulations in Wantage.
- c. To ask why the VAS at Ickleton Road was not installed in the position recommended by Oxfordshire County Council.

The Chairman advised that item a. would be noted when the planning application was considered; item b. would be referred to the Policy, Management and Finance Committee; item c. would be responded to by email.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**2. Briefing by Neil Townsend of Wantage Community Church, regarding the Kingsgrove Community Building**

Neil Townsend spoke regarding the Church's interest in managing the building to be constructed by St Modwen Homes. The Church had aspirations for a larger hall and was pursuing actions to secure the additional funding required for this.

Neil Townsend was thanked for his briefing and left the meeting. Councillor Nunn-Price left the meeting.

**3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

a) Update on traffic calming VAS for Mill Street

An agreement with SSE for an unmetered supply for the electricity required for the VAS was outstanding. This was required prior to installing the VAS. The Deputy Clerk was to chase.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

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b) Update on road conditions at housing developments

The road conditions had improved.

c) Update on planning application P18/V2756/FUL

Planning permission had been granted. The Deputy Clerk was to ascertain if the conditions which were requested by the Town Council in their response to the consultation, had been added.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

d) Update on Oxfordshire Plan 2050

No further information had been received. The Deputy Clerk was to ascertain if there had been any responses to the consultation.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**4. CCTV around the town**

The CCTV camera in Wallingford Street had been removed when the development of flats (Monarch Bow) was built. The camera had not been re-installed. The Deputy Clerk was to investigate the situation.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

An invitation for councillors to visit the CCTV control room at Abingdon Police Station had been received. The object was to show how the cameras work and how the service was delivered. The Deputy Clerk was to confirm the interest and arrange a suitable date/time.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**5. Representation on the Kingsgrove Development Forum and the Grove Airfield Development Forum**

Councillor Sheldon expressed an interest in attending future meetings of the Kingsgrove Development Forum. Councillor Hannaby would continue to attend the Grove Development Forum.

**6. 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.

f) P19/V1148/FUL It was requested that the application be 'called in' for consideration by the full planning committee of the District Council. The Deputy Clerk was to refer to the responsible district councillors.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

g) P19/V0912/FUL. To be deferred to the meeting on 24/6/19. The Deputy Clerk was to request an extension to the consultation and raise a query with the planning officer regarding the inconsistent plans.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**7. To consider the report of the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 May 2019**

a) Update on request for bus stop in Mill Street close to Pegasus Court

Bus operators were willing to serve new bus stops subject to finding a suitable location. Wantage Town Council would be responsible for part funding the project.

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- b) Update on meetings to consider a bus stop in Denchworth Road (south east) near the convent and west bound by King Alfred's West Site

Wantage Town Council would be responsible for part funding the project.

**8. Status report on the Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk were to meet with Ricardo Rios, Senior Planning Policy Officer who had taken over as the District Council's lead support officer for the Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting will take place on 12 June 2019.

**9. Other business**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P19/V1031/HH. Creation of a carer's self-contained flat by the addition of an external spiral staircase and the conversion of an existing bedroom into a living/kitchen room. 6 Littleworth Hill, OX12 9AG for Mrs P Bell.

No objection.

- b) P19/V0981/FUL. Conversion of existing 3 bed farmhouse to a ground floor creche and separate first floor 2 bed apartment. Manor Farmhouse, Manor Road, OX12 8NE for Mr Robin Heath (R L Green and Partners).

Objection. Wantage Town Council supports the comments from the highway's liaison officer and the Environmental Protection Team.

- c) P19/V0954/HH. Revised layout to existing kitchen/dining room. Additional extension to provide rear access/entrance to house and utility room. Green Tiles, Icknield Lane, OX12 8EF for Mr Martin Swain.

No objection.

- d) P19/V1121/HH. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission P18/V1223/HH to alter the roof pitch. Single storey front and rear extensions. Two storey side extension. 3 Fettiplace, OX12 7EN for Mr Nick Caunter.

No objection.

- e) P19/V1108/HH. Proposed erection of bedroom above garage, interior alterations and associated works. 16 Tinkerbush Lane, OX12 9HE for Samantha Binding and Josh Curnow.

No objection.

- f) P19/V1148/FUL. Installation of a sewer ventilation column on the highway verge adjacent to Charlton Village Road. Land on highway verge adjacent to Charlton Primary School, Charlton Village Road, OX12 7HG for Thames Water.

Objection. Concerns regarding the location of the sewer ventilation column in regard to the hazard to children and pedestrians, and environmental concerns.

- g) P19/V0912/FUL. Erection of a new residential dwelling with parking within Home Farm's residential curtilage and a new vehicular/pedestrian access via the adjoining proposed residential Crab Hill development. Home Wood, 18a Scantlebury Way, OX12 8GJ for Mr and Mrs Castle.

Deferred.

- h) P18/V2870/FUL. Amended details. Variation of condition (approved plans) of planning permission P17/V2753/RM. Amended on 12 December 2018 and 13 May 2019. Reserved matters approval for 191 dwellings including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. The outline planning application was subject to EIA and was submitted to the planning authority at that time (as per amended plans received on 5 February 2018 and 3 April 2018). Parcel P1, Former Grove Airfield.

Noted.

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