

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY, 29 JULY 2019 AT 9.00 PM**

Committee members present: Councillors Major J Sibbald (Chairman)
Councillors A Dunford, T Gilhome, E L Johnson,
A C Menzies and I L Sheldon.

Other councillors present: Councillor J T Hannaby.

Others present: One member of the public.

Deputy Town Clerk: S Sanders.

A. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I R Cameron.

B. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

C. Statements and Questions from the Public

A member of the public made reference to a previous planning application (P19/V1269/FUL – land at Crab Hill) and hoped the Town Council would make a similar objection to P19/V0565/RM. Reference was also made to correspondence received from Turley to the District Council Planning Department regarding planning application P19/V0565/RM (phase 1B, land at Crab Hill).

D. Planning Applications

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

E. General correspondence

- a) Oxfordshire County Council permit scheme - The committee supported the proposed scheme which gives authorities powers to design and operate a permit scheme to improve the management of street works undertaken by highway authorities and utilities companies. The scheme will require permission to be obtained for most road and street works, whether they are undertaken by or on behalf of utility companies or highway authorities themselves. The Deputy Clerk was to respond to the consultation. **Action: Deputy Clerk**
- b) The Deputy Clerk was to invite Edmund Tresham of Thames Travel to attend the next committee meeting on 23 September 2019 to discuss extending current bus routes to provide a better service for Wantage residents to reach Didcot. **Action: Deputy Clerk**
- c) It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would forward correspondence from Wantage & Grove Campaign group to the committee regarding the proposed reservoir. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P19/V0565/RM. Amended details. Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance, landscaping, and internal access) for residential phase 1b pursuant to condition 9 (reserved matters) of planning permission (ref: P17/V0652/FUL), comprising 102 residential dwellings, public open space, car parking, and associated infrastructure works and approval of details in relation to phase 1b for conditions 9, 14, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 32, 36, 37, 38, and 39 pursuant to planning permission (ref: P17/V0652/FUL). The outline planning application was an environmental impact assessment application. (As amended by plans received 27 March 2019 and 2 July 2019) for St Modwen Homes.

Objection. Object to the increase of dwellings from 80 to 102. Support comments from the Crime Prevention Design Advisor, Environmental Protection Team, Countryside Officer and Thames Water. Would like to see a response from Thames Water from a pipeline/infrastructure point of view.

- b) P19/V1588/FUL. Proposed change of use from loft to form offices and associated building works. 12A Mill Street, OX12 9AQ for Abbey Group.

Objection. The skylights on the street side are out of character. Would like to see comments from the conservation officer.

- c) P19/V1612/FUL. Proposed erection of a single ground floor flat. Letcombe Court, Springfield Road, OX12 8EU for Mr Steve Raven.

Objection. Over development. Un-neighbourly. Lack of privacy to existing dwellings. Lack of parking.
