

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON
MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

- Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman).
Councillors I R Cameron, A Dunford, T Gilhome, E L Johnson and
I L Sheldon.
- Other Councillors present: Councillors J T Hannaby and J E Nunn Price (part).
- Others present: Mr E Tresham – Commercial Manager, Thames Travel (part).
Mr D Taylor – Senior Transport Manager, Oxfordshire County Council
(part).
One member of the public (part).
- Deputy Town Clerk: S Sanders.

Apologies for absence

None.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

To sign the minutes of the meetings held on 8 July, 29 July, 19 August and 2 September 2019

The minutes were approved and signed. A spelling error was corrected on minutes from 8 July 2019 under Planning applications c) P19/V1562/LDP from Councillor Gilham to Gilhome.

17. Statements and Questions from the Public.

None.

18. Discussion with Edmund Tresham from Thames Travel and David Taylor of OCC regarding bus services between Wantage and Didcot

David Taylor updated the Council on plans to introduce bus routes to the new developments in Grove and Wantage. Focus was on the Kingsgrove development. It was hoped that buses would be serving the area by September 2020.

Edmund Tresham spoke about the cost to add additional trips from Didcot and Wantage.

Mr Taylor and Mr Tresham were thanked for attending and they left the meeting.

19. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Update on item (c) from meeting 3 June 2019 concerning the position of the VAS at Ickleton Road.

It was reiterated that the reason for the position of the VAS was because of concern from local residents about the obscuring of their sight lines when exiting their drives.

- b) Update on traffic calming VAS for Mill Street.

A contract had been signed with SSE to provide electricity. A request to Oxfordshire County Council for a twin isolator to be fitted to the existing lamp post had been requested. The Deputy Clerk was to follow up.

Action: Deputy Clerk

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c) Update on Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

The Plan Document and Consultation Report had been emailed to all councillors.

d) Update on re-installation of the CCTV camera in Wallingford Street.

The Deputy Clerk was to write to the District Council requesting the re-installation of the CCTV camera in Wallingford Street.

Action: Deputy Clerk

e) Update on councillors visit to the CCTV room at Abingdon Police Station.

Two councillors were to attend an evening visit on 10 October 2019 at 6-7pm.

f) Request for bus stops in Mill Street close to Pegasus Court, Denchworth Road near convent and Challow Road by King Alfred's West Site.

A site meeting had been held involving representatives of Wantage Town Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Thames Travel, Stagecoach and Thames Valley Police. The following had been agreed.

Mill Street - There were no safe stopping places along Mill Street. No further action to be taken.

Denchworth Road (South) – A safe location was found, but due to Oxfordshire County Council's limited funds, it was not necessary to add a stop at this time.

Challow Road – Lamp post 32B should be marked as a bus stop at the corner of Warmans Close near King Alfred's West Site.

g) Update on failure of vehicles to turn left when entering Market Place from Newbury Street and suitability of signage and road markings in Market Place and entry roads.

Mr Turner of Oxfordshire County Council was to assess the current signage.

h) Update on P19/V1562/LDP

Development had been accepted under permitted development.

Councillor Nunn-Price left the meeting.

20. New Homes Bonus Grants available from the Vale of the White Horse District Council

The scheme was noted.

21. Report of the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 September 2019

The meeting minutes were to be considered at the next meeting of this committee.

22. 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.

23. Neighbourhood Plan update

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Major Sibbald

SECONDED BY Councillor Gilhome

IT WAS RESOLVED that in order to progress the Neighbourhood Plan the parking policy should be removed from the draft.

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24. Other Business

Letter received from the Vale of the White Horse District Council to note Tree Preservation Order no. 19V08.

Noted and supported.

The meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P19/V2086/FUL. Planning permission to formalize temporary car parking which has been in operation for several years and has become an established use. King Alfred's School West, Challow Road, OX12 9DU for Robert Limbrick.

No objection.

- b) P19/V2072/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling, stabling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling with garage and associated infrastructure. Land at White House Farm, Manor Road, OX12 8LX for Mr Birrell.

No objection, subject to approval by the Countryside Officer (AONB).

- c) P19/V2108/HH. Rebuild front and side boundary wall and rehang gate with oak posts. Truelocks Farm, Charlton Village, OX12 7HQ for Miss Wendy Clifton.

No objection. Support the comments of the Conservation Officer regarding applying a condition requiring that any new bricks used in rebuilding the wall are carried out with bricks to match the existing wall.

- d) P19/V2126/RM. Reserved matters application for details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping following approval of application P16/V1721/FUL. Hybrid application comprising: Outline planning application for erection, demolition and conversion of buildings to provide up to 40,000m2 floor space comprising Class B1 and B8 uses with Class A3, Class D1 and Class D2 uses with all matters except access reserved. Full application for erection of Class B1 "incubator" Block (1,205m2 GIA) with associated car parking following demolition of 7 buildings (1,778m2) (as clarified by arboricultural information accompanying agent's email of 25 July 2016 and amended by Drawing No: 3243-100 Revision L and updated Design and Access Statement accompanying agent's email of 7 September 2016). Grove Technology Park, Downsview Road, OX12 9FF for Grove Business Park.

No objection.
