

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM
ON MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman)
I R Cameron, A Dunford, T Gilhome, A C Menzies, and I L Sheldon

Other councillors present: Councillors O Curley and J T Hannaby

Others present: One member of the public.

Deputy Town Clerk: S Sanders.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E L Johnson (Vice Chairman).

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

To approve the minutes of the planning meetings held on 2 November, 30 November, 14 December 2020 and 4 January 2021.

The minutes were approved.

25. Statements and Questions from the Public.

None.

26. Matters arising from previous minutes.

a) 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.

New signs alerting drivers that the Market Place is not suitable for HGVs were due to be installed within the next couple of weeks. The existing sign adjacent to the building on the corner of Newbury Street with Market Place was to be raised to enable better sight (not being obscured by vehicles) and new directional illuminated bollards were to be installed.

b) Update on request for signs to be installed alerting drivers to hedgehogs in certain hotspot areas.

The Chairman had not yet consulted members of the public via social media seeking their opinions regarding the installation of signs. It was not the appropriate time now as hedgehogs are in hibernation.

27. Planning Applications.

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

28. Planning Consultations.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule & Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SDP)

The planning committee would agree comments to be submitted at the next planning meeting. The consultation ends at midnight on 8 February 2021.

29. **Neighbourhood Plan**

The public survey ended 15 January 2021. 17 responses had been received and would help with moving the plan forward to the next stage. The plan was being reviewed by the District Council. It was anticipated that feedback would be received by the end of January 2021. The responses from the consultation were to be circulated. **Action: Clerk**

30. **Report of the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 January 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting were not yet available. The Deputy Clerk reported that the CPE was on track for November 2021.

20's Plenty for Oxfordshire campaign was being supported by county councillors.

31. **Other Business**

A copy of a letter to the chief planning officer from Wantage and District Mobility Group regarding pedestrian access routes at the East Gate development had been circulated prior to the meeting. The content was noted and supported.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P20/V3194/FUL Change of use of part of outbuilding to residential annexe; machinery and garden store retained. Ham Mill, Ickleton Road, Wantage, OX12 9JA

No objection, however, would like to see a condition applied to the consent, if given, that the residential annexe remains an annexe and not a separate dwelling. Would also like the environmental officer to be consulted regarding any COSHH implications regarding substances and machinery being stored near a residential area.

- b) P20/V3293/HH Single storey rear extension. 30 Harcourt Road, Wantage, OX12 7DQ

No objection.

- c) P20/V3276/HH Demolition of an existing conservatory, erection of a two storey rear extension. 12 Wasbrough Avenue, Wantage, OX12 9DB

The drawings were unclear and therefore the planning committee were unable to make judgement regarding the proposed extension. Could the planning officer confirm the plans are sufficient? More detail regarding the proposed outbuildings is required as there is insufficient information. It was noted that the front garden is to become a paved driveway – could a condition be added requesting that permeable material is used?