

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY ON
MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2022 AT 7.30PM**

Committee members present: Councillor E L Johnson (Chairman)
Councillors I R Cameron, A Dunford, T Gilhome, A C Menzies
and S Third.

Others present: One member of the public

Deputy Town Clerk: S Sanders

Apologies for absence

These were received from Councillors I L Sheldon and J Sibbald.

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

**To approve the minutes of the planning committee meetings held 24 January
and 14 February 2022.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

30. Statements and questions from the public.

None.

31. Matters arising from previous minutes.

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

There was no update.

- b) Update on suitability for mobility scooters and wheelchairs to the East Gate site, Springfield Road by the footway connecting to Charlton Road. P21/V3349/FUL

The planning application had not yet been determined. It was due to be determined by 22 April 2022.

- c) 20's Plenty for Oxfordshire – Survey

The survey was still live. The closing date had been extended because the initiative and survey were featured in the latest edition of the newsletter which had not yet been distributed to Wantage residents.

32. 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.

33. Neighbourhood Plan.

The maps were now ready to be inserted into the document. The document was to be checked against the NPPF and proof read. The next stage was the Regulation 14 Consultation (pre-submission) which was carried out prior to the formal submission to the District Council.

Action: ALL

34. **Driverless Bus**

The Chairman spoke about driverless busses that operate on a local employment site. It was agreed that the operator should be approached to gauge their interest in trialling a driverless bus in Wantage in the future.

Action: Chairman/Deputy Clerk

35. **Fix My Street Super User**

Oxfordshire County Council currently run a scheme where volunteers are recruited and trained to be Super Users on the Fix my Street reporting website. They were seeking volunteers from Wantage who could raise work orders directly to a contractor. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should invite the appropriate person from Oxfordshire County Council to explain the process before deciding if Wantage Town Council would like to support/promote the search for volunteers.

Action: Deputy Clerk

36. **Other Business**

None

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P22/V0356/LDP Formation of a habitable room in roofspace with rear dormer and gable built up. 61 Orchard Way, Wantage, OX12 8EB

Noted. Would like the regulations pertaining to lawful development checked regarding the balconette.

- b) P22/V0386/FUL Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings), 3 (materials), 4 (surface water drainage), 5 (foul water drainage), 6 (tree protection), & 7 (boundary details) on application P20/V3186/FUL. (New dwelling to rear of existing, and new address thereto) 48 Charlton Road, Wantage, OX12 8HG

No objection, but would like to see corrected drainage plans that correspond with the way the house is shown on the plans.

- c) P22/V0286/FUL Erection of Class E retail foodstore with associated car parking, access, landscaping and associated engineering works. Land at Grove Road for GSC Estates (Wantage) Limited and Lidl Great Britain Limited.

No objection but would like the following noted: Wantage Town Council does not believe the intended site is the best location but recognises the need for additional capacity and choice for local residents. Would like to see the entrance/exit re-examined for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists given the recent changes to the Highway Code. Would like to see a left hand turn only for vehicles exiting the site. Would like to see what the provision is for staff parking.

- d) P22/V0282/HH Erection of a conservatory to rear elevation. 18 Scantlebury Way, Wantage, OX12 8GI

No objection.

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- e) P21/V2546/RM To confirm that the concerns raised regarding levelling have been addressed. Land at Crab Hill, land east of A338 and north of A417, Wantage OX12 8HT

Objection. The revised drawings look no different to the previous ones - which we understand the applicant said were incorrect. Houses on the development adjoining existing homes appear to be land built up 1 metre higher than existing ground levels.

Drawing 5145720-ATK-AIW6-ZZ-DR-C- 0618 far left side of the picture would correspond to section B-B, however it doesn't appear to match.

There are still concerns about flooding – houses were previously flooded due to runoff from the field. The rise in ground level, reduction of the ditch and addition of tarmac/paving will exacerbate the issue.

There are still concerns regarding the cycle path – please refer to our previous comments which have not been addressed.
