

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY ON
MONDAY, 22 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present: Cllr Erik Johnson (Chair), Cllrs Iain Cameron, Andy Crawford,
Keith Morris and Sinclair Third

Other councillors present: None

Others present: None

Town Clerk: Julia Evans

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tony Gilhome.

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests.

Cllr Cameron for agenda item 26a.

To approve the minutes of the planning meetings held on 6 November 2023, 4 December 2023, 18 December 2023 and 8 January 2024.

The minutes were approved subject and signed.

24. **Statements and questions from the public.**

25. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

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

Clerk to check progress.

Action: Clerk

b) Update on purchase of SIDs for Charlton Road, Denchworth Road, Grove Road and Ormond Road

The SIDs had been purchased and installed.

CLOSED

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

Letter to be written to the developers asking for a completion date.

Action: Chair

d) Update on 20's Plenty for Oxfordshire

This had been delayed again. The signs in lit areas needed to be illuminated but there were issues finding a source of electricity. OCC were looking into this.

e) Update on the operation of bus stops (Market Place and Seesen Way)

It was agreed in September that there were no significant issues.

CLOSED

26. **To consider the planning applications listed overleaf and any other planning applications that are received prior to the meeting.**

27. **Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 15 submission.**

The Basic Conditions Statement had been received. It was noted that there was an error in the map since it stated that part of Grove parish had been included in the submission. It was felt that the area concerned was now part of Wantage. Statement to be queried. A consultation statement was to be produced. Cllr Johnson was to look for the consultation responses.

Action: Chair

28. **To receive the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 January 2024.**

The minutes were reviewed, and the following items were to be added to the next Planning Committee agenda:

- a) Blocked road drains on Charlton Village Road.
- b) Speed on Camel Crossroads toward East Challow.
- c) Two one-way roads at the west end of the Town Centre.

29. **To review the consultation with residents of Grove Street, Stirlings Road and others concerning a proposal to close access from Stirlings Road to Grove Street with associated changes to waiting restrictions.**

An analysis of the responses was presented. This had shown a high level of concern for vehicles flouting the 'no entry' restriction and also about large vehicles and pedestrian safety. The highest level of support was for the existing restrictions plus a vehicle length limit. The need for deliveries in the area was recognised. It was pointed out that the current restrictions were only advisory and physical constraints would help to resolve the problem. There had also been a proposal to install a temporary camera to establish the extent of the issue. Cllr Cameron to share the analysis with Lee Turner and ask for his opinions.

Action: Cameron

30. **Other Business**

- a) Joint Local Plan. The consultation opened on 7th January and was to run until 21st February. It was noted that very little new housing was proposed. A working group was to be set up to develop a response for consideration at the next Full Council meeting on 12th February.

Action: All

- b) West End Traffic Survey. Cllr Third was still working on this.

Action: Third

The meeting closed at 8.56 PM

PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) P24/V0038/HH Replace two existing rear dormers and single glazed windows with new UPVC double glazed windows, filling the gap between the two dormers with a warm GRP roof. Repair/replace tiles on remainder of roof and add thermal insulation. Re-point chimney and replace flashing. 3 Ormond Road, Wantage, OX12 8EG.

Cllr Cameron left the room while the application was discussed. There were no objections.

- b) P23/V2720/FUL Demolition of barn and erection of new dwelling and detached garage (re-submission of planning application Ref: P18/V1541/FUL). The Orchard, Lark Hill, Wantage, OX12 8PL.

It was noted that this application was not identical to the previous one. The application did not contain any information about biodiversity. The ecology team also noted this. A holding objection was to be submitted pending receipt of a preliminary ecology appraisal.

- c) P23/V2814/HH New first floor side extension and loft extension, and replacement of the existing ground floor garage and utility space. High Trees, Charlton Village Road, Wantage, OX12 7HQ.

There were no objections.

- d) P24/V0073/HH Westfield, Springfield Road, Wantage, OX12 8HD. Extend garage to provide annexe for main property (resubmission of P18/V2011/HH).

There were no objections but a condition was required to ensure that the property remained a single planning unit.

- e) P24/V0091/A Charlton Lodge Care Home, Kingsgrove. Site entrance signage, site descriptive signage, totem pole sign.

There were no objections.
