



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Wantage Town Council held at The Beacon, Portway, Wantage on Monday 20 January 2025 at 7.30pm.
These minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Councillors Present:

E Johnson (Chair), I Cameron (Vice Chair), A Crawford, A Menzies, K Morris and S Third.

In attendance:

Julia Evans Town Clerk

		ACTION
	Apologies for Absence: None.	
	Declarations of Interest: None.	
34	Statements and questions from the public: None.	
35	Update from Thames Water on the proposed SESRO Mark Matthews from Thames Water gave an update on the project. It was noted that a Judicial Review challenge had been issued by GARD. In February a judge would decide whether there were grounds for this. Residents were thanked for their feedback last summer. The next stage would be a consultation report due in March. A series of consultation events would start in June. Environmental and traffic surveys were underway and statutory consultation for planning permission was expected toward the end of 2025. It was hoped that work would commence on the site in 2029/30. There were discussions regarding backup plans, flooding and water abstraction.	
36	To approve the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 4 November 2024 and the Plans Only meetings held on 2 December 2024, 16 December 2024 and 6 January 2025. PROPOSED: Cllr E Johnson SECONDED: Cllr I Cameron RESOLVED: The minutes were signed.	

37	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>a) Update on parking outside the school in the Charlton Village Road area. Yellow lines at the junction had been added to the OCC list for future consideration; the Clerk is to write to the school and explain this. Clerk to ask for advisory white lines from OCC as per their email.</p> <p>b) Update on the future of the Traffic Advisory Committee. There had been no progress on this matter.</p> <p>c) Update on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Inspector has come back with some questions and Cllr Johnson is to host a meeting to discuss a response which will be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p>d) Grove Street – OCC update. Bollards are to be installed on the pavement. The Clerk is to ask about weight restrictions.</p> <p>e) Update on Grove Road SID. This is to be dealt with by the Deputy Clerk.</p> <p>f) Update on the letter concerning the town centre. A letter has been sent and this item is now closed.</p> <p>g) Update on complaint about illuminated signage. This will be carried forward.</p> <p>h) Update on flood mitigation working group. Cllr Third is working on this. A venue for the meeting is to be arranged.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Johnson</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Cllr Third</p>
38	<p>To consider the planning applications listed overleaf and any other applications received prior to the meeting.</p>	
39	<p>To consider an S106 application from East Hendred Sports Club for the use of funds from the Land at Stockham Farm development, planning application reference P12/V1240/FUL, S106 reference 13V11: It was noted that Wantage Tennis Club were likely to need S106 funds for their plans. The Town Council would not like approval of this application to undermine a scheme that is currently being considered by the Vale planning department. The Clerk is to inform the S106 officer.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
40	<p>To receive the I&E Report: The report was received and noted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
41	<p>Other business:</p> <p>a) Cllr Cameron had received a letter from residents in Vicars Row regarding the lack of full fibre broadband in the area. Cllr Cameron agreed to write a letter about this.</p> <p>b) There has been no progress regarding the footpath from the old Icknield School site to Charlton Road. It was pointed out that the utilities were not deep enough and needed to be moved before the path could be built.</p> <p>c) Road names for Kingsgrove: Plumtree and Cloverfield. PROPOSED: Cllr Johnson SECONDED: Cllr Third RESOLVED.</p>	<p>Cllr Cameron</p>

	d) The Clerk is to ask Trevor Hancock from the Vale and Downland Museum for a list of trades to be used as future road names for the Kingsgrove estate.	Clerk
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The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Date:

Planning number	PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS
P24/V2651/LDP	<p data-bbox="563 266 1398 331">Garage conversion to habitable space. 5 Old Canal View, Wantage, OX12 9GL.</p> <p data-bbox="563 376 1398 510">Object. The original application for this property had a condition stating that the property had to be built as shown. The title deed precludes the use of the garage as anything other than a garage.</p>
P24/V2739/LDP	<p data-bbox="563 512 1398 898">Planning permission was granted by the Vale of White Horse Council by notice dated 28 June 1982 under reference WAN6595 (P82/V1026) for the following description of development: "Erection of 4 bungalows with access road to provide accommodation for disabled people and their families. The application seeks confirmation that the bungalows may be occupied for residential purposes without restriction on the basis that there is no condition attached to the 1982 planning permission that restricts occupation to disabled people and their families.</p> <p data-bbox="563 900 1398 965">1,2,3 & 4 Forces Help Society Bungalows, Manor Road, Wantage, OX12 8NR.</p> <p data-bbox="563 1010 1398 1037">No comment.</p>