

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,
PORTWAY ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2009 AT 8.45 PM**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman)
Councillors B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle, E Goldsmith,
P Kent, J Morgan, P O'Leary, Mrs J Reynolds,
Mrs L Todd and Dr ICE Turcu

Other councillors present: Councillor Mrs J Hannaby (part)

Deputy Clerk Mrs H Kell

A Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor A Crawford

B Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Hannaby declared a personal interest in application WAN/20751

C Questions and statements from the public

None

D Market Place

The Chairman apologised for postponing the Market Place site meeting the previous day. The Chairman had considered the proposed plan for the refurbishment of the Market Place as produced by BHP Harwood. He suggested that the Committee consider the following points from the consultants proposals:

- a) The proposal for up to five buses parked on the Market Place.
- b) The moving of the King Alfred's Statue.
- c) The proposal to pedestrianise the south of the Market Place which was always shaded.

Councillors also expressed concern at the various pinch points in roads approaching the Market Place, in which additional parking was also proposed. Members were concerned that the recommendation of the County and District Council's Officer had been made for financial reasons rather than the aspirations of the Town Council, following the public consultation held in 2005. It also felt that a good link with Sainsbury's and the Limborough Road development was essential to the vitality of the town centre. Following further discussions, and

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Armitage

SECONDED by Councillor Dr Turcu

IT WAS RECOMMENDED that a letter be sent to BHP Harwood outlining the following observations.

- i) The road layout plans leading into and out of the Market Place were considered satisfactory
- ii) The east west and west east traffic flows should be on the south side of the Market Place
- iii) The statue should not be moved
- iv) Councillors were not happy with the proposed number of waiting buses remaining on the Market Place.

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v) A meeting to be arranged with the bus companies

Action: Deputy Clerk

A vote was taken on each of the observations.

- i) approved, eight in favour, two against;
- ii) approved, nine in favour, one against;
- iii) Unanimously approved;
- iv) Approved, nine in favour;
- v) Unanimously approved.

Councillor Mrs Hannaby left the meeting.

E Planning applications

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

F Decision notices

Application No	District Council Decision	Town Council Recommendation
WAN/11223/5 -	Permit	No objection
WAN/5634/4-LB -	Permit	No objection
WAN/20728/2-LB	Permit	No objection
WAN/148721-	Permit	No objection
WAN/20566/1-X	Permit	Object

G Tree letters

The Committee noted that the District Council had no objection to tree works at Beckett House and Charlton Cottage, 21 Charlton Road. The Deputy Clerk was requested to write to Vale of White Horse District Council reporting the Council's concern at the lack of information and time allowed for consultation for tree work.

Action: Deputy Clerk

H General correspondence

None

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

WPF/ME

PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) WAN/20751 – Erection of a two storey front extension and single storey rear extension. 57 Larkdown, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8HF for D Hannaby

No objection

- (b) WAN/13705 – Installation of a steplift to the front of the property. 14 Portway, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9BU for Mr D Green.

No objection

- (c) WAN/20752 – Demolition of attached garage, lobby, cloakroom and store. Erection of two storey side extension to form en-suite bedroom, garage, utility room, cloakroom and enlarged kitchen
Erection of a single storey front extension to form enlarged living room. 55 Charlton Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8HJ for Ms M Swain.

No objection

- (d) WAN/19613/1 – Proposed two storey side extension, single storey front extension and internal alterations. 45 Harcourt Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7DQ for Mr Audrivsaitis and Miss Simons.

No objection

- (e) WAN/11880/1 – Erection of a rear conservatory. 41 Courtenay Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7DW for Mrs M Neale

No objection

- (f) WAN/20758 – Erection of a single storey front extension. 84 Stockham Park, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9HH for Mr S Tobin

No objection
