

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY,
ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman),
Councillors, Mrs P Brundle, E Goldsmith,
J Morgan, Mrs L Todd and Dr I C E Turcu

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs J Reynolds.

Declarations of interest

None.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 April, 14 April, 28 April, 19 May, 27 May and 16 June 2008 were approved and signed.

1 Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

2 Matters arising from the minutes

Application WAN/4581/17 – Erection of 5 x fascia signs to buildings at Unit 14, Limborough Road for Focus.

The Committee noted that signs had been erected before being considered by the Town Council. Councillor Morgan reported that he had contacted the Vale of White Horse District Council to report the Council's disappointment that they had not been informed of a retrospective planning application would be submitted.

Councillors were also concerned at the fly-posting by Focus Ltd on lamp posts etc around town and it was agreed the District Council should be contacted. Councillor Morgan agreed to undertake this on behalf of the Council.

3 Wantage Market Place

The Deputy Clerk reported that a report of the meeting with BHP Harwood on 21 April had been received by the Policy, Management and Finance Committee. The Council were now awaiting a breakdown of the estimated cost of producing a new design, taking into account the various recommendations which had been received following the public consultation. This will include a cost of liaising with various authorities and agencies.

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4 **Planning Applications**

The attached planning applications were considered and comments agreed.

5 **Decision notices**

Application No	District Council Decision	Town Council Recommendation
WAN/51901 – 12 Fettiplace, Wantage	Permit	No objection

6 **Tree letters**

The Committee supported the felling of a Bird Cherry Tree and pruning of another Bird Cherry Tree at 40 Chapel Close, Wantage.

7 **General Correspondence**

- a) The Committee noted that plans to consider the St Mary's School site WAN/ 2186/17 were considered at the Development Committee meeting on 23 June. The Committee requested a letter be sent to Vale of White Horse District Council's Planning and Development Department reporting the Council's concerns that it's comments on plans WAN/2186/17, which had been considered at it's meeting on 19 May were not reported at the full Planning and Development meeting on 23 June.
- b) Oxfordshire County Council (*Vale of White Horse District excluding the Parish of North Hinksey) (Disabled Persons' Parking Places) (Variation No 3) Order 200
The Committee noted and welcomed the disabled persons' parking places at Courtenay Road, Wantage and the Market Place.
i) North side; from the eastern flank wall of No 47 Market Place.
ii) South side; from a point 15 metres west of the western kerb line of Newbury Street.
iii) South side; from a point opposite the eastern flank wall of No 17 Market Place.
- c) Letter from Mr and Mrs I Patten re Letcombe Brook and Willow Walk Nature Reserve.

Mr and Mrs Patten objected to the proposed cycleway and complained of vandalism at the Willow Walk open area.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman Councillor J Sibbald
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs P Brundle

IT WAS RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Mr and Mrs Patten informing them that the area in question was in the ownership of the Vale of White Horse District Council and any complaints re vandalism, under age drinking etc should be made to them as the area is not under the ownership of the Town Council. It was also reported that the letter would be considered at the Neighbourhood Action Group meeting on 25 June.

Action: Deputy Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) WAN/7709/2 – Erection of a two storey extension, conservatory and a garage. 32 Highclere Gardens, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9YB for Mr S Barnet

No objection.

- b) WAN/2186/17 – Amendment to approved application WAN/2186/14 to substitute 30 new dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and highway access for 4 No terraces comprising 23 units. Minor amendments to parts of Blocks B2 and B3 of approved scheme. Variation to condition 11 of approval WAN/2186/14 to substitute amended drawings as per this application. Amendments to Block B8 (St Gabriel’s Site) including relocation of refuse store in undercroft parking bay, unit 13 to be changed from a 1 bedroomed unit to a 2 bedroomed unit ; redesign of unit 146 including omission of first floor lean-to feature; re-orientation of parking space 140 and bin store and amendment to link between Block B8 and Terrace T7 to provide pedestrian access gate in wall. St Mary’s School, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BZ for Berkeley Homes Oxford and Chiltern Ltd.

Defer to next meeting and request an extension of the period to consider the application. Wantage Town Council requests confirmation of the numbering of the application, as WAN/2186/17 was considered by the Council at its meeting on 19 May and objections reported. Please confirm that the Council’s objection to WAN/2186/17 which was considered on 19 May was received. The Council considers this plan has been incorrectly numbered.

- c) WAN/2641/32 - Installation of a new entrance door and internal and external alterations. Barclays Bank 17-20 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AG for Barclays Bank.

No objection.

WAN/2641/32-LB – Installation of a new entrance door and internal and external alterations. Barclays Bank 17-20 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AG for Barclays Bank.

No objection.

- d) WAN/2641/34-LB – Replace external advertisement. Barclays Bank 17-20 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AG for Barclays Bank.

No objection.
