

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE  
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY,  
ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.50 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman)  
Councillors: B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle,  
A Crawford, P Kent, J Morgan, Mrs J Reynolds,  
Mrs L Todd and Dr ICE Turcu

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

**Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor P O’Leary

**Declarations of interest**

Councillor Crawford declared a personal interest in planning application WAN/14872/1  
Councillor Morgan declared a personal interest in tree works at St Anne’s Mews, Wantage

**Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meetings held on 29 September 2008, 13 October and 3 November 2008 were approved and signed.

**22 Statements and Questions from the Public**

None

**23 Matters arising from the minutes**

None

**24 Planning Applications**

The attached planning applications were considered and comments agreed.

Councillor Crawford left the room while planning application WAN/14872/1 was being discussed.

**25 Decision notices**

<b>Application No</b>	<b>District Council Decision</b>	<b>Town Council Recommendation</b>
WAN/20680 – 7 Truelocks Way	Permit	No objection
WAN/20657 – 36 Upthorpe Drive	Permit	No objection
WAN/2853/5-A – Wantage Motors	Consent	No objection
WAN/169/7 – Stirlings Elderly Persons Home	Permit	No objection

**26 Partial Review of the Draft South East Plan ‘Somewhere to Live, Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People in the South’**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report and the full options proposed for future provision

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, Councillor Major Sibbald  
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council unanimously support option (a)  
‘New space shall all be provided as close as possible where gypsies and travellers currently live’

**27 Minutes of the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 2 October 2008**

The Committee received and noted the minutes of the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 October 2008

(a) Minute 4 – Severn Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy – SCOTS

It was reported that following information and data obtained by Oxfordshire County Council, a western bypass from Mably Way was unlikely.

(b) Minute 6 – Undercroft Car Park

It was reported that following problems at the undercroft car park, the District Council’s legal department was now looking at a new agreement between Sainsbury’s, Master Trading and the District Council. To date there has been £2000 lost in revenue.

(c) Minute 7 – Report of the Director of Environment and Economy

The Deputy Clerk reported that an e mail had been sent to Mr Peter Ronald on 18 February, outlining the Council’s plans for refurbishment of Wantage Market Place and inviting representatives of the County Council to attend meetings of the Town Council’s Planning Committee. It was proposed that all e mails also be sent to Brian Short, the South Area Engineer.

**28 Wantage Market Place**

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, Councillor Major Sibbald  
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that all members of the Council be invited to attend the Planning meeting of 15 December 2008, when a presentation on the Market Place proposals will be made by BHP Harwood. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

Concerns were expressed that very little reference was made to the Market Place in the recently circulated SCOTS report, which identified traffic problems in the area. The refurbishment of the Market Place was not covered by SCOTS. The Council may need to speak to Halcrow to obtain their advice and contact should also be made with Ms Jacqui Cox and Ms Kathy Browning, the officers who were liaising with District Councils and Halcrow with regard to the development of transport strategies.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald,  
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that both Ms Cox and Ms Browning be invited to a future meeting

of the Planning Committee.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**29 Tree letters**

The Committee considered and approved the following works to trees

- (a) Works to tree, subject to a tree preservation order at Plot 3, St Anne's Mews, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon
- (b) Work to trees to reduce by 10% and to tide Lime trees and remove ivy from Yew tree and lift crown at Plot 1, St Anne's Mews, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon.

Councillor Morgan declared a personal interest while these items were discussed and left the room.

- (c) To note the tree work at Mill House, Locks Lane, Wantage, had now been approved and entered into the register.
- (d) To note that tree work at Betjeman Millennium Park, Wantage, had been approved and entered into the register.
- (e) Works to trees to re-pollard two Hornbeam trees and fell to hedge height three small Hornbeam trees at 1 St Michael's, Priory Road, Wantage, had been approved.
- (f) Various works to trees at Beckett House, Wallingford Street, Wantage, had been approved.

**30 General correspondence**

None

**31 Core Strategy with the Local Development Framework**

A briefing by District Council Officers had been given prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) WAN/14872/1 – Installation of a condenser unit. Unit 4 Kings Walk, Limborough Road, Wantage, OX12 9AJ, for Mr S Bethall

No objection

- b) WAN/7226/5 - Variation of Condition 22 of planning permission WAN/7226/3 by the deletion of the words 'and the bridge linking the site with Betjeman Park has been provided'. 61 Mill Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9AN for Pegasus Retirement Homes plc

No objection

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