

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,  
PORTWAY ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman)  
Councillors B Armitage (part), Mrs P Brundle,  
E Goldsmith, P Kent, Mrs J Reynolds and Mrs L Todd

Others : Four members of the public (part)

Deputy Clerk Mrs H Kell

**A Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Morgan and P O'Leary

**B Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Goldsmith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application WAN/14375/2

**C Questions and statements from the public**

None

Councillor Armitage arrived.

**H General Correspondence**

(b) V.04/08 – V.04/08 – Oxfordshire County Council planning application for the continuation of the development permitted under permission v.04/08 granted consent on 24 November 2008 erection of a translucent polythene dome for use part of the year over existing tennis courts or a temporary period of five years) without complying with condition 3 (which required that the dome should not be installed before the end of term 1 in any school year and must be removed by the end of term 5 in that year) to allow the retention of the dome on site all year round.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman Councillor Major Sibbald  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs J Reynolds

IT WAS RESOLVED to take item H (b) V.04/08 Oxfordshire County Council's Planning application as the next item on the agenda, as members of the public present were interested in this item. The Chairman reported that the planning application related to a property that was outside the Wantage parish boundary, but as a neighbouring parish the Council was consulted and its comments should be sent to the District Council by 1 May. The Committee also received a letter of objection from Mr and Mrs Tucker of 9 Lydsee Gate.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald  
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that whilst the provision of additional sports facilities was supported, the removal of Condition 3 (which requires the dome should not be installed before the end of term 1 in the school year, and must be removed by the end of term 5 in that year) was unanimously objected to. Support would be given to a permanent building.

The members of the public left the meeting.

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**D Planning applications**

The planning applications on the attached sheet were considered and the comments agreed. Councillor E Goldsmith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in WAN/14375/2 and left the meeting for this item.

**E Market Place**

Councillor Armitage reported upon meetings held with bus operators on 26 March and with the Council's Consultants, BHP Harwood on 15 April 2009 concerning the concept plans presented at the committee meeting on 16 March 2009. The next stage involved going to public consultation.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Armitage  
SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald

IT WAS RESOLVED that public consultation consisting of an exhibition of the concept plans be held in the Civic Hall, Wantage on Friday 15 May from 2pm – 5 pm and on Saturday 16 May from 10am – 5 pm. A simultaneous consultation was to be held in the Old Mill Hall, Grove on Saturday 16 May from 10am – 5 pm.

Councillor Armitage reminded members that, in order for the consultation to be successful, it was imperative that Councillors be available to man the exhibition during the consultation period. He would be compiling a rota. It was proposed that Grove Councillors be requested to help with the Grove consultation. The following press release for local newspapers was agreed:

**“Wantage Market Place**

Wantage Town Council is continuing to push forward proposals for the refurbishment of its Market Place. Following a public consultation in 2004 the Council, together with its consultants, have taken into account the public's requests.

An exhibition of the consultants's latest plans will be held in the Civic Hall, Wantage on Friday 15th May from **2 p.m. - 5 p.m.** and on Saturday 16th May from **10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

An exhibition will also be held in the Old Mill Hall, Grove on Saturday 16th May from **10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

This is the community's chance to put ideas forward for changes to the Market Place. Your views on the future of the Market Place are important to us, as without your approval we will not be able to proceed.”

**F Decision notices**

<b>Application No</b>	<b>District Council Decision</b>	<b>Town Council Recommendation</b>
WAN/18731/1 – 9 Belmont	Permit	No objection
WAN/20790/1-DA – Sack House	Refuse	Objection
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WAN/20783 – 5 Leverton Gardens	Permit	No objection

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**G Tree letters**

The Committee considered and approved the work to reduce height and trim side growth of: 5 x Leylandii Conifers and fell to fence height 1 x Ash tree at Cloisters End, The Cloisters.

**H General correspondence - continued**

a) A letter from Vale of White Horse District Council, requesting suggestions for street names for the new development at St Mary's School site, was considered.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald

SECONDED by Councillor Mrs J Reynolds

IT WAS RESOLVED to request that the area marked in orange on the attached map should be named St Mary's and the area marked in pink on the attached map be named St Gabriel's.

c) Leisure provision in Wantage / Grove - Kit Campbell Associates had been appointed by the District Council to assess future leisure facility needs in Wantage and Grove. Consultation will take place between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8th May. Councillors Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Brundle agreed to meet the consultants on the afternoon or evening of Thursday 7 May, in Wantage.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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**PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS**

a) WAN/2641/37-LB – Installation of an external fire escape door and upgrading of compartmentation internally. Barclays Bank, 17-20 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AG for Barclays Bank plc

No objection

b) WAN/14375/2 – Proposed new six bay portal grainstore in 6m bays to BS5502 Class 1. Manor Road Farm, Manor Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8NE for Mr Benny Smith

No objection, but planned landscaping is essential

c) WAN/2186/24 – Demolition of gateway and replacement to original historic design. St Mary's School, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BZ for Berkeley Homes Ltd and Thames Valley Housing Association.

No objection, but would like confirmation that demolition and rebuild will be under the guidance of the Conservation Officer.

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e) WAN/173/13 – Removal of condition 2 of planning permission WAN/173/2 that restricts use to an estate agent office on ground floor, rather than allowing A2 use for any type of office . 9-10 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AB for Dreweatt Neate.

Strongly object to the removal of condition 2 in this prime retail position in the town centre. Change of use to A1 would be preferred, in order to maintain the future character and vitality of the town centre.

f) WAN/11995/5-LB – Proposed new signage and internal alterations. 7 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AB for Sportswift T/A Card Factory.

No objection

g) WAN/11995/6-A – Proposed fascia sign. 7 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AB for Miss Rebecca Spedding.

Objection as the proposed sign contravenes the Town Council's policy of painted wooden signage in its conservation area.

h) WAN/10557/2 – Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 1 Charlton Village Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7HD for Mrs H Griffin.

i) WAN/20837-LBC – Proposed loft conversion. 75 Grove Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7AG for Mr D Dawkins.

No objection, if approved by the Conservation Officer.