

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY,
ON MONDAY 28 JULY 2008 AT 8.15 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman),
Councillors B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle,
A Crawford and J Morgan

Other councillors present: Councillors M Green and Mrs J Hannaby

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor P O'Leary, E Goldsmith, Mrs J Reynolds and Dr ICE Turcu.

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 June and 7 July 2008 were approved and signed.

8 Statements and Questions from the Public

None

9 Matters arising from the minutes

Application WAN/2186/17 – Amended application for the St Mary's School Site, Newbury Street, Wantage for Berkeley Homes.

Councillor Morgan reported that both he and Councillor Mrs Reynolds had met with the Chairman of the District Council's Planning and Development Committee and District Council Planning Officers, and were disappointed that Wantage Town Council's objections were not taken into consideration when the decisions were made by the District Council. Both Councillors Crawford and Mrs Hannaby reported they had also written letters, independently, to the District Council, as they were unable to attend the meeting.

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

IT WAS RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the District Council's Planning and Development Committee reporting Wantage Town Council's disappointment and concern and that it's objections were not taken into account when planning application WAN/2186/17 was considered by the Committee. The Council also requested that a Senior Planning Officer be invited to attend a future meeting of this Committee to give details of the principles involved when planning decisions are made.

Action: Deputy Clerk

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10 Wantage Market Place

Councillor Armitage reported that the order had now placed with BHP Harwood for the Market Place design work. A letter was to be sent to BHP Harwood enquiring about the possible date a public consultation. Members of the Committee proposed that the consultation should take place as early as possible in September.

Action: Deputy Clerk

11 Planning Applications

The attached planning applications were considered and comments agreed.

12 Decision notices

Application No	District Council Decision	Town Council Recommendation
WAN/4581/15 – Unit 14, Limborough Road	Permit	No objection
WAN/4581/16 – Unit 14, Limborough Road	Refuse	No objection
WAN/7709/2 – 32 Highclere Gardens	Permit	No objection
WAN/20553 – 35 Palmers	Permit	No objection
WAN/18329/1 – Hawkstone, Trinder Road	Permit	No objection

WAN/20540 – 32 Harcourt Green. The application had been withdrawn.

13 Correspondence

a) Letter from Vale of White Horse District Council Planning Department.

A letter had been received requesting that Wantage Town Council reconsider its decision for WAN/4581/13A, which involved the erection of two internally illuminated fascia signs, which had been considered at the meeting of 27 May 2008. Councillors requested a reply be sent to the District Council reaffirming the Council's objection had been based on concern that the size, position and illumination of the signs had not been clear. The Town Council was also concerned that the application was retrospective.

Action: Deputy Clerk

b) Letter from King Alfred's Specialist Sports College.

The Committee noted the letter from King Alfred's Specialist Sports College advising that an amended plan for the inflatable dome structure was to be submitted. The new plan will give specific times and activities which will take place at the dome.

c) Oxfordshire Highways Temporary Road Traffic Order S 14 (1) – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Temporary Traffic Order – Ormond Road, Wantage. Temporary Prohibition of Waiting

A temporary order will be made to apply the above waiting restriction from 26 August 2008 while work is undertaken for an estimated two days.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) WAN/20586 – Proposed single storey rear extension to provide larger garden room. Internal alterations to ground floor cloakroom and en-suite to master bedroom. 22 Witan Way, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9EU for Mr I Howland

No objection

- b) WAN/14129/4 – To continue use as an enclosed garden and prevent liability of it public access is restored. 27 Westfield Way, Charlton Heights, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7EW for Mr C Turner

This application was withdrawn

- c) WAN/8176/4 – Erection of a side and rear extension and conservatory. 10 Littleworth Hill, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9AG for Mr and Mrs Sweeney

No objection

- d) WAN/20473/1 – 1 x internally illuminated flex face sign above entrance doors and 1 x internally illuminated flex face sign at high level on main building. Unit 12, Kings Walk, Limborough Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9AJ for Mr Darren Lintern.

No objection
