

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE
WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY,
ON MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle,
J Morgan, P O’Leary, Mrs J Reynolds,
Mrs L Todd and Dr ICE Turcu

Vale of White Horse District Council: Miss H Novelle – up to item 15.

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Election of Chairman

Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee,

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Dr Turcu
SECONDED BY Councillor J Morgan
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor B Armitage be elected Chairman for the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford (Vice Chairman),
E Goldsmith and Major J Sibbald (Chairman)

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 July, 18 August and 8 September 2008 were approved and signed.

14 Statements and Questions from the Public

None

15 Vale of White Horse District Council briefing on Allocation of Affordable Housing

The Chairman introduced Miss Helen Novelle, Senior Housing Officer, to update the Committee on the allocation of affordable housing policy in the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Miss Novelle reminded Councillors that any development of more than fifteen homes must allocate 40% for affordable housing. Of this 40%, 75% must be made available for renting and 25% for shared ownership. The allocation from the St Mary’s School site would be sixty nine for renting and twenty seven homes for shared ownership. Thames Valley Housing Association has now taken the opportunity of purchasing a further ninety nine units for shared ownership. This will result in sixty nine homes for renting and one hundred and twenty six for shared ownership. Priority for renting and shared ownership

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will be given to those living or working within the Vale of White Horse District. There were four thousand people on the Vale of White Horse District Council list requiring affordable housing. One thousand of these would like to live in Wantage and one thousand five hundred already live within the area. Shared ownership results in 50% of the value of the property being purchased on a mortgage and 50% being rented. Miss Novelle reported that the Thames Valley Housing Association may take over the maintenance contract for the development from Berkeley Homes. Councillors requested Miss Novelle to note their concern that Berkeley Homes, who currently have the contract for maintenance of development, are responsible for the upkeep of the path to the school through Chain Hill cemetery. Miss Novelle reported that a 'Shared Ownership' promotion will be held in The Guild Hall, Abingdon on 22 October 2008. Councillors suggested that advertising of this event could be made through local newspapers. The Chairman thanked Miss Novelle for her presentation and she left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

16 Matters arising from the minutes

None

17 Wantage Market Place

Councillor Armitage reported that he and the Deputy Clerk would meet with BHP Harwood on Friday 3 October to obtain an update on the progress for plans for the refurbishment of the Market Place.

18 Planning Applications

The attached planning applications were considered and comments agreed.

19 Decision notices

Application No	District Council Decision	Town Council Recommendation
WAN/8464/3 – 46 Charlton Road	Permit	No objection
WAN/20603 – 76 Orchard Way	Permit	No objection
WAN/20629 – 11 Harcourt Green	Permit	No objection
WAN/5613/8 – 8 Market Place	Refuse	Object with comments
WAN/4581/17-A – Unit 14, Limborough Road	Permit	Object with comments
WAN/16021/1 – Chain Hill House, Chain Hill	Permit	No objection
WAN/20540/1 – 32 Harcourt Green	Permit	No objection
WAN/8176/4 – 10 Littleworth Hill	Permit	No objection
WAN/20473/1-A – Unit 12, Kings Walk	Permit	No objection
WAN/18626/1 – 3 Foliat Close	Permit	No objection
WAN/2641/35 – Barclays Bank, 17-20 Market Place	Permit	No objection
WAN/2641/36-LB – Barclays Bank, 17-20 Market Place	Permit	No objection
WAN/20572/1-CA – 18 Mill Street	Permit	No objection
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20 Tree letters

None

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21 **General correspondence**

a) Oxfordshire's County Council's amended planning application V 11-06 Erection of a translucent polythene dome at King Alfred's Community and Sports College, West Site.

A letter of objection from Mrs Knight of 68 Warmans Close was noted.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Reynolds

IT WAS MOVED that although the application related to Challow Parish, a letter be sent to the County Council, expressing concern at the position of the dome and, whilst welcoming additional sports facility for the town, requesting that the dome be moved to a more appropriate area within the school grounds away from local residents. If this was not possible, hours for community use should be restricted. This was approved six in favour, one against. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) WAN/20664 – Retrospective application for change of use from highway verge to garden and construction of retaining wall and fence. 7 Dean Butler Close, Challow Fields, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9EJ for Mrs S Robinson

Object. The wall is unsightly and obtrusive; it could also be a pedestrian hazard.

- b) WAN/1804/2 – Change of use from office (use class B1) to residential (use class C3) to form 1x2 bed flat, 8 x 1 bed flats and a studio flat with parking and landscaping. Alterations to 2 no windows, a glazed screen and an external door. Abbey House, Stirlings Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7BB for Mr Robert Sturgess.

No objection, subject to confirmation that sufficient parking is available.

- c) WAN/20667 – Demolition of outbuilding and conservatory. Erection of new utility room and conservatory. 75 Hamfield, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9EG for C Schonrogge.

No objection.

- d) WAN/20657 – Single storey side extension to provide utility, cloakroom and enlarge kitchen. 36 Uphorpe Drive, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7DF for Mr C Long.

No objection.

- e) WAN/20680 – Ground floor extension on the front of the property to enlarge the dining room and provide a ground floor WC and lobby. 7 Truelocks Way, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7EG for Mr K Myers.

No objection.

- f) WAN/20679 – Single storey extension to kitchen, and two storey extension providing bedroom and en-suite facilities. 16 Segsbury Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9XP for Mr J Gorman.

No objection.
