

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,  
PORTWAY ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present:	Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman) Councillors Mrs P Brundle, E Goldsmith, P Kent and Mrs L Todd
Other Councillors present:	Councillors Mrs J Hannaby and J Morgan
Oxfordshire County Council:	Mr David Taylor (Public Transport Development Officer)
Members of the public:	Four members of the public
Deputy Clerk	Mrs H Kell

The Chairman welcomed Mr Taylor to the meeting.

**A Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Armitage, A Crawford, P O'Leary, Mrs J Reynolds and Dr ICE Turcu.

**B Declarations of Interest**

None

**C Report by Mr David Taylor (County Council's Public Transport Officer)**

Mr Taylor reported that he had met with the Chairman and representatives of Thames Travel, Stagecoach and RH Transport bus services on Monday 24 August at the Civic Hall. Following consideration of the proposed plan for the refurbishment of the Market Place and site visits to both the Market Place and Seesen Way, the following proposal had been made.

- a) The bus operators to agree to a code of real time timetabling which would ensure no more than two buses would be on the Market Place at one time. Mr Taylor reported that Stagecoach had already agreed to this proposal.
- b) The bus stop on the Market Place to be moved to the area outside the shops on the southern side, thereby allowing the buses improved movement around the Market Place and improving the vista of the Market Place and Victoria Cross area.
- c) The community bus service should be encouraged to stop in the bus stop in Newbury Street.
- d) Funding of new bus shelters with real time information was available in the current financial year. A project for an interim scheme should commence as soon as possible for the Wantage/Grove to Oxford route. Invitations should be extended to relevant groups to join a Wantage Market Place Partnership to consider the future plans for the Market Place as soon as possible.

Following questions from members of the Committee with regard to additional early morning buses to enable people to get to work, possible problems of exhaust emissions in the Market Place and Seesen Way, Mr Taylor reported the bus operator's code of timetabling will ensure an improved service. Also the introduction of national legislation with regard to emissions, will ensure that all buses meet the 'Euro 5' standard for emissions. Mr Taylor reminded members that Wantage Town Council can also apply for an 'Air Quality Code for Wantage' through the Local Development Framework. Mr Taylor suggested that the way forward was for the Council to give approval for him to draw up an interim improvement scheme for Wantage to include new real time bus shelters. Mr Taylor was thanked for his report and he left the meeting.

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**D Statements and questions from the public**

None

**E Planning applications**

The planning applications on the attached sheet were considered and comments agreed.  
A letter of objection to WAN/173/15 from Mr and Mrs Eagan was noted.

**F Decision notices**

<b>Planning Application</b>	<b>District Council Decision</b>	<b>Town Council Recommendation</b>
WAN/8811/1 – 32 Belmont	Permit	No objection
WAN/20914 – 3 Witan Way	Permit	No objection
WAN/20920 – 36 Wasbrough Avenue	Permit	No objection
WAN/8314/7 – 24 Wallingford Street	Refuse	Object with comments
WAN/8314/8-LB – 24 Wallingford Street	Refuse	Object with comments

**G Trees**

The Committee noted that work to trees at Abbey House, Wantage had now been entered into the register of the Vale of White Horse District Council.

**H General correspondence**

A letter regarding the Vale of White Horse District Council's Off-Street Parking orders in Wantage was noted. A permanent off-street parking order will allow revocation of the temporary order for the two new car parks: Mill Street – 35 spaces and Limborough Road – 34 spaces. This was in accordance with Section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any comments were to be submitted to the District Council by 14 September.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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**PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS**

a) WAN/173/15 – Installation of signage, air conditioning unit, satellite dishes and television aerial. Shop refits works and repainting of shop front. 9 and 10 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8AB for Coral Estates Ltd.

Support, The application is supported on the condition that Wantage Town Council's policy that no illuminated signs are permitted in the conservation, is upheld.

b) WAN/19918/1 – First floor extension over existing flat roofed portion of house to provide additional bedroom and en suite bathroom. 8 Courtenay Road Wantage, Oxon, OX12 7DN for Mr A Huckstep.

No objection.

c) WAN/12562/28 Totem advertising for commercial retail outlets in the Kings Park development. Car Park at Focus, for Master Property Trading Ltd.

Object, unless approval is obtained from Oxfordshire County Council with regard to an illuminated sign where there is no pedestrian crossing.

d) WAN/20968-LB – Replacement of front door on front elevation. 55 Wallingford Street, Wantage, OX12 8AU for Ms F Nuttgens.

No objection.

e) WAN/20967 – Erection of a two-storey side extension. 27 Upthorpe Drive, Wantage, OX12 7DF for Mr Tom Nelson.

No objection.

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