10th July 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE meeting held on this day in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Wokingham from 19:30 to 21:00.

PRESENT
Chairman: Cllr A Waters
Councillors: Cllr Mrs A N Drake, Cllr C George, Cllr K Morgan, Cllr I L Shepherd-Dubey and Cllr M. Richards.

IN ATTENDANCE
Technical Officer – Miles Thorne

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M Ashwell and Cllr N Campbell-White.

MEMBERS’ INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)
None received

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)
None received.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)
It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr K Morgan and it was that the Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 5th June 2018 (pages 15592 to 15595) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED
29772

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)
The Monitoring Report dated 4th July 2018 was received and considered.

Bell Foundry Lane
The chairman has had no answer from Cllr Stuart Munro regarding issue with drainage at Bell Foundry Lane. He will speak to him at a meeting on 13th July and update at next P&T Meeting.
TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (Agenda Item 6)

The committee is very concerned at the pace and quality of work being undertaken in the Town Centre and inaccuracy of information given by Balfour Beatty staff when questioned by councillors:

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey and that the committee request the following information is made available to them with immediate effect.

1) To have definitive date of completion of works.
2) Access to view the Contract of works.
3) Access to the current financial statement.
4) Access to TRO (Traffic regulation order) in reference to Disabled parking bays in Market Place.
5) Health and safety concerns with temporary walkways and barriers for people movements around Market Place.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT IN TOWN CENTRE (Agenda Item 7)

It was agreed that Cllr K Morgan will present a report on highways to the P&T Committee in the next meeting.

ACTION: CLLR K MORGAN

REFUSAL OF APPLICATION 180465 – CANTLEY HOUSE HOTEL (Agenda Item 8)

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr K Morgan and that if the decision is appealed to the planning inspectorate Wokingham Town Council P&T Committee would support the application and speak in its favour.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 9)

A report on the Committee’s budget as of 30th June 2018 was received and noted. The Chairman stated that the Budget would be reviewed in the P&T Meeting in October.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER
RESOLVED
29775

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 10)
The following applications were received and considered and it was that the Committee would make comment as shown.

181348        32a Rose Street
Advertisement consent for the proposed erection of 1 illuminated fascia sign and 2 non-illuminated fascia signs.

No Comment

181724        9 Easthampstead Road
Demolition in conservation area for the proposed erection of 27 residential units following the demolition of the existing building, plus car parking, cycle parking and landscaping.

Objection on following
1) Scale and mass are out of character with the area not compliant with policy CP3.
2) Car Parking not adequate for number of dwellings.
3) External appearance not in keeping with location and of building in conservation area.

181788        4 Bush Walk
Listed building consent application for the insertion of a new shop window into the rear (north east) facing elevation.

No Comment

181746        Kronos House Finchampstead Road
Full application for the proposed erection of a 2.5 storey extension to existing Building to create 5 residential units with shared amenity area and refuse store.

Objection on following
1) Scale and mass are out of character with the area not compliant with policy CP3.
2) Overlooking adjacent properties and impeding Amenity land.
181565 The Embrook School Embrook Road
Full planning application for proposed artificial grass pitch with flood lights.

Concerns on following

1) Lack of facilities for Showers, changing and toilets.
2) Impact on Amenities of nearby residents.
3) Lack of vehicle movement report especially out of School times.
4) Concerns on findings of the reports on lighting, noise and drainage.
5) Concerns about impact on Biodiversity.
6) Hours of use outside of School times.

The Committee agreed that a rotation of the pitch 90° would be beneficial for lighting and noise.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 11)

Cllr M Richards asked for an Agenda item on next meeting to discuss street naming and numbering where road locations are fragmented.