

9th October 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 N Campbell-White

Councillors: Cllr C George, Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey, Cllr M Richards and Cllr T Lack.

IN ATTENDANCE

Technical Officer – Miles Thorne

Peter Must - Wokingham Society

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M Ashwell, Cllr A Waters, Cllr A Drake and Cllr K Morgan.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllr M Richards made it known that he would not be voting on Planning matters.

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 T Lack and it was that the Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 4th September 2018 (pages 15644 to 15647) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED
29812**

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 3rd October 2018 was received and considered.

Bell Foundry Lane

Cllr A Waters will update at next meeting.

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (Agenda Item 6)

The councillors raised the following issues;

- There have been no communications with Councillors regarding Peach place and Rose Street developments. The Councillors would like updates on timings for example when the hoardings will be removed.
- The Councillors would like an update on the development from either Cllr Mirfin or Bernie Pitch

ACTION: P&T OFFICER & TOWN CLERK



HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT IN TOWN CENTRE (Agenda Item 7)

The Councillors raised the following issues;

- There are reports of the low kerb being a trip hazard. The issue seems to be insufficient distinction of edge by kerb to make it obvious to pedestrians. Also has this been reviewed by disabled groups and those with sight difficulties for example guide dogs for the blind?
- The paving discoloration following traffic. What are the plans for cleaning and upkeep?

ACTION: P&T OFFICER & TOWN CLERK

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING (Agenda Item 8)

Cllr Richards raised the issue of fragmented numbering in some new developments. This is where certain roads are split but retain the same road name but the numbering is very confusing. A good example of this is Victoria Gardens.

Councillors want to know who is responsible, they believe it is WBC and this will be taken up with Vivienne Conlon to ascertain if the WBC are responsible and what the decision making process in the street numbering in these cases.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

WOKINGHAM HEALTH AND WELLBEING REPORT (Agenda Item 9)

Cllr K Morgan was unable to attend the meeting and will present this at the next meeting

ACTION: Cllr K Morgan, P&T OFFICER

WOKINGHAM TAXI RANK IN BROAD STREET (Agenda Item 10)

Cllr T Lack presented a case for the Taxi rank along 22-24 Broad street to be used for resident parking as the Taxis do not use these spaces and they are wasted and would help to give the residents a much needed area to park.

This will be proposed to Sarah Allman at WBC.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER



COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 11)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 31st August 2018 was received and noted.

Cllr N Campbell-White stated that he had some queries on the figures in budget expenditure and income columns (Actual YTD).

This will be taken up with RFO Nicky Harmsworth.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 12)

The following applications were received and considered and it was that the Committee would make comment as shown.

**Resolved
29813**

182460 West Forest Gate Wellington Road/ Finchampstead

Full planning application for demolition of the existing B1 (office) building and the erection of 2 buildings to provide 51 apartments, car parking, vehicular and pedestrian access, and landscaping.

Objection on following grounds;

Car Parking allocation is insufficient. It is below the level set down by WBC. This will lead to Cars being parked and possibly blocking local roads.

Councillors would like to note that there was no pre application consultation and that they would have welcomed this for this large application.

182557 9-10 Market Place

Listed building consent for the installation of replacement window graphics and store directory boards to the existing shop front.

No Comments

181888 Land At Matthewsgreen Farm Matthewsgreen Road

Application for the approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline planning consent O/2014/2242 for a revised layout and design of part of Phase 4, comprising an additional 5 dwellings (to the 243 approved under application 172751) and the erection of 8 dwellings within Phase 5, together with associated amenity spaces, garages, parking, internal roads, pathways, drainage and associated Landscaping. (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be considered.)



No objections but it wasn't clear what the parking allocation was for the 8 dwellings on phase 5.

Councillors would hope that adequate landscaping and tree screening is followed through in this phase development.

182230 60 Rose Street

Listed building consent for the replacement of two windows to the front elevation.

There is no objection as long as the new windows adhere to the existing design

182315 36-38 Finchampstead Road

Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 152665 for the erection of 3no apartments following demolition of existing commercial building. Condition 2 relates to the substitution of approved plans and drawings, plus the removal of conditions 3 External Materials, 4 Landscaping, 5 Protection of trees etc and 6 Sound Insulation as development reduced to 2x2 bedroom apartments.

No Comment

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 11)

Cllr N Campbell-White raised an issue he would like adding to next meeting agenda, the tarmacking of Doles Lane, why this was done and what was the reasoning behind its prioritisation when so many roads around Wokingham require repairs.

Prior to next meeting P&T officer will contact Sarah Holloway at WBC for her comments.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

