

11th December 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **Council Chambers, Town Hall, Wokingham** from 19:45 to 21:10.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr N Campbell-White

Councillors: Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey, Cllr A Drake, Cllr M Richards, Cllr M Ashwell, Cllr C George, Cllr K Morgan and Cllr T Lack.

IN ATTENDANCE

Technical Officer – Miles Thorne

David Ruddock – St Pauls Church Warden.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Waters.

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 A Drake and it was that the Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 13th November 2018 (pages 15693 to 15696) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED
29857**

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 5th December 2018 was received and considered.

Bell Foundry Lane

The Chairman stated that Stuart Munro has yet to discuss this issue. He will contact Stuart Munro or person responsible at WBC and report back at the next P&T Committee Meeting.

Taxi Rank in Broad Street

Email was sent to Sean Murphy and Paul Anstey at West Berks by P&T Officer as was directed by Town Clerk, following contact with Sara Allman and her recommendation that this needs to go through Licensing. There has not been any response to this email.

The chairman directed P&T Officer to raise this issue again with Town Clerk to see if she could contact Licencing at West Berks.



Cllr T Lack asked that the wording be changed on this Monitoring Report item to remove the words 'in evening'.

Cllr T Lack raised the issue of Councillor training as per the metric in Monitoring Report. As Cllr Lack is fairly new to P&T Committee he wanted to know if training is available. Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey said that previous P&T Officer had provided her with a video of Planning Training. The P&T Officer will see if this video can be located or other options for Training information or documents.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (Agenda Item 6)

The chairman stated that, whilst there had been an update from Cllr P Mirfin at the recent Full Council regarding the Peach Place development, the committee would welcome more detail about how the construction is developing, specific timescales and as soon as possible who the new tenants will be.

Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey raised the issue of public toilet facilities at Peach Place as per the development proposal. When will they be provided and what allocation will there be to Disabled facilities.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER & TOWN CLERK

HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT IN TOWN CENTRE (Agenda Item 7)

The Chairman stated that the P&T Committee were more than disappointed and annoyed that there has been no response to the proposal of changes to the TRO in Market Place, particularly as they are asking for changes deemed necessary by the Town's residents.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER & TOWN CLERK

PAVEMENT BY ALL SAINTS CHURCH AT THE JUNCTION OF LONDON ROAD AND WILTSHIRE ROAD (Agenda Item 8)

The Chairman advised that an investigation is being carried out to have the road widened at Wiltshire Road as it goes around the left hand turn taking some of the current pavement to allow this. The pavement could then be through the Church Yard. The release of this pavement was seen as a viable option by Reverend Dave Hodgson from All saints Church. Chris Easton, WBC Highways, has been asked to prepare a suitable pathway scheme

ACTION: Cllr N C-White



**PAVED RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH ST PAULS CHURCH YARD
(Agenda Item 9)**

David Ruddock as a representative of St Pauls Church asked whether there was funding for repairs to potholes along the pathway to make it safer. The church will be funding improvement of lighting but did not have the funds to repair path.

The Chairman stated that WBC and WTC would not fund this directly and suggested that the Church approach WTC to see if this could be resolved by the way of a grant.

Cllr Lack would like to raise an Agenda item for next meeting related to this item. The Agenda item will be 'Propose possible solution to the path from St Paul's gate to junction with Mount Pleasant end where it exits the Railway footbridge'.

ACTION: Cllr T Lack

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 10)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 30th November 2018 was received and noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 11)

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

**RESOLVED
29858**

182882 Land to the west of St Annes Drive and south of London Road

Full planning application for the development of 81 units (including 29 affordable homes) with associated access road from St Anne's Drive, Landscaping, SANG and open space.

The P&T are concerned with some aspects of the development but await more details.

183051 77 London Road

Householder application for proposed erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion of loft space for habitable accommodation.

Objection – The Window Balcony will be overlooking another property.

182961 51A Barkham Road



Full application for the proposed erection of replacement chalet style dwelling and detached garage, following demolition of existing bungalow.

No Comments

183084 Nigra Building Fishponds Road

Prior approval submission for the conversion of existing office to 43no residential flats.

No Comments

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 11)

The Chairman proposed an agenda item for next meeting – Local Plan Update.

Cllr K Morgan proposed an agenda item for next meeting – Emmbrook pavement car parking.

The Chairman urged Councillors to reply to the WBC consultation on 'Statement of Community Involvement' this is an individual issue not a WTC issue and needs to be complete by 21 Dec 2018.

Cllr K Morgan would like the P&T Officer to raise an issue with Town Clerk – Potentially dangerous fungus growing in Emmbrook area. Red Cap and Brown Cap mushrooms. This is particularly evident in land at junction of Marks Road and Valley Crescent.

Cllr C George gave an update on an issue he had previously raised with P&T Committee via Email – NDR joint between Mulberry Grove and the new eastern section. Highways are investigating the issues of surface water and the Paths not meeting up.

