

# 11<sup>TH</sup> October 2016

Minutes of the proceedings of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **Council Chamber, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7:41pm to 8:30pm.

## **PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr D G Lee

Councillors: Cllrs N Campbell-White, Mrs A N Drake, C George, K G Morgan, I L Shepherd-Dubey and A N Waters.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Planning & Transportation Officer – Mike Dunstan

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs G Hewetson (the Mayor), C Moore and M L Richards.

## **MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)**

The Wokingham Society asked whether the Town Council would support their concerns about the appearance, safety and timely replacement of the temporary footbridge over the Reading-Waterloo railway line at the Tanhouse Lane crossing.

The Committee agreed to support the Society's concerns over health and safety issues and would like to see details of a more suitable permanent replacement that is capable of accommodating pushchairs and wheelchairs. The temporary structure is not DDA compliant, and this will be raised with Network Rail.

**ACTION: P&T OFFICER**

## **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)**

It was proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Campbell-White and it was

**RESOLVED  
29440**

that the Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (pages 15224 to 15226) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **CHANGE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN (Agenda Item 5)**

The election of Cllr Waters to the role of Vice-Chairman was formally recognised by the Committee as it had not been recorded in the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting.

## **MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 6)**

The Monitoring Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 was received and considered.

### **a) Rose Street Public Toilet**

Hamsey Parish Council in East Sussex have agreed to take the toilet. In view of their very small precept, the Town Clerk proposed that no payment should be requested and the Committee endorsed this decision.



**b) Flood risk from multiple adjacent developments**

The Chairman and Cllr Waters will raise this at their forthcoming meeting with Borough Council Members and Officers on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

**ACTION: CLLRS LEE & WATERS**

Concerns were also raised about developers flouting their agreements on such matters as working hours, safety equipment and delivery times and it was agreed that this, together with a review of lessons learned on recent major developments, be raised at the next P&T Committee meeting.

**ACTION: P&T OFFICER**

**TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (Agenda Item 7)**

The Chairman stated that there would be major activity in the town centre in 2017, with work beginning on Peach Place in January, Market Place in the spring and Elms Field in May.

**DRAFT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (Agenda Item 8)**

Wokingham Borough Council's Regulation 123 List was received and noted.

**COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 9)**

The budget report to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was received and noted.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 10)**

The following application was received and considered and it was

**RESOLVED  
29441**

that the Committee would make comment as shown.

**ACTION: P&T OFFICER**

**162051 Nigra Building, Mulberry Business Park, Fishponds Road  
Full application for the proposed raising of roof height to create a new second floor extension to create nine self-contained residential apartments including a communal garden and upgraded cycle storage and refuse facilities.**

The Committee approves of the improvements being made to the building's façade, but objects to the lack of provision of affordable housing in contravention of Policy CP5 of the Adopted Core Strategy and Policy TB05 of the adopted Managing Development Delivery Document.

**URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 11)**

There was no urgent business.

**CHAIRMAN**

