

16th April 2019

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 I Shepherd-Dubey, Cllr A Drake, Cllr M Richards, and Cllr T Lack.

IN ATTENDANCE

Technical Officer – Miles Thorne

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr K Morgan, Cllr C George, Cllr N Campbell-White and Cllr M Ashwell.

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 12th March 2019 (pages 15769 to 15773) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED
29911**

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 10th April 2019 was received and considered.

As the item on Denmark Street Car Park was to be discussed later in the meeting (Agenda item 11) planning applications that this can now be removed from the Monitoring Report

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (Agenda Item 6)

There were no comments.

HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT IN TOWN CENTRE (Agenda Item 7)

There were no comments.



WBC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Plan is due for renewal in 2020, this is a 10 Year update. To discuss the plan and Survey.

Councilors agreed to complete the Survey as individuals.

There was another issue raised regarding current footpaths. There were two existing footpaths that were thought to require maintenance for safe and proper use. These two footpaths are:

WOKF321 – Bridge across railway.

This right of way is unsafe and difficult to cross and so unfit for purpose. Wokingham Town Council would welcome that this be improved so that it can be used as a right of way as intended.

Pathway and bridge at St Pauls Gate (we could not see a reference for this on our map)

This right of way is unsafe and difficult to get through at point where it meets St Paul's gate from railway bridge. The gap is not enough for wheelchair or buggy access and part of the wall could collapse.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

UBER TAXI SERVICE (Agenda Item 9)

A discussion on the Uber Taxi Service in Wokingham Town presented by The Chairman.

The Committee agreed that there are no issues with the operation of UBER in Wokingham Town.

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 10)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 31st March 2019 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
29912**

190622 25 The Terrace

Application for listed building consent for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single rear extension and renewal of existing timber gates.

There were no objections but the Committee would endorse the comments made by Wokingham Society to this application.



190646 30 Market Place

Application for Listed Building Consent for the proposed change of use from restaurant to public house, internal and external alterations including replacement extensions to the rear first floor, with pitched roof and rear glass conservatory, replacement plant, changes to fenestrations, installation of flues and air extract in roof plus alterations to the front façade

The Committee fully support this application.

190673 Luckley House School

Full application for the proposed construction of a reduced size multi-use synthetic turf sports pitch with a 3m - 4.5m high fence and 6no 12m column floodlights.

The Committee would approve the application if activities were to cease on site at 8pm and the Floodlights be switched off by 8:30pm.

**190739 Seymour House, Nos. 3 And 4 The Courtyard Car Park
Denmark Street**

Full planning application for the demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of the site for 77 Class C3 residential units in three buildings including associated basement parking for cars and cycles, refuse and recycling storage facilities, 10 surface public car parking spaces together with new hard and soft landscaped amenity areas.

The Committee objected on the following points:

CP1 – Sustainable development Planning permission will be granted for development proposals that:

- 1) Maintain or enhance the high quality of the environment.
- 10) Provide attractive, functional, accessible, safe, secure and adaptable schemes.

CP3 - General Principles for development Planning permission will be granted for proposals that:

- A) Are of an appropriate scale of activity, mass, layout, built form, height, materials and character to the area together with a high quality of design without detriment to the amenities of adjoining land users including open spaces or occupiers and their quality of life.
- B) Provide a functional, accessible, safe, secure and adaptable scheme.
- F) Contribute to a sense of place in the buildings and spaces themselves and in the way they integrate with their surroundings (especially existing dwellings) including the use of appropriate landscaping.
- J) Do not lead to a loss of community or recreational facilities/land or infrastructure unless suitable alternative provision is available.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER



INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 12)

Cllr Richards requested that an Agenda item was raised for next meeting;

Widening of Wiltshire Road at All Saints Church side to make it safer for traffic entering into London Road and Peach Street.

Cllr Lack raised issue that as Cllr Morgan could not attend meeting the action he had with contacting Police regarding parking on pavements and cyclists riding on pavement on Rose Street should be followed up.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

