

10th March 2020

Minutes of the proceedings of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wokingham** from 19:30 to 21:35

PRESENT

Chairman: **Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey**

Councillors: Cllr P Dennis, Cllr N Fox, Cllr K Malvern, Cllr A Tebboth and Cllr A Mather.

IN ATTENDANCE

Technical Officer (P&T Officer) – Miles Thorne

Elijah Williams – Student.

Daniela Bertolino - Student

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr T Lack

Cllr M Fumagalli

Cllr D Hinton

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllr Mather declared that he would not be able to comment on the planning application 200295 as he is a user of this service.

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

None

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

Cllr Malvern found a word spelling error regarding planning application 193209 notes. The word 'site' should be corrected to 'sight'. The P&T officer will correct the document before it is signed.

**RESOLVED
30104**

It was proposed by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Malvern and it was that the Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 4th February 2020 (pages 16022 to 16027) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 4th March 2020 was received and considered.

WOKINGHAM TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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There were no updates. This will stay on the Monitoring Report for updates.

ACTION P&T OFFICER

ADDING FLOWER DISPLAYS TO OUR BUS SHELTER ROOFS

The P&T Officer has had response from Glen, the installer of Bus Stop. He feels that it should not be an issue with weight but would recommend a shelter with side panels (which Ashridge Road doesn't have). An alternative site of Shelter was put to Glen (The shelter at Wellington Road). This was response from Glen; "that shelter would likely be more suitable, as it does indeed have half end panels. However, I would reiterate that we cannot offer any guarantee of suitability due to the added weight and we did previously say that we felt that an enclosed or a cantilever with full end panels would be preferable although we feel that the cantilever with half end panels would be the next best alternative.

I would also comment that the shelter you are proposing is, I believe, quite old and the sealant round the top of the roof slab may require re-applying before a "green roof" with the resulting water is applied but this is something that your people could probably do. It is literally a bead of sealant around the roof edge where the roof slab sits in the roof perimeter extrusion to stop any rain ingress through the shelter."

The P&T Officer forwarded this to Cllr Hinton to see whether this work could be undertaken by Daniel at Sky Garden.

Sky Garden contractors have replied to Cllr Hinton that they can do the sedum blanket installation and sealant to roof for the same price quoted before £925 for the Bus Shelter roof at Wellington Road.

The P&T Committee agreed that this should proceed and the P&T Officer will organise this.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER AND CLLR HINTON

LOCAL AREA PLAN UPDATE (Agenda Item 6)

To discuss and consider the upcoming consultation on the next stage of Wokingham Borough Council Local Area Plan.

As agreed in the last P&T Meeting Cllr Dennis has been collating the responses from Wokingham Town councillors to this plan.

He presented a document with all the comments received. The P&T Committee systematically went through each comment to debate and either leave as is, edit or remove each one.

Cllr Dennis updated the document in real time. The final document was approved by the Committee.

The P&T Officer will forward this document to all Wokingham Town Councillors informing them that this will be presented as the opinion of Wokingham Town

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Council and then this document will be presented as feedback to Wokingham Borough Council on the Local Area Plan Update.

Wokingham Town Councillors can feedback their own personal comments as well to Wokingham Borough Council on the Local Area Plan Update. The cut-off date is Friday 20th March at 5pm.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER & ALL COUNCILLORS

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER CONSULTATION (Agenda Item 7)

The Temporary Traffic Order for 3 routes in Wokingham Town were discussed.

The Committee would like to change if possible the dates of closure to following:

'From proceeding along Old Forest Road, Wokingham between its junctions with Toutley Road and Commons Road.

The restriction for item 1 will take place between **4th May** 2020 to 30th July 2020 and 1st May 2021 to 30th July 2021.'

There are Council elections in Wokingham on 7th May so if the works could delay until the **8th May** then this would be helpful for those voting in this area.

The P&T Officer will feedback this to Wokingham Borough Council.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

PLANNING APPLICATIONS STATISTICS (Agenda Item 8)

The P&T Officer presented statistics on the current P&T Committees record for discussing and making objections to Planning Applications affecting Wokingham Town in the period from June 2019 to December 2019.

This was compared to the four year period of the previous P&T Committee. It shows that the current Committee are discussing more plans, making more objections and correlating more with Wokingham Borough Council on these Objections.

The table is included below:

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P&T Committee Planning Objections outcomes					
	WBC Outcome				
	2019				
Discussed	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	In Progress	Total Objections
41	4	5	3	7	19
	2018				
Discussed	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	In Progress	Total
24	5	2	1	0	8
	2017				
Discussed	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	In Progress	Total
23	7	3	1	0	11
	2016				
Discussed	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	In Progress	Total
26	8	1	2	0	11
	2015				
Discussed	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	In Progress	Total
28	7	5	3	0	15

Cllr Fox suggested that the statistics should be placed on the WTC Website. The P&T Officer will update the statistics and these will be placed on the website at the end of the Council year.

The P&T Officer will also keep the Committee updated on these statistics.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 9)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 29th February 2020 was received and noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 10)

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

**RESOLVED
30105**

200224 4 The Plaza Denmark Street

Full application for Change of use of unit from Class A1(Retail) to Class D2 (Health and Fitness).

There were no objections but following comments:

Restrict the hours of opening on weekdays to 6.30am to 10.30pm (coinciding with the hours for Nuffield gym).

Measures should be placed to restrict noise pollution.

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200295 Morrisons, Woosehill Shopping Centre

Full application for the erection/installation of a Barber pod to the main car park covering 4 car parking spaces in total.

No Objections but following comment:

For safety reasons would like to see a barrier between the Pod and the Car Park for pedestrians exiting\entering.

200244 Royal Mail Wokingham Delivery Office

Full application for the proposed change of use and sub-division of existing unit (Use Class A1) to provide 1 x flexible retail/financial and professional services unit (Use classes A1/A2) and 1 x storage and distribution unit (Use class B8).

The Committee supports this application as it is a good use of empty space and promotes business in the Town.

200475 Wokingham Family Golf Finchampstead Road

Application to vary condition 9 of planning consent 172979 for the Full application for the proposed erection of a single storey extension to existing driving range building to provide catering/bar and toilet facilities, erection of covered bike store and alterations to existing parking layout. Condition 9 refers to opening hours and the variation is to allow for the opening hours to be extended (07:30 to 23:30 Monday to Saturday and 08:00 to 22:30 Sundays or Bank Holidays and Public Holidays) and to align with the opening hours as per the approved Premises Licence.

No Comments

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 11)

Cllr Dennis attended the first day of the Hearing Appeal into Planning Application 190286 at Wokingham Borough Council. This was an application that the Committee objected to and Cllr Dennis will speak against.

Cllr Dennis informed the Committee of the procedure and encouraged members of the Committee to attend the hearing (ending Thursday 19th March)

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

CHAIRMANS SIGNATURE _____

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