

5th July 2022

Minutes of the proceedings of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE meeting held on this day in the Diamond Jubilee Room, Town Hall, Wokingham from 19:30 to 20:50

PRESENT

Chair: Cllr N Fox

Councillors: Cllr A Tebboth, Cllr M Fumagalli, Cllr P Dennis, Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey & Cllr D Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE

PT Officer

Cllr D King

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr L Forbes

Cllr K Malvern (arrived at 8.15pm)

Cllr P Hornsby

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

No interests were declared.

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

None

ACTION: PT OFFICER

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

**RESOLVED
30476**

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Hinton and it was that the minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 7th June 2022 (pages 16548 to 16552) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

ACTION: PT OFFICER

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 29th June 2022 was received and considered.

SECURE BICYCLE STORAGE IN WOKINGHAM TOWN

The PT Officer confirmed that the secure lockers would be powered by battery, and this would be maintained by the installers of the lockers.

CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____



Cllr Dennis informed the Committee that there had recently been a series of bike thefts in the Town at the railway station. This shows that there is a requirement for secure bike storage and that this may need expanding from the Town to the railway station.

BUS SHELTERS

The PT Officer reported that Cllr Malvern has started the process to check the maintenance status of the bus shelters. Once this has been gathered the PT officer will create a maintenance document for the shelters.

The Committee welcomed this and thanked Cllr Malvern for his efforts with this.

Cllr Shepherd Dubey asked if there was any news on the new bus route which would bring 3 new bus shelters under our maintenance, as yet we have not heard when this will be taking place.

Cllr Dennis asked if we would be able to have a CIL payment for future maintenance costs.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER & CLLR MALVERN

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT WELLINGTON ROAD

(Agenda Item 6)

To receive and consider pre application information on proposed residential development at Wellington Road junction with Station Road and Park Road.

The PT Officer presented the slides from the public consultation pack supplied by Wokingham Borough Council on this proposed development. It was hoped that a representative from WBC would be available to present this but this wasn't possible.

There was a discussion on car parking and there are two views.

- No car parking provided on site except for disabled and delivery spaces. The residents would be provided with parking permits for alternative local parking. This could then allow more amenity land for the site.
- Full car parking provided for all residents.

The Committee would like assurances that the Council's environmental standards are being implemented on this project.

Would it be possible to incorporate a lift within the building?

Can removal of trees be kept to a minimum and any that are removed are replaced.

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ACTION: P&T OFFICER

**BUDGET REQUEST FOR SPEEDWATCH SIGNS AND EQUIPMENT
(Agenda Item 7)**

The PT officer presented the report on the request for funds for Speedwatch signs and further request for a mobile speed camera unit to be used within Wokingham Town.

The Committee appreciate that it is important to have road safety enablement within the Town. There was a discussion regarding the signage whereby it tracks and shows your speed and this was seen as an effective option.

The Committee are of the opinion that this proposal should not be directly funded by Wokingham Town Council but the route should be for the Speedwatch group to apply to Wokingham Town Council for a grant. The next round of grants applications opens at the end of July 2022.

For the grant application it would be useful for all the Speedwatch Groups, within Wokingham Town to come together with their statistics on how often they are out and what locations they do their recording.

There would need to be policy and a cost breakdown of what equipment is required.

Cllr Dennis stated that there may be a shortage of volunteers for the Speedwatch groups and that this is where the Town Council could directly help by facilitating adverts for new volunteers on social media outlets such as Love Wokingham.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 8)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 31st May 2022 was received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 9)

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

**RESOLVED
30477**

221549 37 Rose Street RG40 1XS

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed erection of an outbuilding to form a detached garage / home office, following demolition of the existing garage.

The Committee thought that this would improve the current outbuilding area.

There are concerns at the loss of trees. Can any removed be replaced.

221676 Hutts Farm Cottage Blagrove Lane RG41 4AX

Full application for the proposed conversion of the existing outbuilding to a separate dwelling with associated alterations including changes to fenestration and erection of new boundary fence and gates, plus formation of new parking for the existing dwelling.

No Comments

221684 The Hope And Anchor Station Road RG40 2AD

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed subdivision of the site and change of use of part of the public house into a self-contained 4 no. bedroom dwelling with associated changes to fenestration and provision of rear amenity space, plus construction of a single storey rear extension to form new toilet facilities and storage for the public house.

The Committee were sad to see that most of the public house would be removed but could understand the economic reasoning and support this application.

It was a shame that the signage would also be lost but happy that the pub remained in the Town.

221798 Land off Keephatch Road RG40 1QD

Prior approval submission for the proposed installation of a new 15m monopole tower to support antenna, associated radio-equipment housing and ancillary development hitherto.

A location at nearby Warren House Road was seen as a better alternative.

The Committee would like to know if there is a strategic plan for these installations, showing where the locations are planned and what alternative locations were investigated.

It seems that we are getting lots of these applications dripped through, but it would be very useful to see them as a whole. This would enable the Committee to recommend alternative locations where necessary when the whole picture can be seen.

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221866 The Plaza Denmark Street Wokingham

Application to vary condition 4 of planning consent 200224 for the Full application for Change of use of unit from Class A1(Retail) to Class D2 (Health and Fitness). Condition 4 refers to Hours of use and the variation is to **Open 06.00 instead of 06.30 Monday to Friday.**

The Committee support this application.

221897 Wescott Infant School Wescott Road RG40 2EN

Full planning application for the proposed erection of welded-mesh fence along with gates to the southern boundary along Goodchild Road. Fencing is to continue part way along the south-western boundary fencing and metal posts also to Eastern Boundary School road to include fencing and vehicle gates, replacing the existing boundary fencing.

The Committee have the same response as to the last application for this site.

The Committee understand the safeguarding issues and their requirements but think that the fencing could be implemented in a more sensitive manner.

The Committee object as it is not in keeping with a heritage site.

221890 Land at Bucks Copse 74-76 Rear Of Barkham Road RG41 2RD

Full application for the proposed erection of 2no. dwellings and garage, following demolition of existing garages.

The Committee saw this as an improvement on the last application.

It was noted that on a previous application 091072 that an objection was that the entrance road at Bucks Copse is not a public road, but a private road owned by the residents. It was a concern that this may still be the case and this could be an issue with access.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 9)

The PT Officer reported to the Committee that a new contact for Planning at Wokingham Borough Council, Brian Conlon. He can provide planning training to the Committee in the Autumn.

Brian has asked if the Committee would feedback if training would be preferred in person or via online training.

The consensus seems to be for an online training course and if possible an in person Q&A session prior to a P&T Meeting.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

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