

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Community Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 7:45 pm

Present: *Councillors: P. Wicks (Chairman); K. Baker; D. Bragg; M. Doyle; C. Jewell; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; R. Skegg*

Officer present: *L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

Also present: *1 member of public*

34. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Cheng, M. Forrer and M. Nagra.

35. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D. Bragg – Personal interest: Agenda item 4, planning application 190996: 42 Reading Road, as he lives adjacent to this property.

Councillor K. Baker – Personal interest: Agenda item 4, planning application 190996: 42 Reading Road, as he lives close to this property.

36. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2019**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 18 June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

37. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee Officer informed Members that planning application 191105: 181 Headley Road East had been determined by Wokingham Borough Council ahead of the meeting. This application was therefore not considered by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To forward comments to the planning authority as detailed in **Appendix A**.

38. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting, as given in the agenda.

39. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 191744.
Location: 45 Knowle Road, Woodley, RG5 3QE.
Proposal: Application for prior approval for the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6.0m, for which the maximum height would be 3.95m and the height of the eaves 3.0m.

40. **PLANNING APPEALS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the following appeal decision:

Application: 182995
Location: 37 Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, RG5 3LE.
Details: Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a detached outbuilding.
Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

41. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

Councillor MacNaught informed Members that the data logger had recently been deployed in Colemans Moor Road. The results had shown that the speeding rates in this road were less than 5%.

Councillor MacNaught reported that members of the Woodley Speedwatch team were hoping to meet with the Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Supervisor for Community Speedwatch to determine how much speeding data the police were able to deal with, as there had been reports from other areas of the police being inundated with data from Speedwatch schemes.

42. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: DRAFT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2020-2030 CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To defer this item until the next meeting, on 13 August 2019.
- ◆ That Councillor Jewell would review the draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-30 and report on the document at the meeting on 13 August.

43. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: ARBORFIELD AND BARKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To make a "no comment" response to the Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

44. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To defer this item until the next meeting, on 13 August 2019.
- ◆ That Councillors Baker and Skegg would review the existing Local Transport Plan 3 document and propose feedback to the questions raised by Wokingham Borough Council, for discussion at the meeting on 13 August.

45. **CENTRAL AND EASTERN BERKSHIRE AUTHORITIES: JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN: ADDITIONAL REGULATION 18 (SITE SPECIFIC) CONSULTATION ON THE POTENTIAL ALLOCATION OF THE BRAY QUARRY EXTENSION SITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To make a "no comment" response to the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan additional Regulation 18 (site specific) consultation on the potential allocation of the Bray Quarry Extension site.

46. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY**

Councillor Jewell gave a presentation about the cycling facilities in Woodley, based on the article that had been included in the agenda. She suggested that the Town Council should publicly recognise the need for better cycling facilities in Woodley and should lead the way in promoting safer cycling.

A wide-ranging discussion followed, which included the following points:

- Cyclists have differing needs – some prefer to cycle on the road and do not want to use cycle routes on the pavements; others prefer to cycle on the pavements.
- If cycle routes are provided on pavements, the needs of pedestrians must also be taken into consideration, for example pedestrians who are hard of hearing cannot hear cyclists approaching.
- Some roads are too narrow to safely provide cycle lanes.
- The importance of providing cycle routes to transport hubs.
- The need to identify examples of cycling provision that work well - and those that do not.
- Possible use of Section 106 funds to finance any proposals.

Councillor Jewell proposed that a working party could be set up to review the cycling provision in Woodley and suggest possible improvements, and it was agreed that a working party with this aim would benefit from including non-councillor members with relevant expertise and experience. It was suggested that the first task of a working party could be to review and update the report on cycling facilities produced by the Woodley Community Partnership in 2008.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That Councillor Jewell would work with officers to draw up proposed terms of reference for a working party to review the cycling facilities in Woodley, for consideration by the Committee.

47. **CITIZENS ADVICE WOKINGHAM**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note receipt of the Wokingham Impact Report 2018-19 from Citizens Advice Wokingham.

48. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note receipt of the following:
 - *Connecting Communities in Berkshire E-Bulletin – June 2019*

49. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No further items were suggested for inclusion in a future agenda.

50. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To publicise the following:
 - The Wokingham Borough Council draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030 – with a link to the document provided on the Town Council website.

51. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press were temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw for the following agenda item.

52. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The Chairman informed Members that no enforcement notifications had been received since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm
