

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Community Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 7:45 pm

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

Officers present: *L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

Also present: *10 members of public*

166. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Doyle, M. Forrer and R. Skegg.

167. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors J. Cheng and C. Jewell – Personal interest: Agenda item 14: Citizens Awards, as they each knew one of the nominees personally.

Councillors Cheng and Jewell did not take part in the discussion or decision regarding the nominee who was known to them.

168. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2020**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 7 January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

169. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

170. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

171. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

Councillor Baker informed Members that contact had been made with the Thames Valley Police Community Speedwatch administrator who had advised how the speed data should be submitted. More councillors were required to help with the deployment of the data logger and the speed camera and Councillor Baker asked for volunteers to contact him. He hoped that the Woodley Speedwatch scheme could be re-launched in the coming months.

172. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY WORKING PARTY**

There were no updates on matters relating to the Cycling in Woodley Working Party to report to the meeting.

173. **PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT HEADLEY ROAD EAST, WOODLEY**
Members noted correspondence that had been received from Sinclair Dalby Limited, Chartered Surveyors, regarding the proposed installation of a base station at Headley Road East, Woodley, RG5 4JG. This consultation had been notified to Committee members ahead of the meeting, and comments requested, as a response was required by Sinclair Dalby Limited by 22 January 2020.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note that a response had subsequently been sent to Sinclair Dalby Limited stating that the Town Council would prefer for the mast to be located in an industrial area, even if it was sited on Highways land – with the Storage King site, mentioned in the consultation letter, being the preferred site, if possible.

174. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note receipt of the following:
 - *Connecting Communities in Berkshire E-Bulletin – January 2020*
 - *Link Visiting Scheme Newsletter – January 2020*

175. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

176. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To publicise the following:
 - The Wokingham Borough Council Draft Local Plan consultation.

177. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

No enforcement notifications had been received since the last meeting.

The following three items were received after the agenda had been issued:

178. **ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT NOTIFICATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 200111:
 - Location: 160 Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, RG5 3JJ.
 - Proposal: Application for advertisement consent for 1 No. non-illuminated external replacement of existing ATM header signage.

179. **PLANNING APPEAL**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note that the following appeal against refusal of planning permission had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate:
 - Application: 192571
 - Location: 29 Duncan Road, Woodley, RG5 4HR.
 - Proposal: Full application for the proposed sub-division to form 2 No. two-bedroom dwellings with parking and amenity space

180. **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE BRIEFING**

Councillor Jewell reported on the Local Plan Update briefing session run by Wokingham Borough Council, which she had attended the previous day. Members noted that town and parish councils had been asked to publicise the consultation to local residents and the consultation, and supporting documents, would be available on the Borough Council website from 3 February. A copy of the presentation given at the briefing session had been sent to the Town Council office by Wokingham Borough Council and the Committee Officer agreed to circulate this to all Committee members.

Councillor Baker, who had also attended the briefing session, informed Members that the session had clarified the Local Green Space (LGS) policy proposed for Wokingham and confirmed that an application could be made for the Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) to be reclassified as an LGS whilst retaining the SULV designation. It was therefore no longer necessary for members of the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party to meet with Ian Bellinger and Councillor Wayne Smith to discuss these matters, as resolved at the last meeting (Planning and Community Committee, 7 January 2020, minute number 157).

181. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED:

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

182. **CITIZENS AWARDS**

Following consideration of each of the nominations it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To award a total of five Citizens Awards.

Before the close of the meeting, the following item was considered

183. **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

After being duly proposed it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That Councillor Cheng stand down as Chairman of the Planning and Community Committee and be appointed Vice Chairman.
- ◆ That Councillor Wicks be appointed Chairman of the Planning and Community Committee.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Approved on the following applications;			
192819	08/01/2020	Mr Zahier Bashir	11 Shepherds Hill Shepherds Hill Earley RG6 1BB
Proposal : ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single storey part two storey rear extension following part demolition of existing rear extension, plus the insertion of 1 No. rooflight.			
Observations : No objections.			
193156	09/01/2020	Mrs D Ankerson	12 Dowding Close Dowding Close Woodley RG5 4NL
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation.			
Observations : No objections.			
193250	17/01/2020	Mr M Taylor	2 Penrose Avenue Penrose Avenue Woodley RG5 3PA
Proposal : Full application for the proposed erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated parking and garden.			
Observations : Two letters of concern had been received regarding this application. The Committee had no objections to the application but asked that adequate visibility be ensured for pedestrians using the footpath accessing Penrose Avenue.			
193366	09/01/2020	Mr Ismet Spahia	7 Eastwood Road Eastwood Road Woodley RG5 3PY
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side and rear extension to include 4 No. rooflights and changes to fenestration, following demolition of the existing garage.			
Observations : No objections.			
200026	16/01/2020	Mr Peter O'Reilly	148 Loddon Bridge Road Loddon Bridge Road Woodley RG5 4AB
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed creation of a dropped kerb.			
Observations : No objections.			

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
200046	10/01/2020	Dr Jenny Murray	28 Pitford Road Pitford Road Woodley RG5 4QF
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling, including the insertion of 3 No. rooflights.			
Observations : No objections.			
200053	13/01/2020	Mr & Mrs Liu	1 Martinet Road Martinet Road Woodley RG5 4TQ
Proposal : Householder application for proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation, plus changes to fenestration.			
Observations : No objections.			
200070	13/01/2020	Unknown	Henley Wood Road Henley Wood Road Earley RG6 7EE
Proposal : ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION Prior approval submission for the erection of 1 No. 10m street pole shrouded telecommunications antenna and 3 No. ground ancillary cabinets.			
Observations : No objections.			
200097	17/01/2020	B Adarsha & U A Pandit	162 Reading Road Reading Road Woodley RG5 3AA
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension including the insertion of 2 No. rooflights, plus changes to fenestration.			
Observations : No objections.			
200140	21/01/2020	Jo Watson	4 Vulcan Close Vulcan Close Woodley RG5 4XB
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side and rear extension with 5 No. rooflights following front single storey extension to create porch.			
Observations : Two residents were present at the meeting to voice concerns about the possible relocation of the side gate giving access to the rear garden at 4 Vulcan Close.			
The Committee had no objections to the application, but asked that the neighbours' concerns be taken into consideration regarding the possible relocation of the side gate giving access to the rear garden of 4 Vulcan Close and the need to ensure protection of the car that parks on the driveway of No.3.			

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Refused on the following applications;**193302**

09/01/2020

Ms N Trverton

37 Crockhamwell Road
Crockhamwell Road
Woodley
RG5 3LE**Proposal :** Householder application for the erection of a detached outbuilding. (Part retrospective)**Observations :** Three residents were present at the meeting to voice concerns about this application.

The Committee listened to the residents' concerns and recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds:

- The building and the high fencing are unsightly and oppressive for the neighbour at 11 Drovers Way.

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15/01/2020

Mr Rajan Singh

10 Rosewood
Rosewood
Woodley
RG5 3QU**Proposal :** Householder application for the proposed part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling.**Observations :** Three residents were present at the meeting to voice concerns about this application.

After listening to the residents' concerns, the Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds:

- Loss of light to the kitchen window at the side of No.11.
- The proposed extension will be built right up to the boundary.
- Massing effect.
- Concern that the area to the front of the property may not be long enough to allow two cars to be parked side by side.
- Loss of light to the ground floor rear window of No.9.
- Concern that the proposed extension will restrict vehicular access to the garage at No.11.