

4th June 2024

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 20:15

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr Shepherd-Dubey (Chair), Cllr N Nagella (Vice Chair), Cllr L Timlin, Cllr W Dixon, Cllr H Richards, Cllr A Betteridge, Cllr B Alvi, Cllr C Jamthe.

IN ATTENDANCE

PT Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr A Croy

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

None.

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

None

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Dixon and seconded by Cllr Betteridge, and it was that the minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2024 (pages 16954 to 16957) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**RESOLVED
30855**

ACTION: PT OFFICER

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 29th May 2024 was received and considered.

SECURE BICYCLE STORAGE IN WOKINGHAM TOWN

The Planning officer updated the Committee on the progress of the project since the last P&T meeting.

The steady volume of usage was retained during April.

When we have a predicted 3 days in a row of dry weather the roofs of the lockers will be painted with the environmentally friendly paint.

CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____



Cllr Betteridge stated that he had used the lockers recently and it was a good experience.

The 'Business Cards' advertising the Secure Lockers continue to be given out to potential customers from the Councillors and at Council events.

It is hoped that there will be increase in usage over the summer months.

BUS SHELTERS

The Crutchley road shelter that had graffiti has been cleaned again using a new method. Although not perfect it is better than before. This method uses an abrasive technique, and it has worked well, this saves replacement of panels.

ACTION: PT OFFICER

TPO'S (TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS) IN WOKINGHAM TOWN (Agenda Item 6)

To review the current Wokingham Borough Council TPO's procedure and to explore whether the Committee and Wokingham Town Council can take additional measures to protect trees in Wokingham Town.

The PT Officer confirmed that documentation on the process had been sent to the Committee members with links to the WBC website. It was noted that there might be an issue with one of the links. The PT Officer will check and resolve.

The PT Officer has also distributed a form that could be completed and sent electronically. The present form on the WBC website requires downloading and either scanning and sending via email or posting via mail.

The Committee thought that this information would be useful to all Councillors. The PT Officer will follow this up.

ACTION: PT OFFICER

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 7)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 30th April 2024 were received and noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 8)

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

**RESOLVED
30856**

240959 Land to the west of St Annes Drive RG40 1PB

Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 203544 (approved under APP/X0360/W/22/3297645) for the proposed erection of 54 units (including 19 affordable homes) with associated access road from St Anne's Drive, landscaping and open space. Condition 2 refers to the approved details and the variation is for the addition of garden rooms to 14 no. plots on the site.

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The Committee had no objections but had queries regarding whether the change in size of these property's would have other impacts. Would this affect any increase in Community Infrastructure (CIL) or have any impact on the Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) as it may increase the value of the house.

241210 53 Barkham Road Wokingham RG41 2RG

Full application for the proposed conversion of a pair of 3no. bed existing semi-detached bungalows to a pair of 2no. bed semi-detached dwellings, with the raising of the roof/loft to create a new first floor, erection of a single storey rear extension, and erection of a two-storey side extension. Following the demolition of exist garage.

It was pointed out that the description is not correct.

The Committee felt that although they had concerns regarding the parking they had no objections.

241183 40 Reading Road Wokingham RG41 1EH

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed re-rendering of the roadside gable elevation, remedial works to the damaged timber walls and adjoining flat roof and gable elevation.

The Committee support this application as it keeps a Listed Building in good order and that is welcomed.

231343 290 London Road Wokingham RG40 1RD

Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for the single dwelling house C3 converted to HMO C4

There was some confusion regarding this application as it already has a certificate within the documents. The Committee think that there might be further certification due to the increase in occupancy. They trust that the Planning Officer reviewing the application will judge the suitability.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 8)

Cllr Dixon informed the Committee that he will be unable to attend the next P&T meeting that is being held on 16th July.

The Chair confirmed that if the Blagrove Road application (222306) is taken to the WBC P&T Meeting on 10th July that Cllr Dixon will talk on behalf of Wokingham Town Council.

CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____



CHAIRMANS SIGNATURE _____

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