

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT

Councillors, Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett(sub), Jo Day, Sam Dibas (19:48), Nigel Foot, David Harman, Roger Hunneman, David Marsh, Andy Moore (Chairperson) and Graham Storey.

In Attendance

Kym Heasman, Committee Clerk

57. APOLOGIES

Councillors Vaughan Miller (Substitute Vera Barnett) and Tony Vickers (Substitute Billy Drummond).

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee Clerk declared that Councillors, Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond, Nigel Foot and David Marsh who are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

59. MINUTES

PROPOSED: Councillor David Harman

SECONDED: Councillor Ian Jee

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 9th September 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chairperson.

60. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Statement Received from a member of the public:

This is a consultation submission to West Berks Council & Newbury Town Council on the following topics, which I believe to be intrinsically inter-related, & should be considered together to avoid future unintended consequences.

- 1. Proposed further pedestrianisation of Northbrook St., Bartholomew St., Mansion House Street, Market Place, with the intention of increasing footfall out of normal shop opening hours.***
- 2. Parking in Central Newbury.***
- 3. Traffic Management of Newbury/Thatcham centred around the A339 the A4.***

A lengthy Statement Followed which is available on request.

Chair Person Responded with the following:

“Thank you for your Statement and the information in it. However, you will recognise that the matters in them are the responsibility of West Berkshire Council.”

61. MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no questions or petitions received from Members.

62. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Due to error with the planning portal system at the planning authority (WBC) applications received for consultation were unavailable to be considered. Request to be made to WBC for applications to be deferred for consideration at the next Scheduled Planning & Highways committee meeting.

63. Applications for Prior Approval

Resolved that the observations recorded at Appendix 2 to these minutes be submitted to the planning authority

64. ROAD NAMING AND NUMBERING OF LAND AT COVERED RESERVOIR, BATH ROAD, SPEEN, NEWBURY

Members did not feel it relevant to comment on consultation leaving suggestions to be made by the Parish Council, that the new development resides in.

65. SANDLEFORD PARK UPDATE

The developer’s consultation meeting is due to convene on Thursday 28th November. An update will be provided at the December P&H meeting.

66. UPDATE FROM THE WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Phil Barnett made Members of the committee aware the Eagle Quarter Application was taken in a very extensive manor. However, Consideration did not conclude and had been referred to District Planning Committee for determination. This meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13th November.

Councillor Nigel Foot also updated Members on the Pound Street application being approved.

68. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024/25

The forward work programme was received and noted by the committee, with the additional items being added:

- Process review of Planning application.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 20.13 HRS**

CHAIRPERSON

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – RESOLUTIONS**

RUNNING ORDER	RESOLUTION	APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION AND APPLICANT	PROPOSAL
1	No Comments made, due Portal access being unavailable.	24/01957/CERTE	54 Valley Road Newbury for Mr and Mrs Seward.	Seeking confirmation that original planning permission (17/01215/HOUSE) is still valid as a 'significant start' has been made of proposed building works with construction of external porch (with foundations) and internal structural work as per section 8 of the application form.
2	No Comments made, due Portal access being unavailable.	23/02596/FUMAJ	Longcopse Farm Vanners Lane Enborne Newbury for Zippo and Company	Use of Land for the siting of up to 24 travelling show persons plots.
3	No Comments made, due Portal access being unavailable.	24/01779/FUL	81 - 82 Northbrook Street Newbury for Rosedale Property Holdings Limited.	Installation of new fenestration and balconies
4	No Comments made, due Portal access being unavailable.	24/013550/FUL	Newbury Baptist Church Moreton Hall Cheap Street Newbury for Newbury Baptist Church.	Replacement of 29 windows in East and West elevation of Newbury Baptist Church building.
5	No Comments made, due Portal access being unavailable.	24/01773/LBC	5 Mansion House Street Newbury for British Heart Foundation.	External works to the pitched roof and flat roofs, replacement of downpipes and guttering system, internal alterations and redecoration
6	No Comments made, due Portal access being unavailable.	24/01523/FUL	Union Place 31 Bartholomew Street Newbury for Dorien Road Ltd	Install new door to side elevation and glass canopy over.

APPENDIX 1**APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL**

RUNNING ORDER	RESOLUTION	APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION AND APPLICANT	PROPOSAL
1	Application should be subject to Full Application.	24/01772/PACOU	4A Bridge Street Newbury for Mike Hill	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Reinstate class to residential dwelling from the previously approved commercial use.
2	Application Should be subject to Full application.	24/01782/PACOU	81 - 82 Northbrook Street Newbury	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: change of use of the Application Site from Class E (commercial, business and service uses) to Class C3 (dwellinghouses) to form seven apartments.