

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at 7:30 pm on Monday 13th February 2023, in the Council Chamber, Newbury Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury,

Present

Councillors Nigel Foot (Chairperson); Phil Barnett, Jeff Beck, Jo Day, Billy Drummond, Pam Lusby Taylor, Vaughan Miller, Gary Norman.

In Attendance

Elisa Mullen, Civic Manager and Margaret Gore, Senior Accounts Officer.

147. Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Jo Day, Roger Hunneman, David Marsh, Andy Moore and Tony Vickers.

148. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Phil Barnett, Jeff Beck and Billy Drummond 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.

Councillor Phil Barnett and Billy Drummond are also Members of Greenham Parish Council.

The Civic Manager made the following statement on behalf of Councillor Jeff Beck who is a Substitute Member of West Berkshire Council Planning Committee: "I wish to make it clear that any comments I make tonight are only being made in relation to the formulation of the Town Council's view and is not in any way prejudging the way that I may vote when any application is considered by West Berkshire District Council. At that time, I will weigh up all the evidence."

149. Minutes

Proposed: Billy Drummond

Seconded: Phil Barnett

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23/01/2023, be approved, and signed by the Chairperson.

150. Actions from previous meetings

A) In response to the question from Cllr. Sarah Slack, re Enborne Street, West Berkshire Council responded that their priority will be addressing accident sites first followed by preparation for surface dressing. The earliest estimate for the work starting on the section between Cope Hall Lane and Villiers Way will be from late May 2023 depending on what they find on the remaining jobs.

B) members enjoyed a visit to Newbury Rail Station on 6th February, where GWR officials updated on the redevelopment plans. GWR to send details of Community Grant Funds.

151. Questions from members of the public

None received.

152. Members' Questions and Petitions

None received.

153. Schedule of Planning Applications

Resolved that the observations recorded as Appendix 1.2 to these minutes be submitted to the planning authority.

Regarding application Ref. No. 23/00116, Cllr. Jeff Beck voted against the resolution and Cllr. Vaughan Miller abstained.

154. Positioning of 5G masts

The Committee received the Code of Practice for Wireless Network Development in England, published by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport.

Proposed: Nigel Foot

Seconded: Vaughan Miller

Resolved: That the Committee invites representatives from Vodafone to the meeting on 6 March to discuss the positioning of 5G masts.

The Committee would like to ask Vodafone about the following matters:

- Their rollout programme and strategy for delivering 5G communications in Newbury;
- The criteria they use for site selection;
- How the size, design and colours are determined for each mast;
- How they consult with planning authorities and local communities;
- What weight has the Code of Practice and who enforces it?

The CEO was requested to invite officers from the Planning Authority to attend for this presentation.

155. Update on Newbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chairman reported that the Steering Group would be meeting on 15th February to consider the outcomes of the survey which closed on 31st January.

156. Update from The Western Area Planning Committee

Noted that the application on the old scout hut at Battery End was on the agenda for the next WAP Committee meeting.

157. Forward Work Programme for Planning & Highways Committee

Noted that there was an extra meeting of the committee on 20th February 2023 to agree the Council's responses to the following 2 consultations:

- A) The Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal, and
- B) The local Area Plan review (Regulation 19 consultation)

There being no other business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.16 pm

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____

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Schedule of Planning Applications

Running Order	Ward	Application Number	Location and Applicant	Proposal	Resolution
1.	Clay Hill (Adjacent Parish)	23/00116/ADV	The Old Gas Holder, Hambridge Road, Newbury for Viking Self Storage	Various Large Flex Face illuminated signs.	No Objection
2.	Clay Hill	23/00094/CERTE	40 Martingale Chase, Newbury for Mr Manu Sujathan	The property had an internal garage, and this has been converted into an office room in June 2017. This was done by getting a building regulations approval. Also, there is building regulations completion certificate acquired after the work finished.	No Objection
3.	East Fields (Adjacent Parish)	23/00171/FUL	Telecommunications Facility, The Paddocks, Hambridge Road, Newbury for Sky UK Ltd	Installation of 4no. air conditioning condenser units on a galvanised stand on concrete strip base footings, all enclosed by palisade fencing.	No objection, subject to the car parking issues being resolved.
4.	East Fields	22/02873/HOUSE	11 Jubilee Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs S Chessell	Retrospective: approval for proposed single storey rear extension and rebuild first floor bedroom.	No Objection
5.	East Fields	23/00162/ADV	Unit 1B, Newbury Retail Park, Pinchington Lane, Newbury for JD Sports	Flexi Face Sign, Crushed Dibond Fascia, Individual Letting Sign, Projecting Sign.	No Objection
6.	East Fields	23/00213/HOUSE	27A Priory Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Dan Smith	Demolition of existing conservatory and side lean-to outhouse, extension of existing sitting room and new dog room. Single storey side. extension to form breakfast room and additional shower room and front bike garage with associated internal alterations.	No Objection
7.	Wash Common	23/00086/HOUSE	16 Paddock Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Seward	Replace conservatory with new extension.	No Objection
8.	Wash Common	23/00079/HOUSE	256 Andover Road, Newbury for Mr A Staig	Single storey rear extension.	No Objection

9.	Wash Common	22/03043/HOUSE	75 Paddock Road, Newbury for Mr Todd Raetzke	Proposed rear ground floor extension, internal alterations, and all associate works.	Ask the planning Officer to consider the impact that the proposal might have on neighbouring properties.
10.	Wash Common	23/00068/HOUSE	6 Montgomery Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Beesley	Garage conversion and new pitched roof plus rear extensions.	No Objection
11.	West Fields	23/00135/ADV	Whitewall Galleries, 43 Parkway Shopping Centre, Newbury for DeMontfort Fine Art	Application for Consent to Display an Advertisement(s): Rebranding of Whitewall Galleries to Clarendon Fine Art.	No Objection
12.	West Fields	23/00115/FULMAJ	Bayer House Strawberry Hill Newbury for Featherfoot Bayer Ltd	External alterations associated with Prior Approval 18/01904/PACOU – (Conversion of Office to form 191 Residential Apartments)	No comment.