

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT

Councillors Jeanette Clifford; Jo Day; Adrian Edwards; Miles Evans; John Gardner; Dave Goff; Elizabeth O'Keeffe; Margo Payne and Anthony Pick (Chairperson).

In Attendance

Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer
Kym Tucker, Corporate Services Officer

115. APOLOGIES

Councillors Jeff Beck, Kuldip Singh Kang and Andrew Steel.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Jeanette Clifford, Adrian Edwards, David Goff and Anthony Pick 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.

The Chief Executive Officer also made the following statement on behalf of Councillors Adrian Edwards and Anthony Pick who are Members of West Berkshire Council Planning Committees and Jeanette Clifford who is a Substitute Member of West Berkshire Council Planning Committee: "I wish to make it clear that any comments we 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 we may vote when any application is considered by West Berkshire District Council. At that time, we will weigh up all the evidence."

In considering the following application, Councillors Jeanette Clifford, Adrian Edward & Dave Goff declared that they had prejudicial interest and took no part in the vote:
16/03263/FUL.

In considering the following application, Councillor John Gardner declared that he had been lobbied: **16/03143/FUL.**

In considering the following application, Councillor Anthony Pick declared that he had attended a meeting but not given any opinion, he had asked question and received answers: **16/03309/OUTMAJ.**

In considering agenda item 14, (Adopt a Phone Box), Councillor Jeanette Clifford declared a personal interest.

117. MINUTES

The Chairman told the Committee that the draft minutes as circulated had been amended to insert the following, before minute 102. Apologies:

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed, to observe a minute's silence in memory of Mrs. Alma Beck, a former member of this Council and Lady Mayoress during Councillor Jeff Beck's year as Mayor of Newbury.

PROPOSED: Councillor Elizabeth O’Keeffe

SECONDED: Councillor Adrian Edwards

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 5 December 2016, with the above mentioned amendment, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

118. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

119. MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

120. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that the observations recorded at Appendix 1 to these minutes be submitted to the planning authority.

121. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING DECISIONS

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

122. UPDATE FROM THE WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee noted that the District Planning Committee had approved the Coley Farm application.

123. TOWN DESIGN STATEMENT

It was recorded that Councillor Adrian Edwards expressing the views of the Committee commended Corporate Services Officer Tony Hiller and The Chief Executive Officer on the work and skill gone in to the putting together the review of the Town Design Statement

PROPOSED: Councillor Anthony Pick

SECONDED: Councillor Adrian Edwards

RESOLVED: that the new Town Design Statement once finalised (minor changes to be made), was approved for public consultation.

Consultation Process

The Committee agreed the following:

- A notice in the Newbury Weekly News.
- A notice in the Town Council notice board and bus stops.
- Publicise through Council website/social media.
- Newbury Town Council will seek permission to display a notice in West Berkshire Council offices, Library, and Museum.
- A press release will be sent to the Newbury Weekly News and other media outlets.
- Write to partners and other interested bodies, inviting comments.
- Write to the planning Authority inviting comments/advice.

- An Open Day in the Council Chamber, from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm on the 6th February 2017.

The consultation should run until 19 February.

The Working Group would convene by 17 March to consider the responses and make recommendations to the Planning & Highways Committee on 27 March.

124. NEWBURY TOWN PLAN

The Committee noted that the proceedings of the Group had been publicised, following which, several members of the public have requested to join Working Groups and these details have been forwarded to the relevant chairs.

Councillors were still encouraged to get involved, either to chair or sit on Working Groups. The next meeting of the Steering Group was scheduled for 11 January 2017.

125. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPLICATION NO: 14/02480/OUTMAJ FOR LAND ADJACENT TO HILLTOP, OXFORD ROAD, DONNINGTON, NEWBURY FOR OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR MIXED USE SCHEME ON 23.1HA OF LAND, COMPRISING UP TO 401 DWELLINGS ON 11.35HA OF LAND. A 400M2 LOCAL CENTRE (USE CLASSES A1/A2/D1/D2 - NO MORE THAN 200M2 OF A1) ON 0.29HA OF LAND, ONE FORM ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE ON 1.71HA OF LAND, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED HIGHWAY WORKS. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: ACCESS.

The Committee agreed to take no further action.

126. SANDLEFORD PARK WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

It was discussed at Appendix 2, Item 6.

127. CONSULTATION – ADOPT A PHONE BOX

The Committee had no comments to make regarding BT's proposals to remove phone boxes. The Newbury Weekly News was requested to publicise the consultation inviting Members of the Public to Contact BT Directly, if they wish to keep any of the 9 phone boxes in the community.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.33 PM.

CHAIRPERSON

**PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
4 JANUARY 2017
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – RESOLUTIONS**

| RUNNING ORDER | RESOLUTION | APPLICATION NUMBER | LOCATION AND APPLICANT | PROPOSAL |
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| 1 | No objection | 16/03222/HOUSE | 50 Pear Tree Lane, Newbury for Mr & Mrs K Moores | Rear single storey extension |
| 2 | No objection | 16/03436/HOUSE | 135 Walton Way, Newbury for Mrs Hussain | Single storey rear extension, front porch and garage conversion |
| 3 | No objection | 16/03324/HOUSE | 128 Andover Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Hoverd | Two storey extension with some internal modifications |
| 4 | No objection | 16/03263/FUL | Newbury Athletic Club, Fifth Road, Newbury for Newbury Athletic Club | Demolition of existing Newbury Athletic Clubhouse build and construction of new clubhouse building with new access and parking layout. Demolition of existing proposed before first occupation of replacement building |
| 5 | No objection | 16/03368/FUL | Newbury Lawn Tennis Club, Poplar Place, Newbury for Newbury Tennis Club | Section 73: Variation of condition 5 'flood lighting' of previous application 15/03380/FUL: Variation of condition Extension of floodlighting from two courts to all four courts |
| 6 | <p>Objection/comments</p> <p>1. An application for the Sandleford site can only be considered in the light of the planned Sandleford site as whole, including the policy objective for 2000 homes and a traffic plan for the whole site. This is not possible from this partial application. If it were passed, it would not be possible to assess whether the overall objectives for the site will be realised.</p> <p>2. We remain of the view that for the planned number of houses, four accesses will be essential, and therefore disagree with the applicant's contention that two Monks Lane accesses will be adequate.</p> <p>3. We support the conclusion of Mr Paul Goddard, from his traffic</p> | 16/03309/OUTMAJ | Sandleford Park, Newtown Road, Newtown, Newbury for Bloor Homes and Sandleford Farm Partnership | Outline planning permission for up to 1000 new homes (Use Class C3); an 80 bed care housing facility (Use Class C2) as part of the affordable housing provision; a new 2 form entry primary school (Use Class D1); a local centre to comprise flexible commercial floor space (retail falling into use classes A1- A5 up to 2150 sq. m and business falling into use class B1a up to 200 sqm); the formation of new means of access onto Monks Lane; new open space including the laying out of a new country park; drainage infrastructure; walking and cycling infrastructure and other associated infrastructure works. Matters to be considered: Access |

modelling of the previous Bloor Homes applications, that the increased traffic expected from the site has not been adequately provided for by proposed road works. Severe congestion will arise at the roundabouts at either end of Monks Lane, in Andover Road, and on the A339.

4. Monks Lane will not be able to accommodate the construction traffic, which should be directed to the A339 access. It is not made clear that the Monks Lane road improvements and the A339 access should be scheduled so as to minimise the disturbance to neighbours from the construction traffic.

5. A safety audit in regard to the high level of pedestrian and cyclist traffic to and from Park House, St Barts, Falkland School, St George's Pre-School, and Newbury College has not been carried out, nor have mitigation measures for that traffic been proposed. We have requested this action on several previous occasions.

6. No air quality mitigation measures for the A339 are proposed.

7. A new Primary School must be in place in time to accommodate the first residents on the site. This is not evidently to be the case.

In addition to these objections, the following remarks continue from the previous applications but are outside the scope of this outline application. They are nevertheless important.

8. A development such as this should be a landmark in architectural

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| | <p>design, which will fit in with the exceptional Sandford environment and be a source of pride for Newbury.</p> <p>9. Affordable accommodation should be pepper-potted throughout the estate. The planned 40% affordable homes should not include the suggested care home.</p> <p>10. The Monks Lane development should be distinguished by 4 and 5 bedroom houses, with other houses set back from them.</p> <p>11. There should be adequate parking to accommodate expected visitors to the Country Park from outside the estate, located so as to encourage its use instead of parking in residential streets.</p> <p>12. The additional parking which will be required for Falkland Surgery has not been provided for.</p> <p>13. Cycle and pedestrian routes should be integrated with cycle and pedestrian routes leading to the Town Centre.</p> <p>Although the Warren Road exit is not included in this application, we wish to repeat our concerns that it could not accommodate the traffic expected to travel west and would obstruct local traffic to schools, shops, and community centres. We re-state our recommendation for an entirely new western access south of Garden Close Lane and reaching the A343 close to Wash Water, to connect with the A34.</p> | | | |
| 7 | <p>Objection/comment: Retrospective application. The climbing frame, about 8 feet high, both</p> | <p>16/03143/FUL</p> | <p>St John The Evangelist C.E Nursery and Infant School, Old Newtown Road, Newbury for St</p> | <p>Demolition of existing adventure playground and canopy and the redevelopment of the playground to include: new adventure playground, trim trail,</p> |

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| | overlooks several neighbouring houses in Paddock Road and is overlooked by them, giving rise to both privacy and safeguarding concerns. Also, no assessment of the noise effects on neighbours has been made. Before implementing this project, the applicant should both have applied for planning permission and have consulted neighbours on its effects, neither of which occurred. | | John The Evangelist C.E Nursery and Infant School | new canopy structure and woodland hut. |
| 8 | Support/comment: The planned repairs promise a good quality outcome. We hope that in future the Stone Building will be maintained more consistently. | 16/03038/LBC2 | The Stone Building, The Wharf, Newbury for West Berkshire Council | Proposed replacement of existing slate Roof covering, chimney stack repairs, and incorporation of insulation of the roof void. |
| 9 | No objection | 16/03240/HOUSE | 94 Kings Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs J Cole | Proposed singles storey rear extension, loft space conversion and internal alteration |
| 10 | We have no objection in principle. However, we are concerned at the proposed reduction of car parking from 60 places to 20, which seems inadequate for a building on a trading estate and risks an increase in on-street parking. | 16/03137/FUL | Abacus Holdings, Abacus House, Bone Lane, Newbury for CSS Recycling | Change of use from a B1 (Business) use to a B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution). The addition of 3 no. roller shutter doors plus the addition of signage and fencing to match existing |
| 11 | No Comment | 16/03138/ADV | Abacus Holdings, Abacus House, Bone Lane, Newbury for CSS Recycling | Proposed 2 x Fascia Sign |
| 12 | No objection | 16/03314/ADV | B S T Fitness, Park Way, Newbury for Whitbread PLC | 4 x Premier Inn brand signs for new hotel |
| 13 | No objection/comment: However, we recommend that to avoid overlooking of the neighbour, the frosted glass in the present bathroom should be retained in the bedroom which is planned to replace it. | 16/03370/HOUSE | 11 Lampacres, Shaw, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Brown | Proposed two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension |