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**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, ABINGDON
ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2008
AT 16:00 PM**

Open to the Public, including the Press

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Councillor John Woodford (Vice Chair in the Chair), Councillors Richard Farrell, Jenny Hannaby and Sue Marchant.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS: Councillor Tony de Vere

OFFICERS: Martin Deans, Geraldine La Cointe, Mike Gilbert, Sarah Commins and Claire Litchfield

NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

DC.140 **NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Richard Gibson, Jerry Patterson, Margaret Turner, Roger Cox, Matthew Barber, Anthony Hayward, Terry Quinlan, Val Shaw and Gervase Duffield.

DC.141 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

DC.142 **URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was noted that in Councillor Richard Gibson's absence, Councillor John Woodford would take the Chair.

DC.143 **STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING
ORDER 32**

None.

DC.144 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 32**

None.

DC.145 **STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING
ORDER 33**

None.

DC.146 KBA20244(1) - APPLICATION FOR A DROPPED KERB WOODRUFF,
FARINGDON ROAD, KINGSTON BAGPUIZE, OX13 5AQ.

Officers advised that this application came to Committee as a result of an objection received from Kingston Bagpuize Parish Council. The Committee noted that the Parish Council objected on the grounds that the application presented a risk to highway safety, however the County Engineer had raised no objections.

By 6 votes in favour and no votes against it was

RESOLVED

that application KBA/20244/1 be approved subject to the conditions set out in the Officer's report.

DC.147 CUM19155(4) ENTRANCE GATES, PILLARS AND DRIVEWAY WALL 44
CUMNOR HILL, OXFORD OX2 9HB

Officers reminded the Committee that this application had been refused at its previous meeting held on 6 October 2008 and it returned for the agreement of reasons for refusal.

By 3 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 1 abstention it was

RESOLVED

that planning permission in respect of application CUM/19155/4 be refused for the reason set out in the Officer's report.

DC.148 DRA6169(7) - ERECTION OF A CHALET BUNGALOW. 85 ABINGDON
ROAD, DRAYTON, OX14 4HL

Officers stated that the footprint of the building was smaller than shown on the block plan and that they were satisfied with the relationship between the proposed building and its neighbours. It was noted that an objection had been received from Drayton Parish Council citing concern in respect of the parking provision and the size of the proposed dwelling. In addition Officers suggested an additional condition in respect of drainage for fresh and foul water as recommended by the Principal Drainage Engineer. The Committee noted that there were no concerns raised by the County Engineer in respect of the parking

By 6 votes to nil it was

RESOLVED

that application DRA6169(7) be approved subject to the conditions set out in the Officer's report, and an additional drainage condition.

DC.149 ABINGDON MARINA - APPLICATION TO MODIFY CLAUSE OF THE
SECTION 106 PLANNING OBLIGATION

Officers reported that this application intended to vary the section 106 agreement as it was considered that the restriction on the number of moorings no longer served a useful purpose as the Committee had granted planning permission for the construction of 8 additional finger moorings. Officers stated that if approved this application would simply bring the Section 106 agreement in line with what had been agreed by the Committee in 2007.

By 6 votes in favour, 0 votes against it was

RESOLVED

that authority be delegated to the Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy) in consultation with the Chair of the Development Control Committee to approve application ABG/742/43 subject to the negotiation of a Deed of Variation under Section 106A of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.

DC.150 ABINGDON MARINA - APPLICATION TO MODIFY THE FOURTH SCHEDULE OF SECTION 106 PLANNING OBLIGATION

Officers reported that the applicants had made a case that the moorings were not being used as overnight moorings given the limited facilities available at the marina. It was stated that the question for the Committee was whether the obligations served a useful purpose.

One Member made several observations. She commented that the 20 spaces currently allocated for overnight moorings were not in the most convenient place for passing boats. It was commented that at the AGM the Wilts and Berks Canal it had been stated that there was a demand for moorings, but that they needed to be better advertised. She stated that although the facilities at the Marina were limited, many of boats had toilets and showers on them, so these facilities were not necessarily needed. She made the point that the restriction on charging currently meant that the marina could not charge anything as the charge was linked to however much the District Council charged for public moorings on Wilsham Road, which was currently nothing.

One Member commented that a marina of this size should have overnight moorings available, however considered that it would be acceptable to charge a reasonable fee for this provision. He also stated that the marina was poorly signed from the river and the fact that there were overnight moorings available was not obvious to passing river traffic. He considered that if the moorings were better advertised the uptake of use would be greater and thus the restriction would serve a useful purpose.

Officers suggested that this item be deferred in order that a discussion could take place with the applicant.

By 6 votes to nil it was

RESOLVED

that consideration of application ABG/742/44 be deferred to a later meeting of the Committee.

DC.151 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME

The Committee received and considered report 107/08 of the Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy), noting that it was considering recommendation (a) at this meeting, recommendations (b) – (f) having been deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Officers advised that planning permission had been refused in respect of application CUM/19155/4, the reasons having been approved earlier in the meeting and therefore it was recommended that enforcement action be authorised in respect of the gates.

By 3 Votes in favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions it was

RESOLVED

that authority be delegated to the Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy) in consultation with the Chair of the Development Control Committee and /or Vice Chair, to take enforcement action against Mr D Adlard or 44 Cumnor Hill, Oxford to remove the unauthorised entrance gates pillars and wall if he considers it expedient to do so.

Exempt Information Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None.

The meeting rose at 16:45pm