

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## Planning Committee

held on Wednesday, 9 September 2020 at  
5.00 pm



**This was a virtual meeting**

**Open to the public, including the press**

### **Present:**

Members: Councillors Max Thompson (Chair), Val Shaw (Vice-Chair), Jerry Avery (substituting for Mike Pighills), Ron Batstone, Eric Batts, Jenny Hannaby, Diana Lugova and Janet Shelley

### **Officers:**

Helena Ahier, Paul Bateman, Martin Deans, Lewis Dixey, Bertram Smith and Stuart Walker.

### **PI.144 Chair's announcements**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Jenny Hannaby as a member of the committee. Councillor Mike Pighills would also be a new member of the committee. Councillor Jerry Avery had become a substitute member and at this meeting would substitute for Councillor Mike Pighills.

The Chair ran through housekeeping arrangements appropriate to a virtual meeting.

### **PI.145 Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mike Pighills (a new member of the committee) gave apologies. He would be substituted by Councillor Jerry Avery.

Councillor Robert Maddison gave apologies.

### **PI.146 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday 19 August 2020, were agreed to be a correct record of the meeting. It was agreed that the Chair sign them as such.

## **PI.147      Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **PI.148      Urgent business**

### **Vote of Thanks to Previous Chair**

The Chair expressed thanks to the previous Chair, Councillor Bob Johnston, for his service to the Council's Planning Committee. The Chair commended Councillor Johnston for the mentoring, support and guidance that he had given to the committee during his tenure.

A motion moved and seconded, to agree a vote of thanks to Councillor Bob Johnston was declared carried on being put to the vote.

**RESOLVED:** that the previous Chair of the Vale of White Horse Planning Committee, Councillor Bob Johnston, be thanked for his service and leadership to that committee and individually to members serving upon it.

## **PI.149      Public participation**

The committee noted that no members of the public or town/parish councils had registered to speak at the meeting. The committee had received a statement which had been made by a ward councillor relating to one of the applications, which was circulated to the committee some days prior to the meeting. This would be placed on the council's web site.

## **PI.150      P20/V0707/FUL - 3 Wildmoor Gate, Abingdon**

The committee considered application P20/V0707/FUL for the demolition of an existing extension and the erection of a two-storey side extension to form two 1-bedroom apartments with parking and amenity space (addition of visitor parking space and cycle storage as shown on p104B and p100C) at 3 Wildmoor Gate, Abingdon.

Consultations, representations, policy and guidance, and the site's planning history were detailed in the officer's report, which formed part of the agenda pack for the meeting.

The planning officer reported that the proposal was in keeping with the prevailing character of the area, with neighbouring uniform detached and semi-detached properties. The planning officer reported that objections had been received relating to the proposed parking provision and the impact on highway safety. The committee was informed that the proposal would provide three off-street parking spaces for the proposed flats, including a visitor's space, which had been added through amended plans at the request of the county highways officer. The revised car parking arrangement, cycle parking provision, and pedestrian awareness vision splays were all considered acceptable by the county highways officer.

The planning officer reported that one letter of objection raised concerns regarding overlooking. The new first floor windows of the proposed development would lie 9 to 10 metres from the west boundary with the rear garden of the objector's property. This distance was considered to be sufficient to protect the privacy of neighbours and was not considered to be harmful.

A motion moved and seconded, to grant planning permission was declared carried on being put to the vote.

**RESOLVED:** to grant planning permission for application P20/V0707/FUL subject to the following conditions:

Standard:

1. TL1 - Time limit - Full Application
2. Approved plans
3. MC3 - Materials in Accordance with Application

Prior to Commencement:

4. MC25 - Drainage Details (Surface Water)
5. MC26 - Drainage Details (Foul Water)

Prior to Occupation:

6. HY6 – Access and Parking in Accordance with Approved Plans

### **PI.151 P20/V1284/HH - 2 Old Bakery Cottages, Bakery Lane, Letcombe Regis**

The committee considered application P20/V1284/HH for existing garage to be demolished, replaced with single storey side extension at 2 Old Bakery Cottages, Bakery Lane, Letcombe Regis, Wantage.

Consultations, representations, policy and guidance, and the site's planning history were detailed in the officer's report, which formed part of the agenda pack for the meeting.

The planning officer reported that the proposed development covered the same footprint as the existing garage. The committee was informed that the proposed single storey extension would not harm the character and appearance of the area, the wider landscape, the amenity of neighbouring properties nor highway safety. It would preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The democratic services officer reported that the committee had been sent a statement made by Councillor Paul Barrow, the local member, in respect of the application. The statement was read to the committee at the meeting. It was noted that Councillor Barrow had no objection to the proposal. The statement would also be placed on the council's website.

A motion moved and seconded, to grant planning permission was declared carried on being put to the vote.

**RESOLVED:** to grant planning permission for application P20/V1284/HH subject to the following conditions:

Standard Conditions:

1. Commencement within 3 years.

2. Development completed in accordance with approved plans.

Compliance Condition

3. Materials in accordance with application details.

The meeting closed at 5.22 pm

**PI.1**