

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Planning Committee

held on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 5.00 pm



This was a virtual live event

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Bob Johnston (Chair), Val Shaw (Vice-Chair), Jerry Avery, Ron Batstone, Eric Batts, Diana Lugova, Robert Maddison, Janet Shelley and Max Thompson

Officers: Paul Bateman, Martin Deans and Emily Hamerton and Candida Mckelvey

PI.114 Chairman's announcements

The Chair had no announcements but ran through housekeeping arrangements appropriate to a virtual meeting.

PI.115 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

PI.116 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings, held on Tuesday 26 May and Wednesday 3 June 2020, were agreed to be correct records of the meetings. It was resolved that the Chairman sign them as such.

PI.117 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PI.118 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

PI.119 Public participation

Statements made by the public and duly received within a published deadline had been circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting and had also been published on the Council's website.

PI.120 P20/V0114/FUL - Jigsaw, Coopers Lane, Wantage, OX12 8HQ

The committee considered application P20/V0114/FUL, for Variation of Condition 2 of P18/V2756/FUL for amended plans. Retrospective application for proposed new dwelling, garage and partial demolition of existing dwelling with that retained to be used as an outbuilding used for storage. (Revised site location plan received 23 January 2020 and amended plans received 27 February 2020) at Jigsaw, Coopers Lane, 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 senior planning officer reported that this was a retrospective application in respect of a semi-detached bungalow, which had received consent. Works had already commenced, including some demolition. The report outlined the requirement for planning permission for further minor changes, which included the raising of a roof porch, the addition of a chimney, changes to the garage internal layout and changes to doors. However, since the publication of the agenda, planning officers had visited the site on a number of occasions to observe the building operations. It was clear that further works had been undertaken on the site, including a different construction of the garage to that which had been agreed and a different construction of a balcony to the main house. Also, as permitted, the garage was to be finished with an open triple bay and a door. At the present time all main openings to the garage were being finished with roller shutters. Additionally, the owner seemed equivocal about some elements in the final build, so new plans would be necessary to ensure certainty of design and finish.

The officers had requested an updated plan of these changes from the applicant, as the existing plans did not correctly reflect the proposals for which permission would be required. The Committee considered that they needed the opportunity to view the site in its present condition before considering the grant of planning permission in committee.

A motion, moved and seconded, to defer the application, to allow for the production of revised plans and to provide the opportunity for Committee members to visit the site, was declared carried on being put to the vote.

RESOLVED: to defer application P20/VO114/FUL for site visit, to allow for revised plans to be submitted and for Committee members to observe the site in the context of the works presently being carried out there.

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The meeting closed at 5.13 pm