

WALLINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Hall, Wallingford on
Monday 5th August 2019

PRESENT

Councillors Hughes, Kidley, Lester and Whelan

Chairman, Councillor Wilder

The Mayor, Councillor Upcraft

Officer in Attendance, Mrs Barbara Atkins

Meeting Commenced at 1900 Hours

157. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dolton, McGregor and County Councillor L. Atkins.

158. ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

There were no admissions of the public.

159. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Information for each Member was available at the meeting.

160. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NOTIFIED AND IMPROMPTU (15 MINUTES IN TOTAL)

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the meeting.

161. PLANNING MINUTES

It was Proposed by Councillor Kidley, Seconded by Councillor Whelan and

RESOLVED: THAT the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 22nd July 2019 as set out on pages 66 - 71 of the Minute Book be signed as a correct record.

162. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Note: When deciding upon whether to recommend approval or refusal of a planning application classified as “other”, members should, if they feel strongly about their recommendation, request that the application be called in by the District Council Ward Member in order that it may be referred to the District Council’s planning committee.

i) Application Reference: [P19/S2232/HH](#) (Councillor Hughes)

Type: Other

Proposal: Proposed ground floor rear and side extension

Address: 5, Wormald Road Wallingford OX10 9BD

Councillor Hughes reported that it was a fairly standard extension similar to those that other residents had and there had been no comments from neighbours. The Mayor stated that he was concerned about the rear access as this was narrow and therefore as per planning policy recommendations this application would not maintaining access to the rear particularly in relation to disabled access.

Proposed by Councillor Upcraft, Seconded by Councillor Whelan and

RESOLVED: THAT

Comment: Wallingford Town Council has No Objection but conditions: rear disabled access should be maintained as per planning policy.

(ii) Application Reference: [P19/S2296/FUL](#) (Councillor Kidley)

Type: Minor

Proposal: Provision of a single storey temporary building and associated ramp to provide two classrooms on the site during the construction of the proposed extension submitted under application P19/S0191/FUL (**Wallingford Town Council had no objections to this application**) to allow for the increased pupil numbers at the school.

Address: Wallingford School St George's Road Wallingford OX10 8HH

Councillor Kidley reported that the proposed temporary building and ramp was to cater for the increased intake of pupils. Planning has been already granted for a new extension. Members noted the temporary loss of a playing field.

It was Proposed by Councillor Wilder, Seconded by Councillor Lester and

RESOLVED: THAT

Comment: Wallingford Town Council Fully Supports.

163. DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

i) Application Number: [P19/S0872/LB](#)

Site Location: Eastgate House 1 & 2 High Street Wallingford OXON OX10 0BJ

WTC response: Objection with comments

Decision: Refusal of Listed Building Consent – **Noted**

ii) Application Number: [P19/S1277/HH](#)

Site Location: Eastgate House 1 & 2 High Street Wallingford OXON OX10 0BJ

WTC response: Objection with comments

Decision: Refusal of Planning Permission – **Noted**

iii) Application Number: [P19/S1521/FUL](#)

Site Location: 1 St Martins Street

WTC response: Objection with comments then further response of Wallingford Town Council does not object but require the doors to open inwards.

Decision: Planning Permission – **Noted**

iv) Application Number: [P19/S1560/HH](#)

Site Location: 63 Station Road

WTC response: No Objections

Decision: Planning Permission – **Noted**

v) Application Number: [P19/S1668/HH](#)

Site Location: 15 Sinodun Road

WTC response: No Objections

Decision: Planning Permission – **Noted**

vi) Application Number: [P19/S1740/HH](#)

Site Location: 111 Wantage Road

WTC response: No Objections

Decision: Planning Permission – **Noted**

164. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE NOTED BY COUNCILLORS

(i) Application Reference: [P18/S4294/DIS](#)

Type: Discharge of Conditions

Proposal: Revised Green Travel Plan

Address: Land at Wallingford Road / Reading Road Wallingford OX10 9EG

Members discussed and noted that this was a very optimistic plan with lots of car sharing, bus routes and that the developers did not anticipate that the residents would have their own vehicles.

165. MW.0062/19 – NEW BARN FARM, CHOLSEY, NEAR WALLINGFORD

An extension was not granted in respect of Condition 15 relating to turning area and parking. The Town Council did not submit a response - **Noted**.

166. CONSERVATION AREA – ILLUMINATED SIGNS – COUNCILLOR LESTER

Councillor Lester opened the discussion with reporting that SODC's Planning Officer, Sharon Crawford did not believe that the Conservation Officer had been consulted regarding Waitrose's recent application for illuminated signs within a conservation area. Wallingford Town Council had submitted a comment to the effect of no objections to this application providing both the Conservation and Highways Officers were happy with the application. Sharon Crawford is hoping that the Planning Officer allocated to this application will request an extension so that the Conservation Officer may then be consulted. Councillor Lester commented that she strongly objected to illuminated plastic signs such as the Shellfish Cow's (the nail bar's sign has now been removed) and that all signs in a conservation area should be of natural materials. Councillor Wilder stated that he wondered how Waitrose were handling their re branding in other historic towns. The Mayor stated that signs in a conservation area should be in the Neighbourhood Plan and suggested that this could be included as part of the public consultation.

167. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Mayor reported that he had hoped that the Neighbourhood Plan would go to Public Consultation on the 23rd August but due to printing deadlines this would now be the 30th August and an announcement to this effect would be in the Window on Wallingford. The public consultation must be a minimum of 6 weeks but due to the holiday season it will be 8 weeks. Fifty copies of the consultation are being printed at a cost of £1,000 (which a grant covers) along with pdf copies and links to allow the public to submit their thoughts. The Mayor concluded that hopefully the public would be supportive and the plan could go to referendum at the end of this year, early next year (SODC cover the cost of the referendum).

168. OXFORDSHIRE PERMIT SCHEME CONSULTATION

Members discussed, noting that the County Council are trying to cover the costs of the utilities road closures but they were concerned that these permit charges could be passed on to organisers of local community events, such as carnivals as well.

**It was Proposed by Councillor Upcraft, Seconded by Councillor Kidley and
RESOLVED: THAT the Town Council's response would be that there is no objection to the permit charges providing these do not extend to community road closures such as carnivals, Christmas Fairs and Remembrance Sunday. Individual Councillors may respond to this effect as well.**

169. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Conservation Area – Illuminated Signs – Councillor Lester to provide an update
Planning Committee Terms of Reference to go to Full Council

1935 Hours – Meeting Closed