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To: Members of the Planning Committee

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Councillors T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; R. Dolinski; M. Forrer; D. Fradley; B. Franklin; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Planning Committee will be held at The Oakwood Centre at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 6 November 2018, at which your attendance is requested.

Deborah Mander Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members on agenda items.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2018

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To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 October 2018 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record.

4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. *(Appendix 4)*

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5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. *(Appendix 5)*

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6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

To note the following appeal decision:

Application: 180659

Location: 12 Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3HJ.

Details: Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the

erection of a two-storey rear extension, raising the roof to

include two side dormers.

Decision: The appeal was allowed and planning permission granted.

7. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

To note **Report No. PC 3/18**.

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8. **HIGHWAYS**

No report of the items discussed at the Wokingham Borough Council Road Works/Street Works Major Projects Co-ordination meeting held on 24 October 2018 has been received. However, Councillor Walker, who attended the meeting, has reported that the work to upgrade the lighting in the Bader Way has been rescheduled for next year, so the overnight road closure will not coincide with the closure of Loddon Bridge Road for bridge maintenance. Councillor Walker has also reported that Sandford Lane will be closed between 9:30am and 4:00pm from 12-16 November 2018 for bridge maintenance.

9. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

To receive an update from the Chairman on matters relating to Community Speedwatch.

10. WOODLEY AND NORTH EARLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

To note the report of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum held on 19 September 2018. *(Appendix 9)*

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11. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- Community Council for Berkshire E-Bulletin October 2018
- WTCMI Newsletter October 2018

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

13. PUBLICITY/WEBSITE

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

14. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded and they are asked to withdraw for item 15 on the agenda.

15. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

To note any enforcement issues.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 7:45 pm

Present: Councillors: T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; M. Forrer;

J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks

Officer present: L. Matthews, Committee Officer

Also present: 6 members of public

90. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Dolinski, D Fradley and B. Franklin.

91. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

92. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED:

♦ That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 September 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

93. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

• To forward comments to the planning authority as detailed in **Appendix A**.

94. PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED:

• To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting, as given in the agenda.

95. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

RESOLVED:

◆ To note application 182443.

Location: 11 Master Close, Woodley, RG5 4UB.

Proposal: Application for the prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear

extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4m, for which the maximum height would be 2.9m and the height of the eaves

2.9m.

96. **PLANNING APPEALS**

RESOLVED:

◆ To note that the following appeal against refusal of planning permission had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate:

Application: 180659

Location: 12 Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3HJ.

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey rear

extension to dwelling and two side dormers.

97. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

RESOLVED:

◆ To note that Wokingham Borough Council had confirmed the following Tree Preservation Order without modification:

TPO 1645/2018: Relating to 1 English oak tree on land at 39 Crockhamwell Road,

Woodley, RG5 3JZ.

◆ To note that Wokingham Borough Council had confirmed the following Tree Preservation Order without modification:

TPO 1646/2018: Relating to 6 individual broad leaf and coniferous trees, 2 groups of

broadleaf and coniferous trees and 1 woodland of mixed broadleaf

and coniferous species on land at Southlake Primary School,

Campbell Road, Woodley, RG5 3NA.

◆ To note that Wokingham Borough Council had confirmed the following Tree Preservation Order without modification:

TPO 1647/2018: Relating to an oak and a maple tree on land at The Bulmershe

School, Woodley.

98. **HIGHWAYS**

Road Works / Street Works Major Projects Co-ordination meeting

Members noted the details of the items discussed at the Wokingham Borough Council Road Works/Street Works Major Project Co-ordination meeting held on 18 September 2018. Councillor Walker pointed out that during the period 19-23 November 2018 Loddon Bridge Road and the Bader Way were both scheduled for overnight road closures, meaning that both southern exits from Woodley would be closed at the same time. Councillor Walker had queried this with Wokingham Borough Council, but had not yet received a response.

99. **BUTTS HILL ROAD BRIDGE, WOODLEY**

Members noted correspondence received from Network Rail regarding the current work to the Butts Hill Road bridge, which explained that the work was taking longer than anticipated, with the bridge now expected to reopen in December 2018.

100. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

The Chairman gave an update on the testing of the data logging equipment and reported that the original software used to interpret the data had not met the Council's requirements and bespoke software had now been received from the equipment suppliers, but had not yet been tested by Councillors. More supporting brackets were to be purchased for the data logger so that the brackets could be left in position permanently, allowing the data logger to be easily moved between locations.

101. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – DRAFT LEVEL 1 STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION

The Chairman reported on his review of the Wokingham Borough Council Draft Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

RESOLVED:

• To respond to the Wokingham Borough Council Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment consultation stating that the Town Council found the document to be very thorough, but did not have any comments to make on the contents.

102. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

Members considered the Wokingham Borough Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

RESOLVED:

◆ To send a "no comment" response to the Wokingham Borough Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

103. NEW SHARED FOOTWAY AND CYCLEWAY - BADER WAY CORRIDOR

Members noted the press release from Wokingham Borough Council giving details of proposed work to improve links from East Woodley to Dinton Pastures Country Park for cyclists and pedestrians.

104. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – CHANGES IN DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Councillor Bragg reported on the meeting he attended on 27 September 2018 at which Wokingham Borough Council had detailed the changes it was making to Development Management. Councillor Bragg commented that this had been a very short meeting.

105. CITIZENS ADVICE WOKINGHAM

Members noted the update on funding and staffing matters received from Citizens Advice Wokingham.

106. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note receipt of the following:
 - Community Council for Berkshire e-bulletin September 2018
 - Me2 Club Newsletter September 2018

107. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

108. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

There were no suggestions for items to be publicised.

109. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

• That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press were temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw for the following agenda item.

110. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The Chairman informed the meeting of six enforcement investigation closure notifications.

The meeting closed at 10:00 pm

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		Observations on th	ne following Planning Ap	pplications
Application No	Date Recd	Case Officer	Applicant Name	<u>Location</u>
		Approved o	on the following application	s;
182432				
	02/10/2018		Unknown	86 Bruce Road Bruce Road Woodley RG5 3DZ
	Proposal :		n for the proposed erection of of 2 No. access ramps to fron	f a single storey rear extension to existing and rear elevations.
0	bservations:	No objections.		
182440				
	07/09/2018	Adriana Gonzalez	Mr R Kindred	48 Rowan Drive Rowan Drive Woodley RG5 4LW
	Proposal :	Householder application existing conservatory.	n for the proposed single stor	ey rear extension following demolition of
0	bservations :	No objections.		
182445	12/09/2018	Rosie Rogers	Mr & Mrs Simmonds	284 Loddon Bridge Road Loddon Bridge Road Woodley RG5 4BG
	Proposal :			f a single storey side extension plusing a new side dormer to the existing double
0	bservations :	No objections.		
182451				
	12/09/2018	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs Manley	106 Haddon Drive Haddon Drive Woodley RG5 4LL
	Proposal :		n for proposed single storey r bitable accommodation and a	rear/side extension and part conversion of alterations to porch.
0	bservations :	No objections.		
182476				_
	10/09/2018	Nesha Burnham	Mr & Mrs K Rolfe	15 Copse Mead Copse Mead Woodley RG5 4RP
	Proposal :	Householder application demolition of existing co		f single storey rear extension following the
0	bservations :	_	- •	
182519	13/09/2018	Charlotte Black	Mr Watson	163 Colemans Moor Road Colemans Moor Road Woodley RG5 4DB
	Proposal :		n for the proposed erection of with pitched roof, plus interna	f single storey front extension including

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

24.01 .0, .0, 2	2018	Observations on	the following Planning App	plications	
Application No	Date Recd	Case Officer	Applicant Name	Location	
C	Observations :	No objections.			
182530	18/09/2018	Nesha Burnham	Mr Paul Cousins	12 Woodlands Avenue Woodlands Avenue Woodley RG5 3HJ	
	Proposal :	Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 181881 for the erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling and two rear side dormers plus internal alterations. Condition 2 relates to approved details to allow alterations to the scale of first floor extension with substituted plans 18002-06.			
C	Observations:	No objections.			
182552	17/09/2018	Nesha Burnham	Mr & Mrs Paul Richards	16 Messenger Road Messenger Road Woodley RG5 4TR	
	Proposal :	Householder applicat two roof lights.	ion for the proposed erection of	single storey rear extension incorporating	
C	Observations:	No objections.			
182568	18/09/2018	Sue Kauder	Mr & Mrs J Froud	7 Selsdon Avenue Selsdon Avenue Woodley RG5 4PQ	
	Proposal :	dwelling, part convers	sion of existing garage to create	single storey rear extension to existing habitable accommodation, plus adation including erection of a side dormer	
C	bservations :	No objections.			
182594 20/09/2018		Nesha Burnham	Mr Smith	35 Rivermead Road Rivermead Road Woodley RG5 4DH	
c	Proposal : Observations :	• •	ion for the proposed erection of	single storey front extension to dwelling.	
182605	24/09/2018	Stefan Fludger	Mr W M Raja	32 Lismore Close Lismore Close Woodley RG5 3RT	
	Proposal :		ion for the proposed erection of the demolition of existing conse	single storey rear extension incorporating rvatory. (Retrospective)	
C	Observations :				
but given the d construction wo imposed so tha Monday to Frid Saturday: 0800			on already being experienced by he garden of 32 Lismore Close, truction can only be undertaken 300 - 1800	the Committee asked that a condition be	

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Application No Date Recd C		Case Officer	Applicant Name	<u>Location</u>	
		In addition, the Committee asked that a condition be imposed stating that deliveries should not take place between the hours of 0700 - 0900, so that neighbours are able to exit their properties for their morning journeys.			
182607	24/09/2018	Nesha Burnham	Mr & Mrs Bridson	19 Fosters Lane Fosters Lane Woodley RG5 4HH	
	Proposal :	 Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side/rear extension incorporating two roof lights following the demolition of existing conservatory and outbuilding. 			
Observations: No objections.			o , o		
182692	03/10/2018		Mr Zutshu & Mrs Pandital	80 Kingfisher Drive Kingfisher Drive Woodley RG5 3LG	
o	Proposal : bservations :	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling.The Town Council had received one phone call from a resident expressing concerns about this application.			
		The Committee considered the proposal and had no objections to the application.			

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Date :- 10/10/2018		Observations on	oplications	
Application No	Date Recd	Case Officer	Applicant Name	Location
		Refused	on the following applications	s;
181879				
	14/09/2018	Charenjit Braich	Emma Cowburn	62 Lysander Close Lysander Close Woodley RG5 4ND
	Proposal :	Householder applicat	ion for the proposed erection o	f two storey front extension to dwelling.
Ol	bservations :	The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that this application be refused as the drawings were of a poor standard and did not give any dimensions, making it impossible to tell whether the stairs would fit in the proposed location or whether the bedroom sizes met the minimum requirements.		
182500	12/09/2018	Christine Phillips	Mr Dharmesh Modi	8 Wroxham Road
	12/09/2010	Christine Fillips	Wil Dilatifiesti Woul	Wroxham Road
				Woodley RG5 3AT
	Proposal :	: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front extension to form porch and extend existing garage, part conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation; first floor side extension; part single, part two storey rear extension incorporating roof lantern plus conversion of loft space to create habitabe accommodation incorporating 3 No. front roof lights.		
Ol	bservations :			
		After listening to the residents' concerns, the Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds: - The roof treatment and the rooflights to the front elevation are completely out of character with the street scene and out of keeping with the neighbouring properties. - The garage extension and front porch extension is out of keeping with the neighbouring properties and may breach the building line. - The proposed extension is excessively large and out of scale with the existing property.		

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

Application No Date Recd Case Officer Applicant Name Location

Concerns on the following applications;

182409

03/10/2018 Mr Henry Courtier 81-121 Crockhamwell Road

Crockhamwell Road

Woodley RG5 3JP

Proposal: Full planning application for the erection of an additional storey to create 5 No. self-contained

dwellings, alongside associated cycle and refuse storage.

Observations: The Committee had the following strong concerns about this application:

- There is no parking provision for the proposed dwellings.

- The access routes to the proposed dwellings are not shown. Will changes be required to the

existing roof to provide access?

- Concerns about the escape route in the case of fire.

182473

02/10/2018 Unknown Adwest Western Site

Headley Road East

Woodley RG5 4SZ

Proposal: Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of existing buildings on site.

Observations: One resident was present at the meeting to voice concerns about this application and one letter

of concern had been received.

The Committee considered the proposal and had the following comments:

- There are Tree Preservation Orders on 10 important named trees on this site and these must

be fullly protected at all times while work is underway.

- Even though it is not a listed building, Hawkhurst House is one of the few remaining old properties of any significance in Woodley. It was originally a school before being used by the Miles company and was possibly used as a temporary Officers' Mess during World War II. The

Town Council would like it to be protected or incorporated into the scheme for the site.

- The demolition proposals should be linked to proposals for the future use of this substantial site by the development of a comprehensive plan for the site. This is one of the few areas in Woodley that provides employment and the Town Council feels strongly that this should

continue.

- The Town Council feels that it should have been consulted by the planning authority on any

plans for this site.

182583

19/09/2018 Nesha Burnham Mr & Mrs Tejani 65 Quentin Road

Quentin Road Woodley RG5 3NE

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front and rear extensions

incorporating 3 No. roof lights and two storey side extension following the demolition of existing

garage.

Observations: The Town Council had received one phone call from a resident expressing concerns about this

application.

The Committee considered the proposals and had the following concerns:

- The proposed extension will have a terracing effect.

- It would not be possible to access and maintain the roof gutter running along the side of the

property.

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New Applications Received Between 05/10/2018and 01/11/2018

Application No **Date Recd Applicant Name** Location **New Application** 182157 23/10/2018 Mr Singh 11 Kingfisher Drive Kingfisher Drive Woodley RG5 3LG Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension, rear dormer extension, new patio at side elevation, following the demolition of existing detached garage, plus internal alterations. Observations: 182335 10/10/2018 Singh 105 Colemans Moor Road Colemans Moor Road Woodley RG5 4DA Proposal: Full planning application for the proposed erection of 4 No. 2 bed flats and 2 No. 1 bed flats with 6 No. parking spaces and associated external works following demolition of existing bungalow. Observations: 182388 26/10/2018 Mr J Parker St James Church Kingfisher Drive Woodley RG5 3LH Proposal: Full planning application for the refurbishment of existing car park including resurfacing, replacing kerbs and erecting a 1m high picket fence. Observations: 182510 09/10/2018 Mr & Mrs Argrave 18 Rothwell Gardens Rothwell Gardens Woodley RG5 4TJ Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of first floor rear extension and window to ensuite to create habitable accommodation. Observations: 182529 10/10/2018 17 Master Close Mr B Harding Master Close Woodley RG5 4UB **Proposal:** Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side extension. Observations: 182575 16/10/2018 Mr K. Fisher 54 Bodmin Road **Bodmin Road** Woodley RG5 3RZ Proposal: Householder application for the proposed insertion of a new window at first floor level into an existing front dormer elevation. Observations:

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New Applications Received Between 05/10/2018and 01/11/2018

Application No Date Recd **Applicant Name** Location 182694 05/10/2018 Mr & Mrs Lehain 36 Fawcett Crescent **Fawcett Crescent** Woodley RG5 3HU Proposal: Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation plus erection of single storey rear extension incorporating 6 No. roof lights and one roof lantern, plus a front canopy. Observations: 182704 Mr & Mrs Norman 15/10/2018 18 Mannock Way Mannock Way Woodley RG5 4XW Proposal: Householder application for the erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Observations: 182801 22/10/2018 Mrs A Clarke 10 Farriers Close **Farriers Close** Woodley RG5 3DD Proposal: Householder application for proposed erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions including attached garage, plus conversion of existing garage to provide habitable accommodation following demolition of existing conservatory. Observations: 182803 22/10/2018 Mr C Christian 64 Headley Road Headley Road Woodley RG5 4JE Proposal: Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing loft space to provide habitable accommodation plus erection of side dormer extensions. Observations: 182804 26/10/2018 Unknown Unit C, Headley Park 8 Headley Road East Woodley RG5 4SZ Proposal: Full planning application for the Change of Use to use of the premises as a builders merchant (Sui Generis) for the display, sale, storage of building, timber and plumbing supplies, plant and tool hire including outside display and storage. Observations: 182806 22/10/2018 Mr & Mrs Allen 17 Carrick Gardens Carrick Gardens Woodley RG5 3JD Proposal: Householder application for proposed erection of single storey front and side extensions to

dwelling.

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New Applications Received Between 05/10/2018and 01/11/2018

Application No Date Recd Applicant Name Location Observations: 182819 19/10/2018 6 Duncan Road Mrs J Twine **Duncan Road** Woodley RG5 4HR Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing garage. Observations: 182862 24/10/2018 Mr & Mrs Xu 2 Mulberry Close Mulberry Close Woodley RG5 3LR Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension after demolition of existing rear conservatory, and conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation. Observations: 182876 29/10/2018 Mrs S Summerfield 2 Temple Mews Temple Mews Woodley RG5 4HE Proposal: Householder application for a single storey rear extension to dwelling. Observations: 182877 26/10/2018 Mr Sait Ucar 18 Stonehaven Drive Stonehaven Drive Woodley RG5 4DE Proposal: Householder application for the proposed ground floor rear extension to create habitable accommodation. Observations: 182878 29/10/2018 Mr Abdul Minhas 4 Kittiwake Close Kittiwake Close Woodley RG5 4UF Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front extension to form

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Observations:

porch, plus conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation.

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

Thu 1 November 2018

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E 181146	Approved	Headley Park Industrial Estate
E 181280	Approved	9 Fosters Lane
C 182134	Approved	167 Colemans Moor Road Local COMMENT The Committee had no objections to the proposed extension to the house; however the Committee did object to the relocation of the fence at the side of the property as this would result in the loss of amenity land.
E 182229	Approved	First Floor, Nos. 81 - 121
E 182258	Approved	5 Corbett Gardens
E 182331	Approved	6 Tiverton Close
E 182346	Approved	32 Nightingale Road
E 182349	Approved	91 Loddon Bridge Road
E 182386	Approved	2 Chaffey Close
E 182445	Approved	284 Loddon Bridge Road
E 182476	Approved	15 Copse Mead
E 182552	Approved	16 Messenger Road
E 182594	Approved	35 Rivermead Road

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 182041	Refused	77 Campbell Road
C 182139	Refused	59 Hawker Way Local COMMENT No objections.
182279	Refused	Lawn Tennis Club
182306	Refused	46 Woodlands Avenue
182473	Refused	Adwest Western Site
182583	Refused	65 Quentin Road

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

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OTHER PLANNING DETAILS

182500 Withdrawn 8 Wroxham Road

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

BUDGETARY CONTROL 2018/19

Report No. PC 3/18

EXPENDITURE	Budget 2018/19	Actual Exp as at 31/10/17	Actual Exp as at 31/10/18	Actual Exp as % of Budget	•
Annual grants SLA ReadiBus	13500 18162	14018 17480			(2017 includes Readibus)All grants paid in full in October First year of SLA
Total	31662	31498	31662	100.0	
INCOME	Budget 2018/19	as at 31/10/17	as at 31/10/18	as % of Budget	
Total	0	0	0	0	
Net	31662	31498	31662	100.0	

Month 7 = 58%

Wednesday, 19.09. 2018, 7.30 – 9.30 pm The Maxwell Room, The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley

- Present: Mary Bather (in the chair); Mike Evans (vice-chair); Dan Taylor (PCSO Thames Valley Police); Cllr Keith Baker(WTC, WBC); Cllr Richard Dolinski (WTC, WBC); Cllr Carl Doran (WBC); Cllr Sheena Matthews (ETC); Mary Holmes (WTCMI), David Provins (Friends of Woodford Park), Sam Mulligan (Woodley Community Youth Partnership); Residents – M Millard, Ben Graham, C Dolinski, M Craney, J Layhe, R Heather, I Haggerty, I Hills, N S Gill
 - **Apologies**: Cllr Alison Swaddle, Cllr S Younis, Cllr John Armstrong, Sgt Mark Smith (TVP), Jacques Lherbier (Woodley Town Centre Manager), Jenny Lissaman (ACER), Sion Williams (ACER), Rev P Hobday (Earley St Peters Church)
- 2. **Reporting of meetings** The chair reminded the meeting that the forum is a non-profit making, non-political organisation. Meetings are open to all residents from Woodley and N Earley and to representatives of any organisations associated with Woodley and N Earley. Minutes of meetings are available on request and will be published on the forum website once it is up and running. Those attending the meeting are asked to respect the non-political nature of the forum when passing on details of forum discussions outside meetings.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (AGM) 13.06.18 / matters arising
- 3.1 **Cycle survey in Woodley Precinct:** There were 4 actions resulting from the discussion on the cycle survey at the June meeting and Sgt Smith had briefed the chair that:
 - Legality There was a TRO in place making cycling an offence in the precinct. The 'no-cycling' signs are legal therefore and it would require action on behalf of WBC if Woodley decided that the signs should be removed and the precinct become a 'shared space'. The metal signs were very clear but it was agreed that the painted signs on the road were rather faded.
 - PCSO's had spend time in the precinct over the summer talking to cyclists (including children) about considerate cycling and explaining what they could and couldn't do.
 - Work with the relatively few adolescent cyclists who were a distinct nuisance (rather than just careless) was on-going as part of the neighbourhood policing team (NHPT) work on ASB. It is likely that those seen causing a nuisance in the precinct during the survey are the same ones who are causing a nuisance when cycling on the road.
 - Beechwood school as yet there has been no contact with Beechwood School.

The Town Centre Manager (TCM) had received two complaints about dangerous cycling over the summer which had been forwarded to the NHPT. There was further discussion regarding the pros and cons of creating a shared space. It was agreed that it was difficult in practice to enforce the non-cycling TRO (and as the precinct was not a road the only offence could be 'careless cycling' as road laws did not apply) and that there was some evidence that a shared space was in fact safer. Cyclists of all ages have been seen cycling in the precinct and encouragement of safe cycling by all age groups was important.

ACTIONS:

- NHPT to liaise with Beechwood school (and other local schools) regarding education on considerate cycling.
- Forum and NHPT to prepare a joint statement for the TCM to use when faced with complaints about cycling in the precinct.
- Chair to update TCM on outcome of meeting.
- 3.2 **Organising another 'Have your say'** Forum to man a 'Have your say' stall in the precinct (outside Peacocks or Prezzo) one Saturday morning in November. NHPT may be willing to join in.

ACTION: Chair and Vice-chair to liaise with TCM and NHPT to fix date.

3.3 **Funding:** Chair had hoped to apply for some funding from the PPF (public protection fund) but had been informed that the application date had now been moved forward to 2019. Applications were therefore being made to WTC (£240) and ETC (£40) for community grants to cover the printing of public safety leaflets. The applications would be submitted at the beginning of October.

ACTION: Chair to finalise funding applications and submit

3.4 Other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:

- Displaying forum meeting notices on notice boards: Agendas were displayed on ETC boards.
 ACTION: Chair to speak to clerk at Woodley TC to discuss displaying notices on Woodley boards and to liaise with Woodley TC marketing manager with regard to disseminating forum information to Woodley residents.
- Second anti-burglary and anti-fraud event at the Oakwood Centre: Julie Susel willing to organise one for spring 2019.

ACTION: Chair to liaise with Oakwood Centre and Julie to find a date.

4. Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team on recent reported criminal activity in the local area

There are no major issues at present. ASB has been less of a problem than anticipated over the summer. Incidents of cycle theft also low over the summer although there have been a couple of thefts reported since the beginning of the school term. Theft from vans is not an issue at the moment. PCSOs have been patrolling the Garden of Remembrance as requested and have not become aware of any problems. Police have had some successes in action against drugs in Woodley. There is a lot of intelligence coming in regarding drug dealing and the police are working hard to target the dealers. Illegal encampment on Ashenbury Park and Mallone Park but these were dealt with and the travellers moved on relatively quickly.

5. Local policing priorities – Review of progress / agree actions with respect to:

5.1 Antisocial behaviour: There are no new figures available of levels of ASB but incidents over the summer were lower than expected. There was some discussion regarding what actually constituted ASB and concern raised that in some cases it was a matter of perception on the part of the residents rather than actual bad behaviour - group of teenagers congregating in a part of the park were not necessarily a threat. It was agreed that some complaints of ASB in the Woodford Park area were not always reported to the police.

ACTION: Residents to be encouraged, through newsletters, websites etc, to report any specific incidents to the police either through phoning 101 or on the Thames Valley Police website.

- **5.2 Speeding Community Speedwatch:** Sgt Smith had reported that this is now up and running under the leadership of Tim Woolford. Chair had already contacted Tim with a list of streets in North Earley and Woodley where there were speeding concerns. He has forwarded this to the volunteers in Woodley and Earley and also to the Woodley Independent speedwatch group. In the future names of streets will be sent by the forum to a specific speedwatch email address (yet to be set up). Speedwatch will feed back directly to the forum indicating which streets are shown by the equipment to be subject to speeding. The forum will then pass this information on to the NHPT who will take appropriate action.
- **5.3 Speeding Woodley Independent Speedwatch:** Cllr Baker reported that WTC now have a data logger (which will be used first to monitor speeds for a week) and a camera to record speed and car registration in streets where the data logger records excessive speeds. WTC are currently testing the equipment. There are 12 volunteers already and if this increases to 25 it should be possible to use the camera 2 or 3 times each week. The system should be up and running by the end of the year. It was agreed that it was essential to avoid duplication and that there should be close liaison between WTC Speedwatch team and Tim Woolford.

ACTIONS

• Chair to contact Tim Woolford with additional street names (Colemansmoor, Mohawk, Hurricane) and reinforce the need for liaison with WTC to avoid duplication.

Chair to mention report of continued speeding in Coppice Road to Sgt Smith.

5.4 Attempted Burglaries: Cllr Dolinski reported that there had been a number of attempted burglaries in Reading Rd. CCTV recordings of someone trying front door handles at night had been shared on social media. PCSO Taylor was not aware that these had been reported.

ACTIONS

Chair to mention these in report to Sgt Smith

6. Communications

6.1 Website -Chair had been in touch with Sam Chaher who is based at the university and who had helped MERA (Maiden Erleigh residents) with their website. He was willing to set up a simple website for the forum at minimum cost as part of the university contribution to the community. Chair was in the process of providing copy, but would like some suggestions for photos (showing the positive side of Woodley) and in the longer term the forum would need someone to keep the website up-to-date.

ACTIONS:

- Chair to continue to liaise with Sam regarding content;
- Forum members to send photo suggestions

6.2 Reaching a wider audience – The forum continues to strive to reach a wider audience to ensure that it is representative of the Woodley / N Earley Community as a whole. It is hoped that the new website will encourage younger people to engage and that the proposed leaflets will reach those who are less able to make use of the internet. Chair thanked all those who had passed on information regarding the forum and the meeting.

7. AOB

7.1 Woodley Community Youth Partnership – Sam Mulligan (Chair of the WCYP) explained the work of the partnership which aims to help young people who are experiencing difficulties and their families. They have held a mental health conference and worked with Ark Counselling Service to provide workshops for parents of children with anxieties. The aim is to train facilitators so that parents can help each other. The WCYP is run by the WTC but with the impetus comes from the organisations it represents (i.e. JAC, ARK) rather than WTC. It was agreed by all that Woodley was a much better place to live now than in was 15 years ago.

7.2 Wokingham Health and Well-being Board – Cllr Dolinski (chair of WHWB) outlined the aims which included improving understanding of and thus helping to build more resilient communities. WHWB is to carry out a study of Sandford Park community applying the results to communities throughout Woodley.

7.3 Cllr Matthews thanked the police for their speedy action in finding a lost child at a recent event in Woodley Town Centre.

7.4 Parking on the pavement / cycleway – It was confirmed that parking on pavements and cycleways and thus causing an obstruction was a matter for the police (not CPE at WBC) unless there are double yellow lined on the road. Obstruction of pavement / cycleway and drives should be reported to 101.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

It was agreed that the most convenient nights of the week for meetings were Mondays or Wednesdays, but it was important to check dates of Earley Town Council meetings which are on Wednesdays.

ACTION: Chair to liaise with the Oakwood Centre to book meetings for end of November/ early December, end of January/ early February and April. The April meeting would be an AGM.

NOTE: The following dates have now been booked – all in the Maxwell Hall, Oakwood Centre, at 7.30pm:

Wednesday, 5th December, 2018 - Open Meeting Wednesday, 6th February, 2019 - Open Meeting Wednesday, 10th April, 2019 - AGM