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To: **Members of the Planning Committee**
Councillors T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; 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 26 March 2019, at which your attendance is requested.

Deborah Mander
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

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 26 FEBRUARY 2019** Page 3
To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 February 2019 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)** Page 11
5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**
To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. **(Appendix 5)** Page 15

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

a) To note that the following appeals against refusal of planning permission have been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate:

Application: 173614
Location: 21 Duffield Road, Woodley, RG5 4RL.
Proposal: Full application for the proposed erection of 6 No. two storey dwellings with associated parking and landscaping following the demolition of the existing property.

Application: 182041
Location: 77 Campbell Road, Woodley, RG5 3NB.
Proposal: Householder application for the erection of high timber fence above existing brick walls (total height of 2metres). (Retrospective)

b) To note the following appeal decision:

Application: 180297
Location: Land to the South of Sandford Farm Cottage, Perimeter Road, Woodley, RG5 4SU.
Proposal: Full application for the proposed erection of 2 new dwellings, relocation of access, including enhancement of TPO and landscape proposals.
Details: Appeal against a refusal to grant planning permission.
Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

7. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

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

8. **WOODLEY AND NORTH EARLEY COMMUNITY FORUM**

To note the report of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum held on 6 February 2019. (**Appendix 8**)

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9. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- *Me2 Club Newsletter – February 2019*
- *Connecting Communities in Berkshire E-Bulletin – March 2019*

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

11. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

12. **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 13 on the agenda.

13. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

To note any enforcement issues.

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Oakwood Centre
on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 7:45 pm**

Present: *Councillors: T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; M. Forrer;
D. Fradley; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks*

Officer present: *L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

Also present: *Councillor K. Baker
7 members of public*

178. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Franklin and J. MacNaught.

179. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

180. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2019**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

181. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

182. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

183. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 190313.
Location: 32 Armstrong Way, Woodley, RG5 4NW.
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 4.8m, for which the maximum height would be 2.8m and the height of the eaves 2.4m.

184. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

The Chairman informed Members that the data logger was currently deployed in Woodlands Avenue opposite The Birches Care Home.

185. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN UPDATE:
HOMES FOR THE FUTURE CONSULTATION**

As agreed at the previous meeting (Planning Committee, 29 January 2019, minute number 171), Councillors Barker, Bragg and Walker had met to consider a response to the Homes for the Future consultation, which forms part of the Wokingham Borough Council Local Plan update, and the proposed response had been circulated to the Committee for confirmation.

Members noted the submitted response to the Wokingham Borough Council Homes for the Future consultation as provided in the agenda.

186. **ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX
CONSULTATION 2019/20**

Correspondence had been received from the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority regarding proposed increases to the council tax in 2019/20 and subsequent years. Members had been notified of the proposals ahead of the meeting, and comments requested, as a response was required by 20 February 2019.

Members noted that a response had been sent to the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority Budget and Council Tax consultation 2019/20 stating that the Town Council had no objection to the proposed increase of £1.92 in the council tax for 2019/20, but felt that the proposed increase of up to £5 per year in subsequent years should be resisted, and suggested that the increase be raised by £1 each year until the cap of £5 increase per year was reached.

187. **WOKINGHAM HIGHWAYS ALLIANCE: CONTRACT LAUNCH**

Members noted that Wokingham Borough Council had awarded new highways term contracts to WSP and VolkerHighways, with effect from 1 April 2019.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the Town Council would not send any representatives to the contract launch event on 18 March 2018 as no Committee members were available to attend.

188. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

189. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

There were no suggestions for items to be publicised.

190. **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.

191. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The Chairman informed Members that no enforcement notifications had been received since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

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Date :- 27/02/2019

Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Approved on the following applications;			
182616	12/02/2019	Mr Adam Whiting	24 Western Avenue Western Avenue Woodley RG5 3BH
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a brick built shed, summer house and garden wall following demolition of existing sheds to the rear of the property.			
Observations : No objections.			
190072	29/01/2019	Mr & Mrs H Gill	45 Loddon Bridge Road Loddon Bridge Road Woodley RG5 4AP
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension to existing dwelling.			
Observations : No objections.			
190108	18/02/2019	Mr Andy Hopping	2 Rothwell Gardens Rothwell Gardens Woodley RG5 4TJ
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a part two storey rear and part single storey side and rear extensions to dwelling.			
Observations : One letter of concern had been received for this application.			
The Committee had no objections to the proposal, but asked that the neighbour's concerns about loss of privacy be taken into account.			
190144	25/01/2019	Mr & Mrs M Iqbal	8 Butts Hill Road Butts Hill Road Woodley RG5 4NH
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed creation of a new "in and out" driveway with new front entrance gates on brick piers and a new dropped kerb.			
Observations : No objections.			
190151	30/01/2019	Mr Richard Alexander	Woodley Library Headley Road Woodley RG5 4JA
Proposal : Full application for the replacement of entrance fenestration, including new access doors and associated external works.			
Observations : No objections.			

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
190194	28/01/2019	Ms J Moulton	1 South Lake Crescent South Lake Crescent Woodley RG5 3QW
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension and single storey side extension with changes to fenestration following removal of cement side roof.			
Observations : No objections.			
190203	25/01/2019	Mr & Mrs Roberts	88 Haddon Drive Haddon Drive Woodley RG5 4LT
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension, conversion of existing loft to create additional habitable accommodation with a rear facing dormer extension and installation of 2 No. roof lights.			
Observations : No objections.			
190213	05/02/2019	Mr Daniel Clifton	75 Arundel Road Arundel Road Woodley RG5 4JR
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey and single storey extension, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and single storey front extension with open tiled canopy across, plus changes to side fenestration.			
Observations : No objections.			
190217	08/02/2019	Mr King	14 Rowan Drive Rowan Drive Woodley RG5 4LW
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of part two storey rear extension, part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, reduction of existing double garage, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration.			
Observations : No objections.			
190218	01/02/2019	Ms Victoria Edwards	4 Keats Close Keats Close Woodley RG5 3QF
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, and conversion of garage into habitable accommodation, including raising height of existing garage roof.			
Observations : One letter of concern had been received for this application.			
The Committee considered the proposal and had no objections to the application.			

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
190298	04/02/2019	Mrs Safina Shahin	18 Gemini Road Gemini Road Woodley RG5 4TF
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, plus changes to fenestration.			
Observations : No objections.			
190344	19/02/2019	Mr Adam Gee	5 Wilmington Close Wilmington Close Woodley RG5 4LR
Proposal : Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 181744 for the proposed erection of part single, part two storey side/rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of existing garage. Condition 2 relates to approved details to make changes to the roof.			
Observations : No objections.			
190350	20/02/2019	Mrs Hannan	40 Ravensbourne Drive Ravensbourne Drive Woodley RG5 4LJ
Proposal : Householder application for the erection of a glass canopy with clear laminated glass and aluminium powder coated posts and profiles to the rear of the property.			
Observations : No objections.			

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Refused on the following applications;**190037**

04/02/2019

Mr Craig 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 a side dormer extension and internal alterations.

Observations : Two residents were present at the meeting to voice their concerns about this application.

After listening to the residents' views, the Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds:

- The drawings are inconsistent. The proposed elevations and the proposed first floor plan are conflicting.
- The proposed large flat roof dormer is out of character with the street scene.

The Committee noted that construction had already commenced without planning permission and planning permission had not been granted for the dormer that was now already in existence.

190254

08/02/2019

Mr T Miller

39 Selsdon Avenue
Selsdon Avenue
Woodley
RG5 4PQ

Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side and single storey rear extension also raising the roof for a loft conversion including two dormers and three rooflights, following demolition of existing garage to create habitable accommodation.

Observations : The Committee recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds:

- Overlooking of the neighbours to the side and the rear.
- Even though the dormers have been reduced in size from the previous proposal, they are still disproportionately large.

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

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Concerns on the following applications;**190146**

28/01/2019

Mr E Holmes

4 Harris Close
Harris Close
Woodley
RG5 4XH

Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and a two storey side extension and dormer to existing dwelling following the demolition of existing conservatory and garage to create habitable accommodation.

Observations : Two residents were present at the meeting to voice their concerns about this application.

After listening to the residents' views, the Committee considered the application and had the following concerns:

- The proposed extension will change the street scene in this small spur off Harris Close.
- There is already very limited parking in this part of Harris Close and in order to compensate for the loss of parking spaces that would be caused by the proposed extension, the applicant seems to be proposing to pave over the front garden, which will alter the street scene even more.
- In order to maintain a reasonable gap between No.4 and No.5 Harris Close, any extension to No.4 should not extend closer than 1m from the shared boundary, and in order to achieve this the extension should be set back further from the front wall of No.4.

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19/02/2019

Unknown

Unit 5, E Reading Retail Centr
Shepherds Hill
Woodley
RG6 1FE

Proposal : Full application for the proposed change of use from retail to Sui Generis (Tanning Salon).

Observations : The Committee had no objections to this proposal, but had concerns about possible parking problems. If this became a successful business, parking could be required for up to 4 staff members and 13 customers.

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New Applications Received Between 22/02/2019 and 21/03/2019

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
New Application				
190002	12/03/2019		Mr Robert Phillips	47 Enstone Road Enstone Road Woodley RG5 4QU
	Proposal : Full application for the proposed change of use of existing highway/adopted grassed areas for the proposed construction of hard standing to provide parking spaces within the garden areas of properties 45, 47 & 49 Enstone Road and the provision of an access.			
	Observations :			
190037	21/03/2019		Mr Craig 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 a side dormer extension and internal alterations.			
	REVISED PLANS RECEIVED 21/03/2019: Plan discrepancies relating to the dormer have been resolved.			
	Observations : Two residents were present at the meeting to voice their concerns about this application.			
	After listening to the residents' views, the Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds: - The drawings are inconsistent. The proposed elevations and the proposed first floor plan are conflicting. - The proposed large flat roof dormer is out of character with the street scene.			
	The Committee noted that construction had already commenced without planning permission and planning permission had not been granted for the dormer that was now already in existence.			
190253	14/03/2019		Mr M Fisher	4 Master Close Master Close Woodley RG5 4UB
	Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of part first floor side extension, part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.			
	Observations :			
190324	06/03/2019		Mr Robert Tetlow	46 Duffield Road Duffield Road Woodley RG5 4RN
	Proposal : Householder application for the proposed raising of the roof to double garage to include 2 dormers and 3 rooflights. Single storey infill from dwelling to garage to include 1 rooflight, also single storey extension to rear to include 1 rooflight, also changes to fenestration.			
	Observations :			

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190419	20/03/2019		Mr & Mrs Withey	7 Western Avenue Western Avenue Woodley RG5 3BJ
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erectiuon of single storey rear extension to form a conservatory.
			Observations :	
190439	04/03/2019		Mr & Mrs Kang	30 Munro Avenue Munro Avenue Woodley RG5 3QY
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey rear/side extension to include chimney and changes to fenestration to dwelling.
			Observations :	
190459	27/02/2019		Miss C Argave	17 Arundel Road Arundel Road Woodley RG5 4JP
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of a part two storey/part single storey side and rear extension. Loft conversion to include 7 roof lights and front dormer, following demolition of existing garage and conservatory to rear. Garage to be rebuilt.
			Observations :	
190463	28/02/2019		Mr & Mrs Reed	38 Colemans Moor Lane Colemans Moor Lane Woodley RG5 4BT
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side and rear extension, including extension to front dormer.
			Observations :	
190470	08/03/2019		Mr & Mrs Smith	9 Rivermead Road Rivermead Road Woodley RG5 4DH
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling, garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration.
			Observations :	
190487	20/03/2019		Mr & Mrs Gilham	7 Alderley Close Alderley Close Woodley RG5 4TG
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of a first storey front and first storey side extension to dwelling.
			Observations :	

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190515	08/03/2019		A Mattock	19 Leyburn Close Leyburn Close Woodley RG5 4PX
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, plus internal alterations.
			Observations :	
190530	14/03/2019		Mr M Joshi	24 Campbell Road Campbell Road Woodley RG5 3NA
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of a second storey side and two storey rear extension, to include the conversion of the garage to create habitable accommodation, with changes to fenestration and internal alterations.
			Observations :	
190555	13/03/2019		Mr Luke Shaw	49 Church Road Church Road Woodley RG5 4QG
			Proposal :	Householder application for the erection of a single storey rear extension, a new front porch, including changes to fenestration, and internal alterations.§
			Observations :	
190567	14/03/2019		Mr Mike Zmuda	32 Carrick Gardens Carrick Gardens Woodley RG5 3JD
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed two storey side extension to dwelling and single storey front extension to form porch.
			Observations :	
190574	14/03/2019		Wesley Lawrence	149 Nightingale Road Nightingale Road Woodley RG5 3LZ
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension, first floor side extension over existing garage with front dormer extension plus single storey front extension to form porch and conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation.
			Observations :	
190596	11/03/2019		Mr G Sparks	130 Colemans Moor Road Colemans Moor Road Woodley RG5 4BX
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of part single storey, part two storey side and rear extensions, front dormer extensions at front elevation, extension to existing rear dormer, replacement of entrance porch, plus changes to fenestration.
			Observations :	

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
190610	14/03/2019		Mr & Mrs Hadfield	71 Quentin Road Quentin Road Woodley RG5 3NE
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation, and additionally first floor rear extension.
			Observations :	

190632	20/03/2019		Mr & Mrs Aylott	12 Crockhamwell Road Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3LF
			Proposal :	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory, plus internal alterations.
			Observations :	

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GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 183536	Approved	44 Colemans Moor Lane
E 190021	Approved	65 Quentin Road
E 190024	Approved	2 Mulberry Close
E 190071	Approved	12 Arundel Road
E 190072	Approved	45 Loddon Bridge Road
E 190084	Approved	281 Loddon Bridge Road
E 190144	Approved	8 Butts Hill Road
E 190151	Approved	Woodley Library
E 190194	Approved	1 South Lake Crescent
E 190203	Approved	88 Haddon Drive
E 190213	Approved	75 Arundel Road
E 190218	Approved	4 Keats Close
C 190254	Approved	39 Selsdon Avenue Local COMMENT The Committee recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds: - Overlooking of the neighbours to the side and the rear. - Even though the dormers have been reduced in size from the previous proposal, they are still disproportionately large.
E 190298	Approved	18 Gemini Road
E 190350	Approved	40 Ravensbourne Drive

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

C 182804	Refused	Unit C, Headley Park 8 Local COMMENT No objections.
E 182852	Refused	21 Denmark Avenue
C 190056	Refused	268 Kingfisher Drive Local COMMENT No objections.
C 190108	Refused	2 Rothwell Gardens Local COMMENT One letter of concern had been

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REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

received for this application.

The Committee had no objections to the proposal, but asked that the neighbour's concerns about loss of privacy be taken into account.

190352

Refused

Unit 5, E Reading Retail Centr

Wednesday, 06.02.19, 7.30 – 9.30 pm

The Maxwell Room, The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, RG5 4JZ

Present: Mary Bather (chair), Sgt Mark Smith (TVP), PC Chris Harrison (TVP), Cllr Sheena Matthews (ETC), Cllr Michael Firmager (ETC), Revd Philip Hobday (Earley St Peters Church), David Provins (Friends of Woodford Park), Residents: Brenda Cutler, M. Millard, Ben Graham, J Layhe, R Heather, R Maslin, Ted Wingrove, Coling Lawley, Shirley Boyt

Apologies: Mike Evans (Vice-chair), Cllr Carl Doran (WBC), Jacques Lherbier (WTC manager), Nash Gill, Peter Wheat, Ian Hills, Jenny Lissaman, Cedric Lander

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (05.12.18) / matters arising

- **Funding for public safety information leaflets** - £240 now received from Woodley Town Council. The forum has been awarded £40 by Earley Town Council. This money will be paid into the account until the spring. However, the forum already has £40 in other donations so this can be used to fund the printing of the leaflets for N Earley if needed before the ETC grant arrives. Leaflet now in draft form. Chair is waiting for one piece of information and will then contact printers for a quote. It is hoped that Waingels students will provide a logo as part of their graphics projects.

ACTION: Chair to:

- Complete leaflet
- Obtain quotes for printing
- Go ahead with printing once all information in leaflet has been verified.
- **TVP events** – Julie Susel (TVP) plans to work with PC Mills to organise 2 information cafes, probably focussing on fraud / rogue traders. There will be an evening one in Woodley (Oakwood Centre) and an afternoon in Earley (Crescent Centre). Dates have not yet been agreed.

ACTION: Chair to circulate dates once they are agreed.

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – chair contacted Insp Al Lloyd asking how NW co-ordinators could contact each other. Karen Collins (TVP) replied on 011.02.19: *Due to GDPR regulations, I suggest we (TVP) contact the local NW Co-ordinators and advise them that your community forum would be interested in providing them with information regarding meetings etc. If you have no objection, I can give them the forum chair's email address and ask them to contact you if they are interested. I have spoken to a NW Co-ordinator who is also one of our TVP volunteers, and she believes there is a mechanism through the National NW system where co-ordinators can request to contact each other, but she has never used it.*

Chair has agreed to Karen passing on the forum email address to local co-ordinators and hopefully they will receive information about the April meeting. Discussion on the effectiveness of the NW scheme ensued. It was agreed that it was difficult to ascertain whether or not the scheme was still active (with a current co-ordinator) in a specific street. Signs from 20 years ago remain on the lamp posts so residents may well assume that there is still a co-ordinator when in practice it is likely that many have moved away. There was also discussion as to whether or not the scheme was still needed now that Thames Valley Alert was up and running. It was agreed, however, that many residents in the area still did not have easy access to the internet and would benefit from regular information (and possibly visits) from a representative in their street. It was also agreed that the scheme could do with a 'revamp' to generate the interest of potential co-ordinators.

ACTIONS:

- i. Sgt Smith for find out more information about the scheme for the next meeting;
- ii. Chair to investigate leaflets which advertise the scheme, the possibility of a NW 'leaflet drop' in specific areas and eventually include some information on the forum website.
- **Remit of the forum** – one resident questioned the remit of the forum – was it to discuss any issues of concern to Woodley or N Earley residents or was it to only concern itself with police matters. It was agreed that the forum, while no longer organised by the police, was mainly concerned with

matters of public safety. For more information see **Constitution** on the forum website <http://wanecommunityforum.weebly.com>

2. Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team

The local Neighbourhood PT now have 1.6 police officers and have 2 new PCSOs starting in March. One PCSO vacancy remains. There have been several arrests locally, including for shoplifting and breaking a conditional order regarding begging.

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

- **Burglary** - Following a number of local burglaries at the end of last year a police operation was launched and several arrests made. Instances of burglary now low and it was agreed that burglary should be removed from the priority list.
- **Antisocial behaviour (ASB)** – Little to report at present. One or two individuals are still being monitored and any issues (few at present) are dealt with as they happen.
- **Speeding** – Sgt Smith reported that both the Woodley Independent Speedwatch and the TVP Speedwatch were up and running with warning letters going out. The Speedwatch team already had a number of streets due for monitoring on their list but residents should report other streets of concern to the forum or Woodley Town Council or to PC Radu at Bracknell&Wokingham-Speedwatch@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk If the initial monitoring shows that there is a speeding problem the forum will be informed and decisions as to the next steps (involving the police) will then be taken.
- **Communication 101 / 999** – Nationally misuse of 999 (by users requiring a service other than the police) has led to an unprecedented number of calls to the police. A new system has been installed which should filter out these calls (really for other agencies) and so the response to both 999 and 101 should improve. It was reported that responses to 101 were still slow last month.
- **Fly-tipping** – not a major problem though sometimes in Shepherds House Lane (Earley).
- **Travellers** – Sgt Smith explained that using Sec 61 to evict travellers was not as easy as people thought. There was much that landowners (often the local council) could do to deter travellers, including making sites secure. Car parks in Woodley now much better. Residents encouraged to check any open council spaces secure and contact council if they are not.

Priorities remain speeding and anti-social behaviour

4. Communications

- **Website** – still a work in progress. The chair is still looking for someone willing to keep the website up-to-date, run the blog and manage a Facebook page.
- **Reaching a wider audience** – chair is in touch with Waingels College and keeping them informed of forum activities and meetings. It is hoped that they may send representatives to one of the meetings. It would be useful to have some input from Bulmershe and Beechwood schools.
ACTION: Shirley Boyt to get in touch with a contact she has at Bulmershe.
- **AGM – 10th April, 7.30pm Oakwood Centre.** The AGM will be an open meeting with the usual report from the local police and review of the local policing priorities. However, there will be a short report of the years activities and a financial report, followed by election of chair and vice-chair, at the beginning of the meeting. **PLEASE NOTE: The current chair is not standing for re-election so nominations for chair are needed.**
ACTION: Chair to:
 - Circulate AGM agenda at least 2 weeks before the meeting.
 - Ensure details of AGM are printed in the Woodley Herald and ACER newsletter.

5. AOB

- **Consultation on WBC Local Plan** – Meeting were reminded of the information evening for Woodley residents at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday, 12th February, 7-9pm
- **Wokingham Borough News delivery** – Many residents in Woodley and N Earley did not receive the winter copy of the Wokingham Borough News or 'Homes for the Future' the latter containing details of the consultation on the local plan. Cllr Matthews and the chair had contacted WBC regarding this delivery failure and they had acknowledged that there had been a problem. Cllr Matthews was continuing to monitor the situation.

- **Coppice Road Parking** – Coppice Road residents wished to thank WBC for sending out traffic Wardens to deal with parking on the double yellow lines and the verges.
- **Dinton Pastures** – some reports that dogs had been poisoned by bait.

6. Date and venue of next meeting (AGM) – Oakwood Centre, 7.30pm - Wednesday, 10th April, 2019

The forum thanks Woodley Town Council for the use of the Maxwell Hall at the Oakwood Centre for meetings