

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Oakwood Centre
on Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 7:45 pm**

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

Also present: *Inspector Alastair Lloyd
8 members of the public*

Officers present: *D. Mander, Town Clerk; L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

135. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Dolinski, M. Forrer and J. MacNaught.

136. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

137. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2016**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

138. **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Alastair Lloyd to the meeting, to speak about recent changes in neighbourhood policing.

Inspector Lloyd explained that Thames Valley Police had recently undertaken a comprehensive review of neighbourhood policing, which had identified that it should focus on four key areas:

- Problem solving – working with communities to prevent and reduce demand.
- Engagement – better understanding the needs of communities.
- Visibility – reassuring communities through a uniformed police presence.
- Community resilience – working with communities to make their areas safer.

Inspector Lloyd then spoke about how he would like to work with local councils to achieve these goals. He asked that the police be invited to community or parish events, such as the carnival, as a way of meeting and engaging with the community. He also asked if the benefits of Thames Alert, the free community messaging service provided by Thames Valley Police, could be publicised on the Council's website and in the parish newsletter, with the aim of increasing participation. It was hoped that Thames Alert could be used for more specific engagement with the community by reporting what the police had been doing and how they had responded to reported problems and that this would also help to make the work of the police a more visible.

As a way of improving community resilience Inspector Lloyd informed Members that he hoped to be able to work with the Council to make Woodley a "no cold calling" area, which

would help protect the most vulnerable members of the community from cold callers and doorstep criminals.

Finally Inspector Lloyd said that one of the main problems reported by communities was speeding traffic and he hoped to be able to work with community partners to set up community speed watch groups to help solve this problem. He would therefore be writing to ask all the parishes within the area for a donation of £200 towards the purchase of a portable speed-measuring device and he hoped that the Town Council would consider this.

In response to a point raised by Members, Inspector Lloyd agreed that it was important to educate people to report incidents of crime by phoning 101 so that all incidents were logged, allowing crime hotspots to be flagged up and dealt with. A resident present at the meeting reported that it sometimes took more than 15 minutes for a call to be answered on the 101 service and asked whether more call handlers could be employed. Inspector Lloyd apologised for this and said that he would look at the call centres to ensure that they could meet the demand. He also pointed out that it was possible to report crime online or by emailing the neighbourhood team and he asked everyone to persist in their efforts to report crime so that the police were aware of the problems.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Lloyd for coming to the meeting. Inspector Lloyd said that he would like to visit again, maybe on an annual basis, and asked the Council to report to him if they were unhappy with the service provided by the police.

139. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

140. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

141. **NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION SCHEME**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 163061
Location: 4 Leyburn Close, Woodley, RG5 4PX.
Proposal: Application for the prior approval of the removal of existing conservatory frames and a tiled roof and replacing onto existing base and walls new frames and a tiled roof, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.3m for which the maximum height would be 2.8m and the height of the eaves 2.1m.
- ◆ To note application 163081
Location: 43 Cypress Road, Woodley, RG5 4BD.
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 6m, for which the maximum height would be 3m and the height of the eaves 2.5m.

142. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the following permitted development notification:
Location: Mohawk Way, South of 27 Catalina Close, Woodley.
Proposal: Permitted development notification for proposed installation of 1No. electronic communication apparatus.

143. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the following:

Woodland 1 of TPO 3/1951: 3 Burgess Close, Woodley, RG5 3LJ.
Consent for the removal of two dead sycamore trees and replacement by at least two approved trees.

TPO 3/1951: 12 Wallace Close, Woodley, RG5 3HW.
Consent for the felling of a rowan tree.

TPO 141/1971: 18 Radcot Close, Woodley, RG5 3BG.
Consent for the selective pruning of two oak trees.

144. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

The Town Clerk presented Report No. P 9/16 and reported that the annual grants had now been fully paid to recipients.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note Report No. P 9/16.
- ◆ That the budget report would only be included in future agendas when there was a change to report.

145. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note receipt of the following:
 - *Me2 Club Newsletter – October 2016*

146. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

Following the presentation given by Inspector Lloyd at the start of the meeting, it was suggested that the website could include a news report for police matters.

At this point in the meeting the Committee Officer tabled a press release for Members' information, received after the agenda had been issued, which gave information about possible government funding for a potential garden settlement on the borders of Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham Borough.

147. **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.

148. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The Chairman informed the meeting of one enforcement investigation closure notice.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Chairman

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Approved on the following applications;				
162799	26/10/2016	Mark Croucher	Mr Kuldip Sehmi	61 - 63 Crockhamwell Road Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3JP
				Proposal : Advertisement consent application to display 1 set of internally illuminated fascia text, 1 internally illuminated projection sign and 1 set of 3 non-illuminated windbreaks.
				Observations : No objections.
162800	01/11/2016	Brett Beswetherick	Mr Mark Donlan	65 Woodlands Avenue Woodlands Avenue Woodley RG5 3HF
				Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey side and rear extension to dwelling plus conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation and demolition of existing garage to rear garden.
				Observations : The Committee had no objections to this application, but asked that any neighbour concerns be taken into account.
162803	21/10/2016	Dariusz Kusyk	Mr Philip Oneill	195 Hurricane Way Hurricane Way Woodley RG5 4UH
				Proposal : Householder application for the proposed part conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation, to include insertion of new window to rear.
				Observations : No objections.
162807	26/10/2016	Katie Herrington	Mrs Lisa Ridout	299 - 301 Headley Road East Headley Road East Woodley RG5 4SE
				Proposal : Full planning application for the proposed ground/second mansard roof to the rear plus dormer extension to the rear.
				Observations : Two letters of concern had been received for this application and one resident was present at the meeting.
				The Committee discussed the application and had no objections to the proposal, but requested that residents' concerns about disruption and disturbance during the construction period be taken into consideration.
162909	01/11/2016	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs Holmes	3 Cypress Road Cypress Road Woodley RG5 4BD
				Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey replacement rear extension to dwelling.
				Observations : No objections.

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162916	21/10/2016	Brooke Davey	Mr & Mrs S Clark	3 Master Close Master Close Woodley RG5 4UB
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling.				
Observations : No objections.				
162954	28/10/2016	Brett Beswetherick	Mr Ian Wright	74 & 76 Western Avenue Western Avenue Woodley RG5 3BH
Proposal : Application to remove condition 1 of planning consent 177/67 for a detached house to allow the erection of fence at height of 1.2m to front of dwellings. (Retrospective)				
Observations : No objections.				
162980	04/11/2016	Brooke Davey	Mr & Mrs Parsons	98 Butts Hill Road Butts Hill Road Woodley RG5 4NR
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension to dwelling.				
Observations : No objections.				
162981	01/11/2016	Jane Burton	Mr & Mrs Klotz	22 Mitchell Way Mitchell Way Woodley RG5 4NQ
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension plus first floor extension to dwelling.				
Observations : No objections.				
162983	08/11/2016	Christine Phillips	Mr Daniel Gilbert	2 Lindberg Way Lindberg Way Woodley RG5 4XE
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to the existing dwelling.				
Observations : No objections.				
162999	28/10/2016	Graham Vaughan	Antler Homes	Courtyard Offices Perimeter Road Woodley RG5
Proposal : Application for advertisement consent for proposed erection of maximum of 5No. signs to include flagpoles with a maximum height of 6 metres and 1No. V-stack board.				
Observations : No objections.				

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163025	09/11/2016	Brett Beswetherick	Mr Chris Miller	101 Tippings Lane Tippings Lane Woodley RG5 4RY
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling.				
Observations : No objections.				
163030	09/11/2016	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs Mathews	44 Reading Road Reading Road Woodley RG5 3DB
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to form an orangery.				
Observations : The applicants were present at the meeting.				
The Committee had no objections to the proposal.				
163080	09/11/2016	Stephen Thwaites	H3G Ltd and EE Ltd	Land at junction of Mohawk Way & Sandford Lane Woodley RG5 4TA
Proposal : Prior approval application for the proposed replacement of existing 10m phase 4 monopole with a 10m phase 5 monopole and 1No. additional cabinet.				
Observations : No objections.				
163128	09/11/2016	Brooke Davey	Mr Guy Gibson	Waingels Road Waingels Road Woodley
Proposal : Application for proposed vehicular access to temporary compound.				
Observations : No objections.				

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Refused on the following applications;**162824**

17/10/2016	Stephen Thwaites	Mrs Lesley Cant	41b Crockhamwell Road Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3JZ
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Proposal : Householder application for the erection of a replacement fence (retrospective).**Observations :** The Committee recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds:

- Not in keeping with neighbouring properties.
- Visually unacceptable.
- Detrimental to the character of the area.

162861

04/11/2016	Katie Herrington	Ms L Atkins	Land to rear of Woodley House 65-73 Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3JP
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Proposal : Full application for proposed construction of three storey building comprising 4No. 2 bedroom flats and 2No. 1 bedroom flats, rationalisation of parking, provision of secure cycle parking and refuse storage facilities.**Observations :** Two residents were present at the meeting to listen to the discussions about this application.

The Committee considered the proposal and strongly recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds:

- There would be no access for large delivery lorries delivering to the shops and businesses in Woodley House. No parking is allowed in Lytham Road as it is heavily used by traffic and is on a major bus route. Any delivery lorries parking in Lytham Road would block the road.
- There is already insufficient parking for the existing apartments in this area and this proposal would reduce the number of parking spaces and add more apartments to exacerbate the problem.
- This development would set a precedent for building on this side of Lytham Road.

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

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GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 152359	Approved	Land at Hatch Farm Dairies
161876	Approved	74 Crockhamwell Road
E 162204	Approved	31 Victor Way
E 162309	Approved	53 Haddon Drive
E 162379	Approved	65 Crockhamwell Road
E 162441	Approved	60 Arundel Road
E 162486	Approved	7 Sycamore Close
E 162549	Approved	15 Nightingale Road
E 162579	Approved	Woodley Town Centre
E 162582	Approved	44 Lunds Farm Road
E 162627	Approved	Unit 6, East Reading Retail Ce
E 162641	Approved	3 Armstrong Way