

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
MONDAY 12th January 2026 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT

Councillors Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett (sub), Sam Dibas, Nigel Foot, David Harman, Roger Hunneman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Vaughan Miller, Andy Moore (chair) and Graham Storey.

IN ATTENDANCE

Toby Miles-Mallowan, CEO

104. APOLOGIES

Councillor Tony Vickers.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee Clerk declared that Councillors, Phil Barnett, Nigel Foot and David Marsh are also Members of West Berkshire Council. Which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

The Committee declared a personal interest in application 25/02701/HOUSE submitted by a fellow Town Councillor. This is declared as a Personal Declaration of interest and Councillors are able to discuss the matter as outlined in the Localism Act 2011 and Model Code of Conduct guidance (LGA)

106. MINUTES

PROPOSED: Councillor David Harman

SECONDED: Councillor Ian Jee

ABSTAINED: Councillors Jo Day, Nigel Foot, Vaughan Miller and Andy Moore

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 22nd December 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chairperson.

107. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was one question received from members of the public.

In light of the recent planning appeal decision where the Planning Inspector found in favour of the applicant, can this Town Council urge West Berkshire Council - who took away our parking places when the new Hectors Way Road was built – to identify suitable parking for the affected residents. We were repeatedly assured, over several years, that designated replacement parking would be allocated to us before the flats could be occupied and the road was opened.

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As this promise has now been rescinded, we ask that suitable parking is identified to allow us to park near our homes, as it is often the case that there is no parking available in the vicinity and parking permits for the E1 zone are oversubscribed.

Councillor Phil Barnett commented as follows:

This is one of the most serious injustices effecting residents of our town. Both Councillor Billy Drummond and I are trying to do everything in our powers as West Berks Ward members for these residents, hoping to re-address something that shouldn't have happened from the start.

This is a case of Planning Application Applicants attempting to change conditions on their approved planning application to suit their own needs. This is happening too often at present and without some changes will continue in the future.

The Chairman responded that Newbury Town Council will write to West Berkshire District Council Highways Team to request that they resolve the parking situation urgently.

108. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There was one question received from Councillor Sam Dibas.

Reflecting concern expressed by affected residents, will this Committee ask Thames Water and WBC Highways to explain the reasons for the prolonged closure of Monks Lane that has just commenced.

The Chairman responded that Newbury Town Council will invite Thames Water and West Berkshire Council Highways Team to Planning and Highways Committee to explain the reasons for the closure of Monks Lane and traffic mitigation.

109. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that the observations recorded at Appendix 1 to these minutes be submitted to the planning authority.

110. UPDATE FROM WESTERN AREA PLANNING (WAP)

Councillor Phil Barnett gave an update, that the next Western Area Planning Committee does not have any applications for Newbury.

111. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025/26

The forward work programme was received and noted by the committee.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:48 HRS

CHAIRPERSON

Signature: _____ Date: _____

