Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held by Virtual Meeting on Zoom Monday 30 March 2020 at 8.00pm.

Present

Councillors Phil Barnett; Jeff Beck; Billy Drummond; Nigel Foot; Roger Hunneman; Pam Lusby Taylor; David Marsh (substitute); Vaughan Miller; Andy Moore; Gary Norman (Chairperson) & Tony Vickers

In Attendance

Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer Kym Heasman, Corporate Services Officer

175. Virtual Meeting

Proposed: Councillor Roger Hunneman **Seconded:** Councillor Andy Moore

Resolved: That in view of the current Coronavirus crisis that this meeting of the Committee is conducted virtually.

176. Apologies

Councillor, Stephen Masters

177. Declarations of interest

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Phil Barnett, Jeff Beck, Billy Drummond, Stephen Masters, Andy Moore and Tony Vickers 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 Chief Executive Officer made the following statement on behalf of Councillors Phil Barnett and Tony Vickers who are Members of West Berkshire Council Planning Committee and Councillors Jeff Beck and Andy Moore who are Substitute Members of West Berkshire Council Planning Committee: "I wish to make it clear that any comments I make tonight are only being made in relation to the formulation of the Town Council's view and is not in any way prejudging the way that I may vote when any application is considered by West Berkshire District Council. At that time, I will weigh up all the evidence."

In considering the following application, Councillor Tony Vickers declared that he had a prejudicial interest: 20/00604/FULEXT & 20/00703/RESMAJ

178. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Jeff Beck **Seconded:** Councillor Nigel Foot

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 9th March 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

179. Schedule of planning applications

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

180. West Berkshire Council local plan review

In response to the consultation regarding The Newbury Settlement Boundary Members proposed changes to the following areas, as illustrated on maps:

- i) Wash Water and Enborne Road this should have one settlement boundary joining the two areas together.
- ii) Area in Pyle Hill near Audrey's Meadow where Planning Permission for New Houses has been granted, should be included in Settlement Boundary. But Audrey's Meadow should remain outside of settlement boundary.
- iii) Area surrounding Vodafone HQ down to current settlement boundary should also be included.

During the discussion, it became apparent that the Newbury Town Centre Settlement Boundary allows for very little further development within the existing boundary. The extensive new housing developments will be in areas to the north of Newbury, some areas to the east and also to the to the south at Sandleford. Consequently, no CIL funding would be payable to Newbury Town Council from these developments and yet all the new residents moving into these areas will be using Newbury Town facilities and regard themselves as Newbury residents.

It was felt that there are 2 ways to address this problem:

- a) To initiate a Community Governance Review that, if voted for by residents, would allow for changes in the Parish Boundaries, thereby allowing scope for CIL monies to come into Newbury, to fund increased facilities needed within Newbury Town arising from the proposed developments, or
- b) That the District Council allocates a reasonable proportion of the CIL collected by them (85% net) to Newbury Town Council, to enable us to provide/improve community facilities for the new residents.

Proposed: Councillor Jeff Beck **Seconded:** Councillor Nigel Foot

Resolved: That the above concerns and the changes to the settlement boundary be

submitted in the response to West Berkshire Council Local Plan review.

181. Forward work programme for Planning and Highways Committee meetings 2019/20

Arising from minute no. 180 above, it was agreed to add the concerns re CIL and a possible Community Governance Review to the Forward Work Programme.

There being no other business the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 21.23 hrs



Planning & Highways Committee Meeting Schedule of planning applications - Resolutions

Running	Resolutions	Application	Location and Applicant	Proposal
Order		Number		
1	No comment	20/00611/FULD	Land North of Ham, Mill Cottage, London Road, Newbury for Mr V Hughes	S73a: Variation of condition 1 – Approved Plans of previously approved application 17/03292/FULD
2	Objection / Comment: will constitute overdevelopment with an adverse effect upon the recreational/amenity spaces of the adjoining house and cause additional traffic movements on Martingale Chase.	20/00635/FUL	29 Skyllings Newbury for Grace Kirby	Proposed three bedroom detached residential dwelling. The dwellings footprint is 48sqm. With internal space of 82sqm. Overall site space 180sqm.
3	No comment	20/00599/HOUSE	18 Abbots Road, Newbury for Harry Gammell & Rosemary Sherlock	A Two storey rear extension including the removal of the existing lawn to. Replacement of existing garage and additional room to rear of garage. Extension of dropped kerb to expand across the width of the property.
4	No objection	20/00486/FUL	Unit D, Hambridge Road, Newbury for Anthony Horne	Section 73 – Application for variation of condition (3) for planning permission – 13/02328/FUL
5	No comment	20/00679/HOUSE	19 Priory Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Paterson	Single storey rear extension.
6	Objection / comment: the proposed extension is too large and will cause loss of light to and amenity to the neighbouring property.	20/00503/HOUSE	7 Balfour Crescent, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Robinson	Two Storey rear extension, full Width single storey rear extension and minor internal alterations.

7	No comment	20/00545/HOUSE	123 Andover Road, Newbury for Danny Hawkins	Demolition of existing front porch, double garage ad shed, formation of new two storey side extension including integral garage and formation of new front porch along with associated internal alterations.
8	Objection / comment: the proposed dwelling is out of character and loss or amenity space.	20/00566/FUL	Ullathorne, Kendrick Road, Newbury for Steve Burnard	Erection of a new single storey detached dwelling.
9	No comment	20/00649/HOUSE	Rosewood, Tydehams, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Hayden-Jones	Proposed single storey extension and associated ground floor alterations
10	No comment	20/00645/HOUSE	4 Barn Crescent, Newbury For Mrs M Alsbury	Replacement roof and frames to existing rear conservatory.
11	No comment	20/00660/HOUSE	61 Kingsbridge Road, Newbury for Mr Creteur	Removal of chimney for proposed loft conversion.
12	No comment	20/00724/HOUSE	7 Holborne Close, Newbury for Mr A Rose	Single storey side extension to include addition living accommodation and additional off-street parking and widened access.
13	Support	20/00656/REG3	West Berkshire Council, Council Office, Market Street, Newbury For West Berkshire Council	Removal of existing 11kWp solar PV system and instillation of a new 99.28kWp solar PV system at council office, Market Street.
14	No comment	20/00657/FUL	Land to the North No. 37-39 Kennet Road, Newbury for Mr J Horsey	Demolition of existing garage.
15	No comment	19/02025/LBC2	4 St Marys Place, Newbury for Mr Graham Wilks	Like for like replacement of wooden dormer window at rear of second floor attic bedroom.

16	No comment	20/00671/FUL	Victoria House, Market	Change of use for (sui generis) nail and
			Street, Newbury for Apple	beauty salon to retail print shop
			Print Ltd	including sale of stationery.
17	No comment	20/00638/HOUSE	5 Bangols Way, Newbury for	Garage conversion and side
			Mr & Mrs Herbert	extension.
18	Objection / comment:	20/00604/FULEXT	Coley Farm, Stoney Lane,	Erection of 75 Dwellings, with
	Members agreed with		Ashmore Green, Thatcham	associated access, parking, internal
	comments made by Thames		for Donnington New Homes	roads, drainage, landscaping, children's
	Valley Police regarding the			play space and other associated
	security to courtyard parking			infrastructure.
	and the properties. There is a			
	lack of pepper potting of the			
	affordable housing, which is			
	against WBC policy with an			
	inadequate travel plan for the			
	site. Members also feel that			
	the site layout should be			
	revised so that more houses			
	have south facing roofs to			
	allow solar panels to be fitted.			
19	Objection on the grounds of	20/00703/RESMAJ	Land Adjacent to Hilltop	Approval of reserved matters
	possible disruption to the		Oxford Road Donnington	application for phase development of
	Public right of way, and the		Newbury	179 dwellings following approval of
	inadequacy of the cycling			outline application 14/02480/OUTMAJ
	provisions. Members also feel			(APP/W0340/W/16/3143214). Matters
	that there should be more			to be considered: Appearance,
	properties with south facing			Landscaping, Layout and Scale
	roofs that could enable solar			
	panels to be fitted.			