



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Wonersh Parish Council held on Thursday 3 June 2021 at 9.30 am, at Wonersh Sports Pavilion.

Present: Councillors Mike Band, Chris Crouch (Chair), Chris Howard, Ben Knight, Stephen Lavender, and Anthony Shutes.

In attendance: Lisa Davison and Jeannette Stevenson

MINUTES

P21/22 001 To elect a chairman to the Planning Committee.

Cllr Chris Crouch was elected as the Chair of the Planning Committee (proposed By Cllr Shutes and seconded by Cllr Howard).

It was also noted that Cllr Howard could now be a member of the Planning Committee as, following the reduction of planning committees from four to two, she was no longer a member of the Waverley Borough Council Planning Committee. The Committee welcomed this.

P21/22 002 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs Scott and Weale.

P21/22 003 Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests.

There were no declarations of disclosable interests.

P21/22 004 Open meeting for members of the public to raise matters about planning issues.

There were no members of the public present.

P21/22 005 To consider and approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 1 April 2021.

These were approved and duly signed by Cllr Crouch.

P21/22 006 To receive progress reports about planning matters previously considered and approved by the Committee or the Council.

Cllrs noted a number of recent developments, including the appeal decision regarding Chinthurst Ridge, Chinthurst Lane, which was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Clerk noted that she would update the spreadsheet following the July Council Meeting.

P21/22 007 To consider and approve observations about the following planning applications submitted to Waverley Borough Council (WBC):

Planning Application WA/2021/0132 - Valid From 01/02/2021

TOP FLAT, THE CORNER HOUSE, THE STREET, WONERSH, GU5 0PE

Erection of double garage with store following demolition of existing.

The Committee had already responded to this application and a decision had been made.

Planning Application WA/2020/2095 - Valid From 24/12/2020

11 SWEETWATER CLOSE, SHAMLEY GREEN, GU5 0UR

Certificate of lawfulness under section 191 for extension works completed in august 2012.

The Committee had already responded to this application and a decision had been made.

The Clerk noted apologised for her error in listing the applications for consideration on this agenda and would include the application requiring an imminent response on the Council Meeting Agenda. She had informed Waverley Borough Council Planning department with respect to this.

P21/22 008 To consider Council suggestions to Waverley Borough Council on the EV charging points and cycle / walking routes locally and approve next steps.

The Committee discussed these and agreed that they should be led by Cllr Knight in his role as lead of the new Climate Change Working Party. It was agreed that the Working Party be open to Councillors and residents with an interest in these matters.

Regarding the EV charging points, Cllr Shutes noted a recent update by a WBC Officer regarding these, which he found useful in better understanding the pros and cons with consideration for the private and public realm and where these intersect, plus the role of EV charging points in driving behaviour change. Cllrs discussed where these had been successfully implemented and possible destinations within the Parish. It was agreed that the Working Party would consider whether EV charging points were supported in principle and, if so, to review, more thoroughly, potential locations.

Regarding the cycle and walking routes it was agreed that the priority at the moment was an improved cycle and walking route between Womersh and Shalford. Additionally, Cllrs Shutes and Lavender provided an update regarding the meeting about the seminary, in relation to the longer-term interest in a footpath connecting Womersh and Shamley.

Action: Cllr Knight to arrange a working party meeting to discuss interest in EV charging points and potential sites in the parish and feed back to the Planning Committee.

Clerk to contact the Clerk in Shalford regarding the potential for improving the linkages between the parishes.

P21/22 009 To consider the request for an easement to access a property in Womersh and approve next steps including recommendations to Council.

The Committee noted that this was largely a Council decision but confirmed that general costs of more recent applications could be shared with the person requesting the easement, for them to consider further whether it is something they would like to explore.

Action: Clerk to share cost details with the requestor.

P21/22 010 To receive the communications from English Regional Transport Association, regarding the Downslink and consider and approve a Council response, if any.

The Council welcomed the communication from ERTA and noted that a number of the points made were in line with the council's view submitted to local planning authorities in response to applications submitted by the Wey and Arun Canal Trust. Whilst they welcomed updates from the trust, they also had reservations about flexibility of its long-term use.

Action: Clerk to thank ERTA for their recent communications.

P21/22 011 Members' business and other correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.

Cllr Crouch noted the earlier planned meeting with CIL officers at Waverley Borough Council and requested that this now be rearranged.

Action: Clerk to contact WBC Officers regarding this.

P21/22 012 Date of next meeting: Thursday 24 June 2021, 9.30 am.

The Committee confirmed this.