

**ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm at Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Bucknell, Janet Georgiou, Paul Heaphy, Audrey Wannell, Chris Wannell and John Wilks.

Also in attendance: Councillors Mike Leighfield (late), Linda Frost (late).

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager and Emily Maiden, Committee Clerk and Administrative Officer.

**34. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Ferries.

**35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

RESOLVED to note that no declarations of interest were received.

**36. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was observed that the bank at Vale View could have been rendered unstable by the building work to the large garage that was recently

subject to a planning application for change of use to a dwelling. This information to be shared with Development Control.

*7.20pm, Councillor Mike Leighfield joined the meeting.*

### **37. MINUTES**

RESOLVED to confirm and sign Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (P/6/15-16). Copy previously circulated.

### **38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

[a] To make observations on the following planning application detailed on Schedule 1618.

*Planning Application 15/11473/ADV*, Installation of 1x externally illuminated fascia and 1x externally illuminated projecting sign at 40 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, SN4 7AF.

The Committee discussed the use of illuminated signage on the High Street in general, and it was noted that a number of establishments who had previously been subject to enforcement action had re-erected internally illuminated signs.

Due to the external illumination of the signage within application 15/11473/ADV, it was RESOLVED not to object to the application, in keeping with the Council's policy regarding illuminated signage within the High Street Conservation Area.

*Planning Application 15/11572/FUL*, Single storey side and front extension at 5 Hazel End, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, SN4 7ET.

*7.21 pm, Councillor Linda Frost joined the meeting.*

It was RESOLVED not to object to this application.

### **39. VILLAGE GREEN STATUS**

Wiltshire Councillor Chris Hurst was in attendance at the meeting to update Members on a prospective application for Village Green status for a parcel of land opposite numbers 8 and 10 Vowley View.

Residents had previously attended a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to raise concerns over a planning application for a dwelling on land opposite number 8-10 Vowley View. It was suggested at the meeting that residents may wish to look into the possibility of obtaining Village Green status for the site, given its history of continued use for recreational purposes for neighbouring residents.

Councillor Chris Hurst is working with residents of Vowley View in order to pursue an application for Village Green status; as such he was in attendance to enquire as to whether the Planning Committee would like to formally express support for the project.

RESOLVED to write a letter in support of the project, and to offer assistance to the residents should they so need it.

### **40. DELEGATED POWERS**

The Committee is asked to note that the following applications have been returned as “No Objection” in accordance with Council Policy:-

Consideration of Planning Applications detailed on Schedule 1618

15/11993/FUL	31 Middle Ground	No objections
15/12097/LBC	Lower Woodshaw Farm	No objections

*The meeting closed at 7.25pm*