

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Robert Anstee, Mike Farrow, Janet Georgiou, Nic Hughes and Steve Watts.

Also in attendance: Councillors: Steve Bucknell (late), Sue Hughes (late), Paul Heaphy (late) and Jenny Stratton (late).

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

56. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Bowler and Steve Walls.

57. 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 12th July 2012.

RESOLVED to note that no Declarations of Interest were received.

58. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman advised that the Co-Op had opened in the High Street; the Aldi application is still live and the Lidl appeal is likely to be heard in the Autumn of this year.

59. MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm and sign Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 5th April 2018 (P/10/2017-2018). Copy previously circulated.

60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Now that Wiltshire Council have placed on line all planning applications, paper copies are no longer available. Members were asked to review the following applications before attending the meeting.

[a] To make observations on the following applications detailed on Schedule 1680.

Planning Application 18/02987/FUL, Erection of 7no. industrial units for business (B1) and storage and distribution (B8) together with associated works at Land adjacent to The Daniel Gooch Building, Whitehill Industrial Estate, Whitehill Lane, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7DB.

Called in by: Councillors Nic Hughes and Steve Watts.

Call in reason from Councillor Hughes: This proposed application is the second significant industrial development on Whitehill Road proposed in recent months. This development alongside application 17/02703/FUL, is bringing significant investment to the South West corner of the town but will also bring increased traffic. Residents have raised concerns to me and other councilors which has seen multiple accidents in the past five years. There are also concerns about speeding and the safety of children attending RWB Infants just beyond this junction. As a town council, we should be making Wiltshire Council aware of these concerns.

Call in reason from Councillor Watts: The commuter traffic to the site could be significant, but the biggest concern for me is the increase in class 2 and class 1 HGV's travelling through the town and the use of the New Road/High Street cross roads. It is an awkward junction to negotiate in a large lorry especially when you have traffic at the give way lines as they do not have the room to negotiate the turn. They will also need to take both sides of the road when exiting from Whitehill Lane in either direction.

I am all for new employment opportunities within our town, but the junction at Whitehill Lane/New Road/ High Street would need to be revised along the lines of a traffic light system to allow safer passage for pedestrians, cars and large vehicles negotiating this junction.

With the increase of large goods vehicles passing through our town and this potential new logistics company, it would also be beneficial to introduce a 7.5t weight limit except for deliveries in the High Street which would reduce the impact of noise and surface damage and stress on our towns folk. But this is only realistic when we can bring a bypass solution around the town as a main route to junction 16.

RESOLVED to return the following comments to Wiltshire Council:

- The junction at Whitehill Lane is not designed for HGV's and the amount of traffic which is likely to be generated by the development.
- There are serious concerns of speeding along that road.
- Request that the applicant contributes to the infrastructure and;
- Ask Wiltshire Council to consider Section 106 funds.
- Reiterate the points Councillor Steve Watts raised when he called the application in.

[b] To make observations on the following applications detailed on Schedule 1682.

Planning Application 18/03573/PNCOU, Proposed change of use of three agricultural barns to five dwellings at Wootton Meadows Farm, Marlborough Road, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7SA.

Called in by: Councillor Mike Farrow

Call in reason: This is more than a change of use; it also requires planning permission to build residences.

RESOLVED to request an ecological report from Wiltshire Council which was recommended by the Case Officer in the previous application (17/07913/PNCOU).

61. DELEGATED POWERS

The Committee RESOLVED to note that the following applications were returned as “No Objection” in accordance with Council Policy: -

Consideration of Planning Applications detailed on Schedule 1678.

18/01527/ FUL	Knights Farmhouse	No Objections
18/00288/FUL	29 Orchard Mead	No Objections
18/02210/FUL	10 Bennett Hill Close	No Objections
18/02434/FUL	2 Hedgerow Lane	No Objections
18/02653/FUL	14 Bardsey Close	No Objections

The meeting closed at 6.53pm