WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm St Anne's Hall Aylesbury Road Wendover HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Ballantine (Chair), Gallagher, Standen, Walker, Williams and Worth

Clerk & Minutes: Andy Smith Chair: Councillor Ballantine

Members of Public: 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

P23/182 Apologies were received and **ACCEPTED** from Councillors O'Donnell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

P23/183 Cllr

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

P23/184 A member of the public observed some violations of the code of conduct based on Councillors who were resident in areas which planning applications were being made. Not declaring an interest may lead to getting a complaint. The Clerk would circulate the code of conduct to Councillors along with the interpretation of what that means in the planning meetings.

P23/185 It was noted that members of the public had comments for the discussion on the Halton Woods SPD and the chair requested that these public comments be heard at that stage on the agenda – Item 9b.

4. MINUTES

P23/186 The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th February were **RESOLVED** as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes.

5. FINANCE

P23/187 The payments to consider totalling £4858.87 were **RESOLVED** and signed.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS

P23/188 The planning decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council as listed on the agenda of the meeting of the 20th February 2024 were noted.

7. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE

P23/189 The report was noted it was noted that the Parking Charges will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P23/190 24/00295/ALB 7 Tring Road Wendover Buckinghamshire

Listed building application for refurbishment of bathroom. Eliminating modern cupboards, relocating the boiler, relocation and replacement of radiators. Replace the modern staircase and spindles, adding a fitting fire surround, and erecting a partition in the modern kitchen. Replace front door and rewire dwelling (part retrospective)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council support this application.

P23/191 24/00296/ALB 9 Tring Road Wendover Buckinghamshire

Listed building application to rewire entire property and installation of electric radiators. Adding a fitting fire surround. Erection of a partition in the modern kitchen. Removal of saniflow cupboard. Replace front door. (part retrospective)

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application

P23/192 24/00376/VRC 14A Witchell Wendover Buckinghamshire

Variation of condition 2 (plans) relating to application 22/03192/APP (Householder application for demolition of existing attached garage. Erection of front porch, part single storey and part two storey side/rear extension)

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application

P23/193 24/00401/APP Complementary Health Centre Castle Park Road Wendover Buckinghamshire

Single storey rear extension, internal alterations and external works with retractable canopy, timber fence, gate, ramp to facilitate cafe use.

It was noted that there may be issues with parking, but the business was aimed at visitors to Ashbrook Park who would be there anyway. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

P23/194 2424/00490/APP Woodside Little London Wendover Buckinghamshire

Demolition of existing garage and replacement with single storey side extension to create covered swimming pool, extension to balcony, creation of 2no. dormer windows, alterations to front entrance, attached garage at lower ground level, and alterations to driveway (amendment to approval 23/00651/APP)

It was noted that it was in the green belt. It was considered that this was a large addition, but in keeping with the size of the current house and land. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application

P23/195 24/00229/APP 9 Manor Crescent Wendover Buckinghamshire

Householder application for two storey rear and single storey side extension. Dropped kerb. It is a large extension in relation to the original size of the house, there is a tree on the verge but this should remain undamaged. It was **RESOLVED** to remain neutral on this application.

9. OTHER MATTERS

a) HS2

P23/196 Nothing to report

b) CLOSURE OF RAF HALTON

P23/197 A member of the public was invited to comment at this stage endorsed the paper that is being discussed. In the SPD it mentions that the document was shaped by a number of local parish councils including Halton. The member of public feels it is disingenuous to suggest that Wendover Parish Council has had meaningful engagement over the past 2 years. The member of the public further noted that the comments from the Buckinghamshire Councillor state that comments from the current consultation will be put into the SPD and after this stage it would be time for the Parish Council to engage. The member of the public felt that this is a confusing statement. In general they felt that Wendover have not been properly consulted, given the impact on Wendover.

P23/198 Another member of the public was invited to comment and they asked if it was the case that Wendover Parish Council was invited to meetings but did not attend. The Planning Committee did not believe this to be the case.

P23/199 Another comment from the members of the public highlighted that the requirement for consideration of a secondary school is 1100 homes and this development has been split into 2 chunks of 1000. This member of the public believes that it has been done in this way so that there is no obligation to consider a secondary school and this should be addressed

P23/200 A member of the public representing the Wendover Society stated that the society has reviewed the response and is supporting the Parish Council response along with some additional points – of those it is felt that very strongly that infrastructure needs to be built first and not the housing development. There should also be consideration of bin storage and car parking.

P23/201 The following amendments based on feedback from Councillors were discussed: Add the following comment:

We are surprised that the SPD does not mention the current Halton Community Combined School and how that fits in with this plan. We would like clarity around that element of the plan.

Amend to the following:

More detail of the design of the street network internal to the site and at key junctions operating within vicinity of the site should be provided. The B4009 provides a significant barrier to movement within the development and despite the current underpass being well provided, surface level crossings and changes of carriageway surface material should be considered for inclusion in the SPD.

However, Wendover Parish Council urges caution and a more detailed review of traffic calming measures as in some cases the subsequent congestion at peak times could create gridlock in the local area causing more problems than they solve.

Add

Wendover Parish Council are pleased that the recent upgraded Canal Tow Path is identified amongst the green routes, but the surface was not designed for the usage levels that this development could place on it. A more robust surface such as tarmac would not be appropriate for this route and so the SPD should set out a long-term commitment to maintain this path.

- P23/202 The amendments suggested by the members of public were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to add these to the Councillor amendments. The amendments in their entirety were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the amendments.
- **P23/203** The response as amended was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to make the amendments to the document and send the document as the response from Wendover Parish Council.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

P23/204 The meeting on Tue 19th March 2024 at 7pm was noted.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

P23/205 As all business had been transacted the meeting was closed at 7:26pm

Signed by Jennifer Ballantine

Chair to the Planning Committee Date: 19th March 2024