

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Tuesday 25th June 2024**, at 7pm at the Council Offices, 28 High Street, Winslow

Present: Cllrs Cawte, Bishopp, Monger (for Cllr Slevin) and Wiseman **Absent:** Cllr Slevin **Clerk:** S Carolan

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Slevin

D24/59 The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Slevin's apologies

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting and matters arising:

D24/60 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its 4th June 2024 meeting be signed as a true record

Items Delegated by Council: None

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

24/01738/APP, 11 Vicarage Road: Part two storey rear extension.

D24/61 The Committee RESOLVED to oppose the application which provides no additional off-street parking for the additional bedroom and is therefore not in compliance with VALP Policy T6. Parking in the centre of Winslow, including Vicarage Road, is already under significant pressure and this is likely to worsen with the arrival of the railway. The town centre car parks cannot be used to mitigate this deficit. Buckinghamshire Council's car parks in the Market Square and Greyhound Lane primarily serve retail properties in the shopping area, and the Public Hall Car Park (as the name suggests) exists to serve the needs of Winslow Public Hall and adjacent community facilities. Demand already exceeds capacity at times in the three car parks, and it should not be assumed that unrestricted parking will continue to be available.

24/01759/APP & 24/01760/ALB, 23 Market Square: Part change of use of ground floor from Commercial (Class E) to residential (C3). Subdivision of property and associated works to create an additional dwelling and self-contained cottage to the rear.

D24/62 The Committee RESOLVED to oppose the applications which provide no additional off-street parking for the additional dwelling and are therefore not in compliance with VALP Policy T6. The town centre car parks cannot be used to mitigate this deficit. Buckinghamshire Council's car parks in the Market Square and Greyhound Lane primarily serve retail properties in the shopping area, and the Public Hall Car Park (as the name suggests) exists to serve the needs of Winslow Public Hall and adjacent community facilities. Demand already exceeds capacity at times in the three car parks, and it should not be assumed that unrestricted parking will continue to be available.

The Committee also noted the absence of toilet facilities from the retail unit.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING MATTERS

24/01316/APP, 92 High Street: Change of use from a residential dwelling to a local community centre.

D24/63 The Committee noted the response of the Highways DM officer and RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to Buckinghamshire Council to express its strenuous objection to Buckinghamshire Council using WTC's Public Hall Car Park as mitigation for developments that fail to comply with VALP Policy T6. The Public Hall Car Park (as the name suggests) exists to serve the parking needs of visitors to the Winslow Public Hall and adjacent community facilities; it is not intended for residential parking nor to serve other developments. Furthermore, with the imminent arrival of the railway it is likely that parking restrictions and/or charges will need to be introduced across all of the Town's car parks. Buckinghamshire Council is already consulting on a charging scheme for its Greyhound Lane car park.

Winslow Hall

D24/64 The Committee noted the ongoing works to the garden wall using power tools and RESOLVED that the Clerk should refer the matter to the Buckinghamshire Council heritage officer.

East West Rail

The Committee noted a report from the Clerk on a recent meeting with the East West Rail Alliance regarding works to Furze Lane including the potential re-narrowing of the northern section of the carriageway.

CONSULTATIONS

Great Horwood Road Speed Limit

D24/65 The Committee noted a formal consultation from Buckinghamshire Council on the permanent reduction of the speed limit to 40 mph and RESOLVED to support the proposal.

The chairman closed the meeting at 7:46pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **16th July 2024**