

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - 18 OCTOBER 2023

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

**Present**

Cllr David Beaman (Chair)	Cllr John Robini
Cllr Penny Rivers (Vice Chair)	Cllr Julian Spence
Cllr Jane Austin	Cllr Richard Steijger
Cllr Carole Cockburn	Cllr Phoebe Sullivan
Cllr Janet Crowe	Cllr John Ward
Cllr Jacquie Keen	Cllr Terry Weldon
Cllr Andrew Laughton	Cllr Graham White
Cllr Alan Morrison	

**Apologies**

**Also Present**

Councillor Paul Follows

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 1)
- 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 2)

Members agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were an accurate and complete record.

- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no Declarations of Interests received.

- 4 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4)

Question submitted by Mr Bob Higham, and read out by the Chair:

"My question concerns the following condition of planning attached to the granting of planning permission issued by the Council over 6 months ago.

"The dwelling herein approved shall be provided with a fast-charge Electric Vehicle charging point (current minimum requirements - 7 kw Mode 3 with Type 2 connector - 230v AC 32 Amp single phase dedicated supply) in accordance with a scheme to be submitted within 2 months from the date of this permission and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and thereafter retained and maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority"

The charging point has not been provided four months after the deadline stated in the

condition. What actions can / will the Council take so as to enforce the condition placed on the granting of planning permission?"

Response provided by the Executive Head of Planning, through the Chair:

"We thank Mr. Higham for bringing this matter to our attention. The matter will be investigated and we will report back to Mr. Higham to inform on the action that the Local Planning Authority will be taking once a full investigation has been conducted, as to whether or not there has been a breach of Planning Control."

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Agenda item 5)

The Chair, used his discretion to allow Cllr Robini to ask a question.

Cllr Robini enquired about the lack of plans, maps and drawings contained in the reports pack. Executive Head of Planning Development, Claire Upton-Brown conformed that this was a one off issue and apologised for the inconvenience.

6 ANY RELEVANT UPDATES TO GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE OR LEGISLATION SINCE THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 6)

Officers confirmed that there were no updates to Government Guidance or Legislation.

7 APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 7)

7.1 WA/2023/00029 - LAND BETWEEN THE LODGE AND 15 SCOTLAND LANE SCOTLAND LANE HASLEMERE (Agenda item 7.1)

The application was for the change of use of land for provision of community allotments and orchards, with access off Scotland Lane, car and cycle parking spaces and associated landscaping.

Representations were made by the following individuals and duly considered by the Committee:

- Jeremy Barton (Objection)
- Charles Collins (Support)
- Cllr Terry Weldon (Ward Councillor)

Jeremy Barton's Letter of Objection was circulated to Members upon the his request.

The Chair invited the committee to ask questions and debate.

The Committee expressed concerns about the future of the site, the nomination rights and legal agreement to ensure that the allotments are available to the local community. Members also sought clarity about the waiting list for allotments.

*The Chair invited the Committee to vote on the recommendation.*

12 Members voted in favour, 1 Member abstained and 1 Member voted against.

Therefore, the Committee resolved to **GRANT** permission subject to conditions 1-8.

7.2 WA/2023/00295 - OCKFORD ROAD FILLING STATION, 32 OCKFORD ROAD  
GODALMING GU7 1QY (Agenda item 7.2)

The application was for the erection of a petrol filling station building following demolition of existing petrol filling station building; creation and alterations of parking areas; EV charging points and associated works.

Representations were made by the following individuals and were duly considered by the Committee;

- Andrew Ayles (Support)
- Cllr Paul Follows (Ward Councillor)

The Chair invited the Committee to ask questions and debate.

Members raised concerns in respect to the longevity and success of the proposed green wall and had asked if a condition(s) could be made more robust to deal with this matter.

Following the debate, Cllr Sullivan proposed an amendment to Condition 7 to reflect a requirement for ongoing maintenance of the green wall, with delegated authority to the Executive Head of Planning to make the change. The motion was seconded by Cllr Cockburn and gained unanimous agreement from the Committee.

*The Chair invited Members to vote.*

The Committee voted on the Officer's recommendation, with the agreed upon amendment to Condition 7, and delegated authority to The Executive Head of Planning Development to make the change;

*13 Members voted in favour and 2 Members abstained.*

Therefore, the Committee resolved to **GRANT** permission subject to conditions 1-11, with delegated authority to the Executive Head of Planning Development to finalise and amend Condition 7 (amended text detailed below in red).

**Condition 7:**

Prior to commencement of development, and notwithstanding the details shown on drawing nos. 994-GA-P-01 Rev B, OSS-ANS-DR-001 Rev P03, OSS-ANS-DR-002 Rev P01 and the Landscape Design Strategy Rev B (dated July 2003), a detailed planting schedule and maintenance regime for the living/green wall and sedum roof shall be submitted to approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the development hereby approved shall not be brought into operation until the living/green wall and sedum roof have been implemented in accordance

with the agreed detailed planting schedule and maintenance regime and shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of the character and amenity of the area in accordance with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) and Policies DM4, DM11 and DM21 of the Local Plan 2023 (Part 2).”

8 APPLICATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 8)

8.1 WA/2023/01362 - CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY 20 GRIGGS MEADOW  
DUNSFOLD GU8 4ND (Agenda item 8.1)

The Application under Regulation 3, was for a change of use from Class E (Commercial use) to Class C3 (Residential use).

The Committee were generally in agreement with the proposals set out in the report.

*The Chair invited Members to vote on the recommendation.*

14 Members voted in favour.

Therefore, the Committee resolved to **GRANT** permission subject to conditions.

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item 9)

There were no matters to discuss in exempt.

10 LEGAL ADVICE (Agenda item 10)

There was no legal advice given.

**The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.31 pm**

**Chairman**