



Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** of the Council held on Thursday **2 October 2014** at 9.30 am at the Wonersh Sports Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs M Band, L Healy (except for agenda items 092: WA/2014/1625 & 1626), B Holtom, P Maggs, A Powell-Evans (in the chair), C Smith; and fifteen members of the public.

In attendance: Mr K Garvey, Clerk to the Council (for items 087 to 092 only).

P14/15 087 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

The Committee received and approved apologies from Cllrs K & R Bawden and G Grant.

P14/15 088 Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests and, if requested, consideration and approval of dispensations under the Code.

Cllr Healy declared a disclosable interest in items 092: WA/2014/1625 & 1626 as a friend of the applicants.

P14/15 089 Open meeting for *members of the public* to raise matters about planning issues.

Members of the public expressed their concerns about the potential, serious negative impact on the Green Belt and local infrastructure if the recommended large number of new homes proposed in the draft Local Plan documents published by Waverley Borough Council (WBC) for public consultation were to be built. Residents of Wonersh expressed particular concern about the proposal to enclose presently undeveloped Green Belt and area of great landscape value (AGLV) land on the slopes of Barnett Hill into the defined village settlement. The Committee confirmed that it had not been consulted about this option by the independent consultants who had prepared the reports and documents for WBC. As part of the preliminary discussions with WBC the Council had acknowledged its support for delivering additional local affordable homes as set out in the Wonersh Parish 2012 Housing Needs Survey, but only by first developing identified brown field sites. The Council had also restated its support for the assessment that had been made of various green-field sites that had been offered by private landowners at that time. No sites in Wonersh (including the land on Barnett Hill) had been deemed suitable for valid, material reasons. Members confirmed that the Council would take into account all material comments, including objections, in preparing the Council's formal submission about the options that WBC had published. The Committee encouraged all local residents to respond individually to WBC's public consultation and to share their views with the Council so that these could be taken into account before finalising its submission on 9 October 2014. All local residents were invited to attend the next Council meeting to offer their views.

P14/15 090 To consider and approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 September 2014.

The Committee approved the official record of this meeting. Cllr Powell-Evans signed the minutes.

P14/15 091 To receive progress reports about planning matters previously considered and approved by the Committee or the Council.

No substantive item was raised.

P14/15 092 To consider and approve observations about the following planning applications submitted to WBC:

WA/2014/1613: 2 Heathview Cottages, Blackheath Lane, Blackheath, GU4 8RB
Alterations to existing dormer window and alterations to elevations; erection of a porch following demolition of existing porch.

The Committee carefully considered this application and agreed that it had no objections to the proposals. However, given the narrowness of Blackheath Lane in accessing the site the Committee recommended that a plan for delivery and removal of building equipment and materials that would be considerate of neighbours and visitors using the heath car-park should also be made a condition of the Planning Authority's approval.

Action: Clerk to notify WBC of the Committee's observations.

Cllr Healy withdrew from the meeting.

WA/2014/1625: Green Place, The Street, Womersley, GU5 0PF
Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations.

WA/2014/1626: Green Place, The Street, Womersley, GU5 0PF
Listed Building consent for erection of single storey rear extension and alterations.

The Committee carefully considered these applications and agreed that it had no objections to the proposals.

Action: Clerk to notify WBC of the Committee's observations.

Cllr Healy rejoined the meeting.

P14/15 093 To consider the draft *Waverley Local Plan* and make recommendations for approval by the Council at the latter's meeting on 9 October 2014 for submission to WBC.

Minute P14/15 084 last refers. The Committee considered how the Council would respond to this public consultation, taking account of the views expressed by local residents.

Action: Cllr Healy kindly agreed to prepare a draft paper based on the observations submitted by fellow Members and local residents by Tuesday 7 October. This draft submission would then be circulated to all Members before the Council meeting and it would also be published by the Clerk on the Council website for the information of residents planning to attend the Council meeting on 9 October.

P14/15 094 To consider Councillors' business and other correspondence for noting or including on a future agenda.

No item was raised.

P14/15 095 Date of next meeting.

Thursday 16 October 2014.

There being no further business, Cllr Powell-Evans closed the meeting at 11.45am.

Signed: *Richard Bawden*

30 October 2014