

Didcot Town Council

Minutes of the

Planning and Development Committee Wednesday 8th December 2021 All Saints Room, Civic Hall



PRESENT: **Councillors:**

E Hards (Chair)
A Dearlove (Vice-Chair)
P Siggers
D Chandran
M Mallows
A Thompson

Officers:

Mrs J Wheeler (Town Clerk)
Mrs L Blake (Planning and Environment Officer)

County Councillors:

J Murphy
I Snowdon

127. To receive apologies.

Cllr J Durman tendered his apologies. Cllr A Thompson substituted.

128. To receive declarations of interest.

No interests were declared.

129. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2021.

The Committee noted that the meeting scheduled to be held on 17th November 2021, had to be cancelled due to not being quorate.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 27th October 2021 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and note it as such.

All members agreed.

130. Questions on the minutes as to the progress of any item.

There were no questions as to the progress of any item.

131.To note as listed: correspondence regarding planning matters.

Item	Date received	Received from	Sent to Members	Details
6a)	25 th November 2021	SODC	25 th November 2021	Certificate of Lawful Development for a Garage conversion (utility room and study room) at 27 Chamomile Way Didcot OX11 6HH. P21/S4711/LDE – on agenda, item 8a.

The Committee noted the items of correspondence.

132. Proposal to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, regarding the 2022-23 budget

It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that they retain the £750 budgeted for Speed Surveys (cost centre 1272), for the 2022-23 financial year.

All members agreed.

133.To note and comment on the planning application by Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND for planning permission: - The dualling of the A4130 carriageway (A4130 Widening) from the Milton Gate Junction eastwards, including the construction of three roundabouts.

The Committee discussed the application and the correspondence received from Cllr P Davies (which had previously been sent to members), requesting the Committee object to the OCC application, based on the deficiencies of the design between Collett and Avon Way for cycle access for existing and future Didcot residents.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to support the application, with the following comments:

Didcot Town Council's Planning and Development Committee support Oxfordshire County Council's planning application – The dualling of the A4130 carriageway (A4130 Widening) from the Milton Gate Junction eastwards, including the construction of three roundabouts, but hope consideration is taken to improve connectivity for cyclists, with existing cycle routes.

The Town Council ask that OCC acknowledge the existing problems with the cycle ways in Didcot, and work to address these in future with any other new projects, alongside this one.

The Planning and Development Committee believe that a public exhibition should have taken place regarding this application, due to the amount of material associated with it.

All members agreed.

Cllr E Hards welcomed the attending County Councillors and proposed suspending standing orders to allow them to address the Committee regarding Didcot's Bus Services.

All members agreed.

Both Cllrs J Murphy and I Snowdon addressed the Committee regarding the issues with the bus services in Didcot and the surrounding areas.

They updated members on the new 91 and 92 services, which will commence from 2nd January 2022 and explained how the new 97 service has been delayed further, due to the delay with the Didcot Bus Gate.

Both County Councillors raised the issue of the 95 service, which has been cancelled by OCC. This route serves Didcot (Ladygrove and Didcot NE) and the surrounding villages. Users use this service for work commutes (to Culham Science Park, for example) and villagers from Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden use this bus to travel into Didcot.

The service was originally contracted to run for 18 months and was funded by developers under s106 agreements. The County Council cancelled the service after less than 12 months. The service had not run throughout the winter period yet, thus not giving a clear indication of the number of users who would rely on it during these times.

The Councillors requested that the Committee consider writing to Oxfordshire County Council to ask that they consider reinstating this service. Residents are constantly being asked to use public transport to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads and to lower the carbon emissions, and it is unacceptable to remove services which enable residents to do this.

The Committee re-entered standing orders.

134.To consider Didcot’s current Bus Network and upcoming changes in January 2022 report

The Committee considered the report and the updates from the Bus Infrastructure Officer at Oxfordshire County Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to write a letter to the Bus Infrastructure Officer at OCC to thank them for their continued hard work with this matter and the ongoing updates to DTC.

The Committee were happy to note that the new services in Didcot were due to commence from 2nd January 2022. Cllr P Siggers noted the limited publicity of the fact that Thames Travel will be taking over these services from early January.

The Committee discussed the County Councillors requests and **RESOLVED** to write a letter to the Cabinet Member, Councillor Tim Bearder at Oxfordshire County Council, to request they consider reinstating the 95 Bus service, due to the needs of residents, the reduction of vehicles on the roads it would bring and the fact that public transport is vital for a positive impact on the environment (appendix 2).

All members agreed.

135.To note as listed: applications for certificates of lawful development and information only.

The Committee noted the below listed application for lawful development.

9a)	Application	P21/S4711/LDE	27 Chamomile Way Didcot OX11 6HH
	Proposal	Garage conversion (utility room and study room)	

136.To consider as listed: Planning Applications.

10a)	Application	P21/S4700/FUL	Milton Road Foxhall Didcot OX11 7TB
	Proposal	Removal of the existing 15m slimline monopole supporting two antennas and the installation of a replacement 20m monopole supporting three antennas, an additional equipment cabinet and ancillary development thereto including a GPS module.	
	Response date	10 th December 2021 (extended from 4 th December 2021)	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and RESOLVED to submit no objection to the application. All members agreed.	

10b)	Application	P21/S4819/HH	12A Orwell Drive Didcot OX11 7RY
	Proposal	Proposed single story rear extension	
	Response date	15 th December 2021	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr E Hards and RESOLVED to submit no objection to the application. All members agreed.	
10c)	Application	P21/S4944/HH	26 Wessex Road Didcot OX11 8BT
	Proposal	Variation of condition 4 (Obscure glazing) on planning application P18/S2395/HH to allow change of window to fire escape window with cable window restrictor. Proposed two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension with minor interior alterations and porch extension (as amended by email from agent received on 24th July 2018). The en-suite window in the east elevation of the first floor hereby permitted shall be glazed in obscure glass with a minimum of level 3 obscurity and shall be fixed shut with the exception of a top hung openable fanlight, prior to the first occupation of the accommodation and it shall be retained as such thereafter.	
	Response date	18 th December 2021	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and RESOLVED to submit no objection to the application. All members agreed.	
10d)	Application	P21/S4882/HH	12 Garth Road Didcot OX11 7JG
	Proposal	Single Storey Side Extension and Garage Conversion	
	Response date	18 th December 2021	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and RESOLVED to submit no objection to the application. All members agreed.	
10e)	Application	P21/S4830/HH	15 East Street Didcot OX11 8EJ
	Proposal	Loft conversion and minor internal alterations to create a study	
	Response date	23 rd December 2021	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr P Siggers, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and RESOLVED to submit no objection to the application. All members agreed.	

137.To note as listed: Planning Appeals.

None were received.

138. Applications Approved.

The Committee noted the below listed approvals.

Didcot Town Council's recommendation	Planning Application Number	Proposal and Address
No objection	P21/S3603/HH	Construction of single storey side extension, front porch & realignment of boundary wall to Longford Way. 7 Longford Way Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 7TN
No objection	P21/S4002/FUL	Installation of a new ambient vaporiser unit, silencer skid, concrete plinth and ancillary infrastructure (external plant). Air Products Plc Hawksworth Didcot OX11 7PL
No objection	P21/S4023/HH	Proposed garage replacement, front garage extension, front porch, floor plan redesign and all associated works to 9 Abbott Road. 9 Abbott Road Didcot OX11 8JB
No objection	P21/S3962/HH	First floor extension over existing garage. New roof over conservatory. 35 Wheatfields Didcot OX11 0BQ
No objection with comment: The Committee agreed that the material provided within the application appeared inadequate.	P21/S4055/FUL	Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on planning application P19/S2825/FUL. Small design changes. (Construction of detached 3-bedroom house.) 19 Wantage Road Didcot OX11 0BS
No objection with comment: The Committee were concerned to note that the extensions appear overbearing.	P21/S3736/HH	Side extension (including conversion of existing garage) with associated alterations. (As amended by drawings received 4 November 2021, to move the two-storey element back to reduce impact on the neighbour's boundary).

		2 Cherwell Close Didcot OX11 7UF
No objection	P21/S4265/HH	Erection of new single storey side extension. 83 Dart Drive Didcot OX11 7XS
No objection	P21/S4234/HH	Single storey rear extension. 125 Green Close Didcot OX11 8TD
Objection with comment: If this conversion is an annex to the main dwelling it should remain ancillary and include cooking or bathing facilities but not both. If it is to be a self-contained dwelling it would fall far short of national space standards	P21/S4086/HH	Garage Conversion. 1 Wintergreen Close Didcot OX11 6FN

139. Applications refused.

The Committee noted the below refused applications.

13a)	Application	P21/S3855/FUL	206 Broadway Didcot OX11 8RN
	Proposal	Proposed erection of two 2-bedroom flats.	
	Didcot Town Council's response	No objection	

140. Applications withdrawn.

The Committee noted the below withdrawn applications.

14a)	Application	P21/S4304/FUL	40 Queensway Didcot OX11 8LU
	Proposal	Construction of detached block containing two one-bedroom apartments.	

141. Applications referred.

The Committee noted no applications had been referred.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Signed:

Date:

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