

Harwell Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7.30 pm in the village hall committee room

Present: N Paterson, Martin Ricketts, Debbie Turner, Dee Boughton-Waite, Cheng Lee, David Roberts

1. Elect Chairman

Neil Paterson elected chair. Proposed Martin Ricketts, seconded David Roberts.

2. Note apologies for absence

Apologies received from S Soames, S Taylor (Clerk).

3. Review and make recommendations to the full PC on Planning Policy matters and consultations related to planning, if anything relevant needs review

Short summary of decisions at full council meeting with decisions that are felt to require full council comment brought forward.

4 Note any relevant planning correspondence – none.

5. Consider [current planning applications](#) and agree responses which the Clerk shall make on behalf of the Council

Clk

AGREED responses;

P17/V2419/FUL - No objection

P19/V1672/RM – Echo the concerns of the landscape architect comments in terms of the hard appearance of the site. Suitable tree planting should be used to soften the appearance, but this will probably require a reduction in density. Tree planting should include sufficient space for the root zone. We object to the height of the proposed houses at almost 9m tall seems excessive for a 2 storey, particularly in a location surrounded by lower properties. The height of the properties should more closely match the surrounding properties in Orchard Way. The PC would request that houses constructed should be built to the highest possible sustainability standards, including solar panels.

P19/V2650/DIS – query whether condition 14 was covered by the construction traffic management plan? [Clerk – Condition 14 of the Decision Notice for the original application P19/V0403/FUL was “Prior to the commencement of any works (including demolition works) a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority. Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to mitigate the impact of construction vehicles on the surrounding highway network, road infrastructure and residents, particularly at morning and afternoon peak traffic times.]

P19/V3015/HH – No objection, neighbour’s comments. Request that this extension is built to the highest possible sustainability standards.

P19/V2660/FUL – Objection to plans as they currently stand.

The PC were surprised to see only 4 disabled parking spaces given the nature of the development and the recent extension of the blue badge scheme. This would appear completely inadequate. There also appears to be no space set aside for mobility vehicle storage/charging. The flat roof would seem an idea spot for solar panels and electric charging points should be provided in the car park. The PC agrees with the Urban Design Officer’s comments that the height of the building should be reduced to 2 storeys and also notes the detrimental effect of the building on light to neighbouring properties, particularly during the winter months.

6. Matters for discussion at next meeting

Clerk to query what is a residential unit (with respect to P16/V0884).

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Minutes prepared by Mrs S Taylor (Parish Clerk), using notes from Mr Paterson.

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