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Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the John Grobler Room on **Monday 13 February 2012** at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Grimson (Chairman), D Hunt, J Leask, R Shepherd-Dubey, J Southgate.

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr D Green

2 SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

2.1 **The following applications were examined and NO OBJECTIONS were recorded:**

Applications received prior to the issue of the 13 February 2012 Planning Committee meeting Agenda

- 1 F/2011/2707 The Forest Comprehensive School, Robinhood Lane H Wilson
application for the installation of solar panels on part of main school roof and safety railings around roof perimeter.
- 2 F/2012/0083 Land rear of 3 Harvest Drive A Smith
proposed erection of a shed and greenhouse on an allotment/vegetable plot.
- 3 F/2012/0146 15 Bluebell Meadow M Lee
proposed raising of roof to create additional first floor habitable accommodation, to include side dormer windows, plus single storey rear extension to dwelling.
- 4 F/2012/0096 29 Watmore Lane A Smith
Proposed erection of two storey side & single storey rear extension, conversion of loft to additional habitable accommodation and addition of dormer windows and roof light to loft.

Applications received since the issue of the 13 February 2012 Planning Committee meeting Agenda

1 none

Revised Applications:

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1 none

Adjoining Parish application:

1 none

2.2 Applications subject to OBJECTIONS:

1 none

2.3 The following DECISIONS were noted:

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- 1 F/2011/2464 8 Locksley Gardens incongruent
CONSENT for proposed erection of a 600mm high timbered/reed panel to the top of 1.8m high perimeter fence of rear garden.
- 2 F/2011/2563 14 Woodlands Avenue congruent
CONSENT for proposed erection of 1 x 5 bedroom detached house. Demolition of existing bungalow.

APPEAL DECISION

1 none

APPEALS LODGED

1 none

3 CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 13 February 2012 Planning Committee meeting Agenda

- 1 WBC; Adoption of Calver Close
- 2 WBC; Enforcement Investigation Notices
- 3 Mr B Eighteen; email re GVOL in Grovelands Estate
This information was dealt with under agenda item 6.

- 4 WBC; withdrawal of F/2011/2443, 4 Birchmead
- 5 WBC Street Licensing renewal; Farris Café Express, Gazelle Close

Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 13 February 2012 Planning Committee meeting Agenda

- N1 WBC Street Naming & Numbering; change of address; 6-8, Block C, Borrowdale Road
- N2 WBC Traffic Management; closure of Arbor Lane, 13-14 February 2012
- N3 WBC; Borough Design Guide Consultation; reminder to respond
See Agenda item 4.
- N4 WBC; Wokingham Station Link Road consultation
The Committee discussed these proposals in some detail.

4 WBC BOROUGH DESIGN GUIDE SDL CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the merits of the guide. The Committee welcomed the guide but considered the difficulties in accessing its information to be a restricting factor in its usefulness to the Parish Council. The Committee **COMMENTED** that it contains much jargon and therefore needs a glossary and a practical index in order for the layman to understand and access the information. It is not in a home-printer friendly format - there are several pages containing large blocks of colour with little useful information on them. If paper copies are not to be provided free of charge by WBC then an electronic version of the document should be produced in a printer friendly format.

The Committee noted that London standards are being used for footprints and queried whether this is the best model for a semi-rural location such as Wokingham Borough.

5 WPC STANDING ORDERS

- 5.1 The Committee reviewed section 39 of the Standing Orders relating to the remit of the Planning Committee.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the amalgamation of parts of the Development Control and Planning sections and the creation of an Environmental section to include responsibility for environmental issues and the Bearwood Recreation Ground trees. Correspondence: to be responsible for correspondence received in relation to Planning Committee matters. An Emergency Planning section is to be included to incorporate responsibility to develop plans for handling emergency situations and to manage their implementation.

Cllr Southgate will update the wording of s39 of Standing Orders to reflect the Committee's recommendations.

ACTION: Cllr Southgate

6 ANY ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

- 6.1 **GVOL at Grovelands Park**

Cllr Southgate reported on item 3 of Correspondence regarding a public notice relating to the siting of Goods Vehicles in Grovelands Park. Cllr Southgate reported that no formal application had been made and the proposal has now been withdrawn.

The Committee noted that no further action was necessary unless a formal application is made through WBC.

7 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 The next Planning Committee meeting will be held in the **John Grobler Room** on **MONDAY 5 MARCH 2012** at **7.45pm**.

There being no further business, the committee meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.