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Minutes of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held remotely on Monday 1 JUNE 2020 at 19.30.

PRESENT: Cllrs C. Taylor (Chair); P Fishwick (Vice Chair); B Krauze; L Wooldridge;

IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Stoneman (Clerk).

- 1 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Cllr Taylor opened the meeting and invited nominations for the Chairman. Cllr Fishwick proposed Cllr Taylor and this was seconded by Cllr Wooldridge and unanimously agreed.
 - Nominations were sought for the Vice-Chairman. Cllr Krauze proposed Cllr Fishwick and this was seconded by Cllr Wooldridge and unanimously agreed.
- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K Bradeepan and Cllr. F Obileye.
- Declarations of Interest: Cllr Taylor declared an interest in Item 6 Application 200965 as the property was near to his home address. Cllr Fishwick would chair the meeting when the application was considered.
- The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11 May 2020 were reviewed. The Clerk updated the committee on Minute Item 10.1 and read out the following response from Wokingham Borough Council's Planning Enforcement Officer:-

This matter has been investigated on several occasions by the Council, there is no evidence of a material change of use of the residential dwelling and that a taxi business is being run from the dwelling.

The Council has contacted the owner, who confirms that there are 3 members of the family who drive taxis for a living and those vehicles are parked at the property along with several other private vehicles they own. It is not a breach of planning control to park business vehicles within the boundary of their property.

It is not within the remit of planning enforcement to take action on vehicles outside the planning unit, I believe one of the main issues for neighbours is that the owners are parking vehicles on the highway verge, this would be for the highways department to enforce.

At this time, the Council still does not consider that a breach of planning control is occurring.

- 5 Public Session: There were no members of the public in attendance or questions received.
- 6 The committee considered the following planning applications:-
- 6.1 **Application Number:** 200965

Site Address: 126 Woodward Close, Winnersh, RG41 5UT

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension, garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, first floor side extension, part single storey and part two storey rear extension, plus the insertion on 1no. roof light.

Comments: The committee raised no issues in relation to the proposed extension but questioned whether there would be sufficient space between the front of the property and the public highway to accommodate the parking. It was not possible for the committee to determine this as the plans had not shown measurements between the boundary and the front of the property.

6.2 **Application Number:** 201215

Site Address: 10 Sandstone Close, Winnersh, RG41 5XS

Proposal: Householder application for proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation.

Comments: The committee made no comments.

- 7 Correspondence: there were no items of correspondence.
- 8 Any other matters considered urgent by the Chairman: there were no urgent matters.
- 9 Date and time of the next meeting: **Tuesday 23 JUNE 2020 at 19.30.**

The Meeting closed at 19.43