

West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday 7 June 2023 in Amersham Council Chamber, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham HP6 5AW, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

Members present

M Ayub, A Baughan, I Hussain, D Johncock, N Marshall, C Oliver, S Raja, N Rana, M Turner, P Turner and K Wood

Others in attendance

K Asif, V Burdett, T Coppock, L Hornby, C Irvine, R Martin and A Thomas

Apologies

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Agenda Item

1 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Members noted the appointment of Councillor C Oliver as the Vice -Chairman of the West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Johncock: Planning Application 22/07162/FUL – declared an interest due to being a member of the Parish Council but that he had not taken part in any debate or consultation relating to the application. He declared that he had an open mind and would listen to the debate before reaching a decision.

Councillor S Raja: Planning Application 22/06882/FUL – declared that he was a ward member but would not speak as a ward member and remain as a committee member.

Councillor S Raja: Planning Application 22/07162/FUL – declared an interest due to the applicant being a ward member in the same ward and that they had not discussed the application. He declared that he had an open mind and would listen to the debate before reaching a decision.

Councillor N Rana: Planning Application 22/07162/FUL – declared an interest due to the applicant being a personal family friend as well as Council colleague. She stated that she would vacate the Chamber for the duration of the debate and voting on the item.

Councillor K Wood: Planning Application 22/07162/FUL – declared an interest due to being a member of the Parish Council but that she had not taken part in any debate or consultation relating to the application. She declared that the application was within her Ward. She declared that she had an open mind and would listen to the debate before reaching a decision.

En bloc: Planning Application 22/07162/FUL – it was noted that all Members of the Committee knew of the applicant due to him being a Councillor.

3 Minutes of the Last Meetings

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12 April 2023 and 17 May 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

4 DEFERRED: 21/08463/FUL - 280 Main Road, Walters Ash, Buckinghamshire, HP14 4TH

This application was deferred prior to the meeting.

5 22/06882/FUL - The Beaconsfield Arms, 110 Hughenden Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 5PB

Change of use from Public House (Sui Generis) to 8-bed HMO.

This application was the subject of a site visit.

Members noted the written update.

Following a full debate, Members voted in favour of the motion to delegate approval to officers subject to the conditions listed in the report as amended by the update and the following:

- Condition 11 shall have the word maintenance added to read "All external facades of the building currently known as The Beaconsfield Arms and the hanging sign on the site shall be retained and maintained for the lifetime of the development on all external elevations as part of the development.
- That reference in Condition 3 to windows facing the A4128, Hughenden Road and Hamilton Road to be made unopenable be removed but that reference to mechanical ventilation remain.
- A condition be added that prior to commencement of the scheme, all 'leanto's' be removed.
- A planning obligation in respect of the £5,000 offered by the applicant as mitigation for the loss of the community asset.

Speaking as Ward Member: Councillor T Green

It was proposed by Councillor C Oliver and seconded by Councillor D Johncock

Resolved: that the application be delegated for approval to officers for the reasons as stated above.

6 **22/07162/FUL** - Little Farm, London Road, Loudwater, Buckinghamshire, HP10 9RF Conversion of existing barns to form 2 x 2-bed dwellings and 1 x 3-bed dwelling (3 residential units in total) with associated external alterations.

This application was the subject of a site visit.

Members noted the written update.

Members voted in favour of the motion to approve the application in accordance with officer's recommendation (as amended by the written update).

It was proposed by Councillor N Marshall and seconded by Councillor K Wood.

Resolved: that the application be approved.

7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5 July 2023 at 6.30pm at King George V House, Council Offices, Amersham, HP6 5AW.

8 Availability of Members Attending Site Visits (if required)

Resolved: that in the event it was necessary to arrange site visits on Tuesday 4 July 2023 in respect of the agenda for the meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 July 2023, the following members be invited to attend:

Councillors: A Baughan, D Johncock and C Oliver

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