

Western Valley Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Western Valley Parish Council

Thursday 24th August 2023 at 19:45, The District Centre, 1 Gentian Mews, Great Western Park, OX11 6GR

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: P22/V0604/RM – spoke on the tightness of the junction with A4130. P23/S2621/FUL – Commented on the aesthetics of the building and lack of parking.

Members Present:

Members	Cllr A Thompson (AT) [Chaired the Meeting]
	Cllr L Durman (LD)
	Cllr V Humphries (VH)

Officers Present:

Clerk to the Council	Mrs L White (LW)
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Public and Press:	At least 1.
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Meeting Started: 19:45

23.05.1. Motion without notice – to appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to appoint Cllr A Thompson.

23.05.2. Apologies & Substitutions [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

23.05.2.1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllrs A Dearlove & P Knowles.

23.05.2.2. To record councillor substitutions, allowed under the terms of reference of this committee.

None.

23.05.3. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

23.05.3.1. To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda

None.

23.05.3.2. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None.

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23.05.4. To approve the minutes of previous meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

23.05.4.1. Meeting of 20th July 2023

It was agreed the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

23.05.5. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.

23.05.5.1. P22/V0604/RM - Phase 1a Valley Park, Land to the West of Great Western Park - *AMENDED*

Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following consent granted under reference P14/V2873/O relating solely to Phase 1a of the overall allocation regarding infrastructure elements to enable works for Phase 1 and 2. An EIA was submitted as part of the approved outline permission (as amended 28 April 2023 and 17 August 2023).

Comment regarding traffic management and flow out on to the A4130.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved to submit the response NO OBJECTIONS in principle however would ask that clarification be provided regarding traffic management and flow out on to the A4130 and the P1 Phase of development and the safety of those coming in and out of the junctions.

23.05.5.2. P23/S2621/FUL - Station Road Car Park, Station Road, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 7NN

A proposed new office building together with associated development on the Didcot Gateway Site.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved to submit the response OBJECTS on the grounds of lack of parking, particularly for future disabled visitors and staff, for whom getting from other nearby car parks will be too difficult. This site is already allocated for Housing under H2f, and South Oxfordshire District Council Brownfield Land Register (January 2021) shows this area and surrounding as being allocated for housing. Further to these material planning considerations we would like to also submit the comment that as an entrance to Didcot and the surrounding areas an opportunity has been missed to create a building of notable character, and it is not reflective of the “Master Plan for Didcot Garden Town”.

23.05.6. Matters for future discussion.

None.

23.05.7. To confirm the date of the next meeting – 28th September 2023.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the chairman closed the meeting at 20:30