

Western Valley Parish Council

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

Thursday 25th April 2024 at 19:45, The District Centre, 1 Gention Mews, OX11 6GR

Public Session

Persimmon Representative: Regarding P24/V0733/RM, outline was approved in 2022, the site will include community facilities, including new schools and a special school. This phase will help shape the first phase, including affordable homes, and transport infrastructure. The home will be “zero carbon ready”, designed and built to the 2015 future homes standard.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr A Dearlove (AD)
Members	Cllr A Thompson (AT)
	Cllr V Humphries (VH)
	Cllr P Knowles (PK)

Officers Present:

Clerk to the Council	Mrs L White (LW)
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Public and Press: None.

Meeting Started **20:04**

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

23.18.1.1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllr Durman.

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

None.

23.18.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

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

None.

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

None.

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

23.18.3.1. Meeting of 22nd February 2024

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

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

23.18.4.1. P24/V0733/RM - Parcel 1Pa Land to the west of Great Western Park (Valley Park) Didcot

Reserved Matters submission relating to phase 1Pa pursuant to outline planning permission P14/V2873/O, comprising 151 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping (Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 4,254 dwellings, mixed use local centres, primary schools, sports pitches, community and leisure facilities, special needs school, open space and extensive green infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, attenuation areas, diversions to public rights of way, pedestrian and vehicular access and associated works).

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response NO OBJECTIONS. This committee sympathises with the comments of Harwell Parish Council on this application, they have raised real issues in our parish. We acknowledge that the comments raised are very important, but we conscious the points raised are not material planning considerations for this reserved matters application. The decision of this committee to not object to this application on these grounds should not be seen as indifference to these important community issues.

23.18.5. To note planning authority decisions

All of the decisions below were noted.

23.18.5.1. P24/V0324/FUL- Bright Horizons Nursery, 5 Gentian Mews, OX11 6GR - GRANTED

Provision of a temporary classroom building at the existing day nursery.

WVPC Planning Response: SUPPORTS this application, there is a lack of nursery places locally and this is a temporary application.

23.18.5.2. P23/V2487/HH – Downlands, Didcot Road, Harwell, OX11 6DH - GRANTED

Proposed removal of conservatory and garage and single storey rear extension. Construction of a new front wall and gate to front boundary (additional information received 20 March 2024)

WVPC Planning Response: NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to the Planning Officer's satisfaction that the boundary treatments are sympathetic to those used in the surrounding area and will not negatively impact the street scene.

23.18.5.3. P24/V0128/A - Land to the West of Great Western Park(Valley Park), Didcot - GRANTED

New Signage.

WVPC Planning Response: NO OBJECTIONS

23.18.6. Matters for future discussion.

None.

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23.18.7. To confirm the date of the next meeting – 23rd May 2024

Confirmed, subject to there being applications to be discussed.

There being no further business to be transacted the Chair closed the meeting: 20:24.