



WESTERN VALLEY
Parish Council

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

Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 19:45, The District Centre, 1 Gentian Mews, OX11 6GR

Public Session

None.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr A Dearlove (AD)
Members	Cllr A Thompson (AT)
	Cllr P Knowles (PK) [Arrived item 25.02.5.1]
	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.

Meeting Started **19:47**

25.02.1. Election of Chair

25.02.1.1. To elect a Chair for the year ahead [LGA 1972 ss15(2) and 34(2)]

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to elect Cllr Dearlove as Chair of the Committee.

25.02.1.2. To receive Chair's declaration of acceptance of office [LGA 1972 s83(4)]

The Chair signed the declaration, it was countersigned by the Clerk and received.

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

25.02.2.1. To receive apologies for absence.

None.

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

None.



25.02.3. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

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

None.

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

None.

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

25.02.4.1. Meeting of 27th February 2025

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

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

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

A proposed new office building together with associated development on the Didcot Gateway Site (as amended by revised plans and additional information 4 November 2024 and revised plans 30 April 2025).

WVPC Previous Response: *OBJECTS on the grounds of lack of parking & this site is already allocated for Housing.*

[Cllr Knowles Arrived]

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to resubmit the original objection:

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.

25.02.5.2. P24/V1099/RM - RM1b - Phase 2 Valley Park, Didcot - **AMENDED**

Reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale pursuant to outline permission reference P14/V2873/O relating to Phase 1b Phase 2 of the overall allocation regarding road and drainage infrastructure elements, and associated landscaping, to enable works for Phase A.

WVPC Previous Response: *NO OBJECTIONS, and ask that the comments from the Crime Prevention Officer be implemented along with confirmation of the location of the cycle racks*

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to resubmit the original comments, with added comment regarding the bus shelters.



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NO OBJECTIONS, and ask that the comments from the Designing Out Crime Officer be implemented along with confirmation of the location of the cycle racks, the type of cycle-racks, and the location and type of bus stops, including a requirement to use plexi-glass not glass, and a staggered bus stop configuration.

25.02.6. Matters for future discussion.

Asking the Council to purchase parish online.

25.02.7. To confirm the date of the next meeting – 26th June 2025, and for the remainder of the year.

Confirmed, Subject to there being applications to be discussed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting, **20:07**.