

## SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2012, AT SPEEN PARISH HALL, SPEEN, STARTING AT 6.30pm.

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Parish Councillors:</b> M John, C Holbrook, A Booth, S Darnton, A Newell-Hart. <b>Parishioners:</b> One <b>Guests:</b> None <b>Press:</b> None
<b>CLERK</b>	Catherine Gorvin

	<b>ACTION</b>
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### DRAFT MINUTES

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr John declared that she lives near to Elmore Abbey.

#### 3. Minutes

Proposed: Cllr John, Seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour

**Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

#### 4. Decisions made by West Berkshire District Council since last meeting:

- a) **12/02165/HOUSE** - Speen Manor, Bath Road, Speen, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1RA - Dismantle/removal of garden wall and renewal with similar, this maintenance is due to brick erosion caused by salt spray and exhaust from A4 road traffic. This does not include the iron railings and wall as detailed - **APPROVED**
- b) **12/02296/FUL** - Alterations to external fire escape - Lord Lyon Inn Stockcross Newbury Berkshire RG20 8LL – **returned as invalid;**
- c) **12/02047/HOUSE** - Proposed timber entrance gates and brick pillars/walling and new entrance surfacing. The Lynchets Bagnor Newbury Berkshire RG20 8AQ – **APPROVED.**

#### 5. To consider the following planning applications:

- a) **12/02622/FUL:** Lord Lyon Inn, Stockcross.  
Alterations to external fire escape.

The council objected to the last planning application regarding the fire escape. There have been amendments to this application. Changes include: Removal of trellising.

A discussion ensued. The main points being:

- The fire escape route has been moved as far back from the boundary as possible.
- The removal of the trellising will result in a reduction in the size of structure.
- The application states that the fire door will be alarmed and used for egress only.
- The staircase lands in a suitable place in the car park. Other options would mean landing in the narrow part of the car park which wouldn't be as good.
- A fire escape is needed.

Proposed: Cllr Holbrook, Seconded: Cllr John. All in favour.

**It was resolved that Speen Parish Council's planning sub-committee does not object**

**to planning application no. 12/02622/FUL.**

**B and c) 12/02609/LBC2 and 12/02604/HOUSE** - New entrance gates and fences - Elmore Abbey, Church Lane Speen, Newbury.

The above applications were discussed.

Proposed: Cllr Holbrook, Seconded: Cllr John. All in favour.

**It was resolved that Speen Parish Council's planning sub-committee does not object to planning application no.s 12/02609/LBC2 and 12/02604/HOUSE.**

**D and e) 12/02208/COMIND and 12/02209/LBC:** Benham Valence, Speen.

Restoration and conversion of Benham Valence from B1 office accommodation to a medical park consisting of the demolition of late 20th century office buildings, restoration of Mansion House, provision of new ancillary bedroom suites, therapy facilities and sports rehabilitation unit with associated landscaping.

The above applications were discussed. Some councillors felt that the plans for the restoration of the house were an improvement. Others were a little unsure about the new cottages.

Proposed: Cllr Holbrook, Seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.

**It was resolved that Speen Parish Council's planning sub-committee does not object to planning application no.s 12/02208/COMIND and 12/02209/LBC.**

**F and g) 12/02211/LBC and 12/02210/FULMAJ:** Benham Valence, Speen.

Reinstatement and restoration of Benham Valence from B1 offices to a single occupancy dwelling, complete demolition of the late 20th century office buildings and the provision of new ancillary accommodation together with associated outbuildings, staff accommodation and equestrian facilities.

The above applications were discussed.

Proposed: Cllr Holbrook, Seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.

**It was resolved that Speen Parish Council's planning sub-committee does not object to planning application no.s 12/02211/LBC and 12/02210/FULMAJ.**

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Catherine Gorvin  
Clerk