



SPEEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT SPEEN PAVILION SPEEN RECREATION GROUND ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024
STARTING AT 7PM

Parish Councillors present	Ian Wilson (Chair), Antony Amirtharaj, Alan Booth, Sasikumar Sadagopan and Shalini Philip.
In Attendance	1 member of the public.
Clerk & RFO	Becki Hannington

Resolution	Item	Action
	<p>1 Apologies: None Received.</p> <p>2 Declaration of Interests: None.</p> <p>3 Open Session: 1 member of public present to discuss agenda item 5.8 (planning application at Riverside Cottage). Applicant advised they have letters of support from both neighbours next door to Riverside cottage to be submitted to WBC via the planning portal. SPC Cllrs agreed that this was a tasteful application and design, and all Cllrs are in support of the application. No objections raised from any Cllrs. Cllr Amirtharaj advised he will call in if chance of refusal or delay as SPC are in full support of this application. Clerk to pass Cllr Amirtharaj’s contact details on to the applicant to discuss calling in if necessary. Cllr Amirtharaj advised applicant to ensure CiL exception form is completed. Member of the public left the meeting at the end of the open session.</p> <p>4. Minutes: to approve the Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 06/12/2023 (draft). Proposal: To vote to approve the minutes of the previous meeting: Proposer: Cllr Wilson Seconder: Cllr Philip. All in favour.</p> <p>5. Planning Applications</p> <p>5.1 23/00373/RESMAJ – Land Off Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury. Cllr Amirtharaj advised PG @ WBC is to decide on relocating bus stop at a later date. No further objections raised by Cllrs other than those previously returned to WBC. Comments of ‘No further objections’ to be returned to WBC.</p> <p>5.2 23/00397/RESMAJ – Covered Reservoir, Bath Road, Speen, Newbury. All Cllr’s happy with drainage plans. No further objections raised by Cllrs other than those previously returned to WBC. Comments of ‘No further objections’ to be returned to WBC.</p> <p>5.3 23/01235/RESMAJ – Covered Reservoir, Bath Road, Speen, Newbury.</p>	Clerk.

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SAA have concerns over emergency access plans and access via Station Road. Cllr Amirtharaj to advise SAA to raise these concerns to WBC via the planning portal.

No further objections raised by Cllrs other than those already returned to WBC. Comments of 'No further objections' to be returned to WBC.

5.4 23/02819/HOUSE – 1 Foley Cottages, Stockcross, Newbury, RG20 8JT

No objections raised by any Cllrs.

Comments of 'No objections' to be returned to WBC.

5.5 23/02824/CERTE – Cottage Annex at The Old Post Office, Bath Road, RG14 1QY

No objections raised by any Cllrs.

Comments of 'No objections' to be returned to WBC.

5.6 23/02958/HOUSE – Benham Grange, Bath Road, Halfway, Newbury, RG20 8NE

No objections raised by any Cllrs.

Comments of 'No objections' to be returned to WBC.

5.7 24/00045/HOUSE – The Old Post Office, Bath Road, Speen, RG14 1QY

No objections raised by any Cllrs.

Comments of 'No objections' to be returned to WBC.

5.8 24/00085/HOUSE – Riverside Cottage, Lambourn Road, Woodspeen, RG20 8BU

Application discussed with the applicant during open session.

All Cllr's in support of the application and no objections raised.

Comments of 'No objections' to be returned to WBC.

6. Planning Decisions – for information

6.1 21/03239/COND2 – Covered Reservoir, Bath Road, Speen Newbury – Approved.

6.2 22/00878/COND – Covered Reservoir, Bath Road, Speen, Newbury – Approved.

6.3 23/01837/HOUSE – 62 Grove Road, Newbury, RG14 1UL – Granted.

All planning decisions were duly noted by all members of the Planning & Highways Committee.

7. Highways Matters

Community Speed Watch Update

No further updates from Cllr Amirtharaj. He feels that this is drawing to a conclusion.

There has been no further contact from the residents of Grove Road regarding this and no communication from the police.

Discussed the Possibility of installing a SID permanently in Grove Road however, the clerk advised there is currently a restriction on this in place from WBC whilst they review the use of SID's in the area. The Chair also reiterated WBC's comments that research shows that these devices are only noticed by drivers for approximately three weeks before they begin to ignore them, and they no longer have an effect.

Clerk to contact the residents of Grove Road for their latest opinion on the issue.

8. Matters for information only arising after preparation of this Agenda which the Chair agrees to take as urgent.

A brief discussion was held around the proposed redevelopment of Speen Pavilion. The committee feels it would be a good idea to begin to seek initial plans for this however, any costs would first need full council approval and this will be added to the agenda for the next full council meeting in March.

The Chair reiterated that community engagement with voluntary organisations, sports hubs etc is crucial in the early stages of this project planning.



	<p>A brief discussion was held around the planning application for the proposed telecommunications mast in Marsh Benham. Cllr Amirtharaj advised that a resident objected to this, however, couldn't respond due to the flooding in the area. Cllr Amirtharaj is to try to raise this with the WBC Case Officer as the application and deadline to call in has expired.</p> <p>Cllr Amirtharaj suggested writing letters to residents when certain planning applications are received to give them the opportunity to discuss and/or raise objections.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held around the issue with the Spear Thistle in Stockcross. Cllr Wilson attended The Vineyard today and was advised the director of The Vineyard has cut down the thistles. Cllr Wilson advised them that this will need to be redone in Spring to prevent the issue from reoccurring.</p> <p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC. Any planning applications to be discussed in the meantime to take place via email and/or Zoom.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:13.</p>	
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Signed:	Name (print): Position:	Date: 07/02/2024
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