

# Minutes of Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 25 August at 7:30 pm

The meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar

# 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Yvonne Jacklin (Chairman), Cllr Michael Burn, Cllr Anne-Catherine Buxton, Cllr Robin Booth, Cllr Valerie Pike Apologies for absence: Cllr Martin Penney, Cllr Lilly Evans In Attendance: Ruth Davies (Clerk) No members of the public were present.

# 2. Declaration of interest received for items on the agenda

Cllr Buxton declared an interest in application 20/01729 Oakwood as her home has a common boundary with this property.

There were no other declarations of interest.

3. Approval of the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 25 February 20 and ratification of all planning comments made during the suspension of the planning committee meetings since.

The committee **approved** the minutes of 25 February 2020 and **resolved to ratify** the comments made on behalf of the planning committee during the suspension of meetings due to COVID-19.

# 4. To review the committee's response to 20/00969 Land to the North Lynwood Crescent Sunningdale Ascot

The committee reviewed the comments made in the letter sent 25 May 20 regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery methods of Health Services in the UK.

The committee agreed that whilst the letter had included a section on the impact of COVID-19 and a request that the application be amended prior to a planning decision being reached, new guidance from the NHS sets out key principles of General Practice which now indicate changes to working practices which would have direct impact on the planning application.

The committee agreed a further letter detailing this new guidance and impacts would be sent.

5. To review and approve the proposed comments and letters, adding any additional information as requested by the committee prior to submission to the Planning Authority for the applications below:

### 20/01672 Waitrose

The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

#### 20/01652 10 Charters Way

The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

#### 20/01562 2 - 3 Charnwood

Crown lifting to 7m, canopy reduction by 8m (T1 oak) and a reduction in height by 5m (T2, beech) on these two TPO trees in full public view are proposed. But it is difficult to determine from the application which trees are identified for these works and there are no photographs either. We request the Tree Officer assesses this site.

#### 20/01750 7 Greenways Drive

The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

#### 20/01765 2 Hamilton Drive

The Parish Council objects to this application. A separate letter has been written and is attached to the link below. <u>20 01765-2-hamilton-drive</u>

#### 20/01768 Sunningdale Park

The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

#### 20/01676 Pennington, Church Road

The Parish Council refers this application to the Tree Officer. A copy of the letter is linked below. <u>20 01676-pennington-church-road</u>

#### 20/01729 Oakwood, Broomfield Park

This proposed extension is a substantial. The proposed building line of the extension is positioned considerably forward of the existing garages and within the RPA of the Oak tree which is shown adjacent to the extension on the plans. It is assumed that the construction of a two-storey extension in the position of the existing single storey garages would necessitate new ground works in this area which would further interfere with the RPA of the oak tree. The council would expect this oak to be covered by a TPO. No information is provided concerning trees on this site or whether any TPOs apply to trees affected by this extension.

This application includes the construction of a new double-space carport. The proposed car port is fully enclosed on three sides with what appears to be wood panels with two windows positioned in the rear wall. The method of construction of the car port is not provided so it is not possible to say whether the depth of the footings would cause any issues with trees or boundary vegetation close by.

We recommend that this application is **refused** and then reviewed again when the information is provided.

An action was taken by the Clerk to obtain copies of the TPOs for Broomfield Park from RBWM Tree Team and to ensure the Oak as referred to in the comments was covered by a TPO.

#### 20/01913 17 Charters Way

The previous application (granted) to prune these two oak trees was dated December 2015. This application seeks to now fell T1 and prune T2.

Whilst there may be good photographic evidence to prune T2 to reduce overhanging the Parish Council have some concerns about the felling of T1 which we would refer to the Tree Officer.

In section 8 of the application form the applicant states that the trees are neither diseased nor likely to cause damage to properties. There is a comment that T1 shows evidence of fibre buckling and bark discolouration, but all major fibre unions are structurally sound.

The application includes photographs only taken during the dormancy period of the tree. Given that we are now in midsummer this is most unfortunate as a more up to date photograph would indicate more accurately the actual condition of the tree. The suggestion in the application to fell T1 and replace it with either a willow or a cypress also needs consideration by the Tree officer.

As there would be little effort required to submit a more up to date summer photograph of the oak it is hoped that the T1 section of this application is REFUSED. We have no objection to the pruning of T2.

#### 20/01914 The Spinney Devenish Lane

This application was already refused by RBWM at the time of the meeting.

#### 20/01921 Heathermount Devenish Road

The Parish Council refers this application to the Tree Officer.

#### 20/01896 4 Wyldewoods Hancocks Mount

The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

#### 20/02117 3 Summerwood Sunningdale Ascot SL5 9SQ

The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

#### 20/02113 12 Richmondwood Sunningdale Ascot SL5 0JG

The Parish Council refers this application to the Tree Officer.

#### 6. Information Sharing

Cllr Jacklin updated the committee on the government consultation on planning amendments which was open for comments until the end of October 20. Therefore, if any member of the committee had any comments, they wished to be submitted on behalf of Sunningdale Parish Council please send these through to the Co-Chairs of Planning.

Cllr Jacklin updated the committee on the next stage of consultation for the BLP which was open for comments during October and November 2020. Again, any comments committee members wished to be submitted should be sent to the Co-Chairs of Planning.

Cllr Booth brought forward more information on the Chobham Common fire and agreed to share a video he had received from the Golf Club showing how close the fire came to Sunningdale properties.

The Clerk requested confirmation from the Co-Chairs of Planning on the presentation method to be used for the next planning meeting via zoom. It was confirmed by Cllr Burn, who will chair the meeting, that he will only provide PowerPoint presentations for applications which require a more robust response.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm