



Itchen Valley Parish Council

Planning Committee Minutes Wednesday 14th September 2016

Attending: - Cllr Langford - Chair, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Riley, Cllr Appleby, Cllr Dennis.

In attendance: Alan Weaver (Parish Clerk & RFO), Princes Mead representative.

1. **Apologies.** There were no apologies.
2. **Public Participation and Declarations of Interest**

Worthy Park House SDNP/16/02301/FUL

Members reiterated declarations stated at FCM meeting on 1st September 2016. Richard White, bursar for Prince's Mead highlighted the contents of his covering letter and the noise and odour report submitted to WCC and forwarded to the Parish Council that day. He summarised the changes made. He felt the changes made met the requirements of the Environmental Protection officer.

Members asked a series of questions relating to: ; long term planning for the whole school site; traffic movements; tree planting; night sky and outdoor lighting. The Prince's Mead representative responded to all questions and was thanked for his attendance.

3. **Approval of the Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting of 21 July**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record. Chair signed the minutes.

Matters Arising

Trees at Wangfield House – Clerk highlighted response from WCC Tree Officer.

Action – Agreed Clerk write to Tree Officer accepting his response but indicating the need to consider making TPOs before building works commence or are completed.

Community Investment Levy – Cllr Riley stated that she had not yet had an opportunity to contact WCC about the issue. There was a brief discussion about one other relevant development to which this applied – Rectory Lane.

Action – Cllr Riley to follow this up.

4. **Planning Applications**

Worthy Park House SDNP/16/02301/FUL - There was a discussion about this application.

Decision The Parish Council agreed the following comment be submitted:

'IVPC have reviewed the new information provided by the applicant and support this application, subject to the Environmental Protection Officer being satisfied by the noise and odour mitigation proposals and their incorporation into planning conditions and a satisfactory assessment from the SDNP Dark Sky's officer.

If you are minded to approve this application, then we would request that the limited out of school hours use requires that noise amplification ceases at 10.30 pm and that

the applicant provides the close neighbour with a mature evergreen planting scheme to reduce the impact of the view overlooking her property.'

Action – Cllr Riley to make request to Princes Mead for some planning gain for the local community.

Shroner Barn SDNP/16/02025/FUL – Members noted that they had previously supported this application.

Avington Lodge, Avington Park, tree felling. – Members confirmed that this had been previously considered. No response required.

5 Local Landscape Character Assessments & Village Design Statements.

Chair stated that he had given this some preliminary consideration. He considered that for Local Landscape Character Assessments (LLCAs) the HCC publication was the best guide on the procedure of preparing a LLCA. He noted that LLCAs included other characteristics aside from 'visual' aspects, eg. noise, wellbeing, ambience, nature etc.. Using the experience from LLCAs prepared by other parishes the likely conclusion was the statement "we like the countryside" rather than any physical actions to improve the Landscape Character.

However by using the environmental importance of the river Itchen as a base it might be possible to undertake work to the landscape to protect its status. This would require the support of the riparian owners and neighbouring landowners but could benefit them when they apply for countryside grants post BREXIT. The assessment work would need paid for technical input in addition to community involvement which would require funds and voluntary time. There would therefore be a purpose for the LLCA.

Action

- Planning Committee members to familiarise themselves with LLCA and VDS documents available.
- LLCA and VDS to be highlighted at F & GP meeting as a possible budget requirement.
- Chair to follow up areas of potential resources and support
- Issue to be reconsidered at next Planning Committee.

6 Any Other Business

Old Rectory – Members agreed it was too late to consider planning applications received on the day of the Planning Committee. Members agreed that henceforth they will only consider applications received at least forty eight hours before the meeting.

Action – Future agendas to be amended accordingly.

Street Lights in Barings Close – Clerk provided an update. It was apparent that the defective lights were the responsibility of WCC Housing Department and an order

had been placed for their repair. Clerk had contacted WCC that day and had requested priority be given to the work.

Hazeldene Court – Cllr Philips provided an update on proposed provision of car parking spaces.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

- 7 **Date of next meeting – Thursday 20th October 2016 at 7.00 pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall.**