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Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the John Grobler Room on **Tuesday 31 March 2009** at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Grimson (Chairman), D Hunt, J Southgate.

In attendance: PC Glen Watts

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllrs D Jupp, J Plant, J Wilkins.

2 UPDATE FROM THE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

2.1 Cllr Grimson welcomed PC Watts, who was representing the police in the absence of PC Marman, who sent his apologies.

PC Watts gave an update on crime within Winnersh, which is still low compared to other areas. The most common problems in Winnersh are neighbourhood disputes and anti-social behaviour. Shelley, one of our PCSOs, has moved to Finchampstead and is to be replaced soon.

A discussion took place regarding the implications of WBC's proposals to restrict street lighting. PC Watts will be interested to see whether there is any effect on burglary, petty crime and anti-social behaviour.

The councillors asked PC Watts whether it would be useful and possible to establish a permanent police post in Winnersh. PC Watts observed that the police already have a mobile station, full facilities at Loddon Valley, and are considering an access point at Winnersh Triangle. He will put the question to his inspector and PC Marman. A permanent post would require kitchen, toilet and computer facilities.

A discussion took place on cars being a nuisance in the vicinity of Sainsbury's. Members of the public can forward the number plate details of the cars to the police. Contact details for PC Watts are:

glenn.watts@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

0845 8 505 505; badge no. 5936,

07814 485327

Cllr Grimson thanked PC Watts for attending the meeting. PC Watts left the meeting.

3 SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

3.1 The following applications were examined and NO OBJECTIONS were recorded:

none

3.2 Applications subject to OBJECTIONS:

F/2009/0128 487 Reading Road H Wilson proposed subdivision of existing store and shop front, with single storey rear extension to store and part change of use to a hot food takeaway outlet (A5 use)

The Committee **objected** to this application on the following grounds:

- 1) there is no facility for off street parking
- 2) parked vehicles may create reduced visibility at the Arbor Lane junction and the nearby traffic island.

The Committee **commented** that the change may create a smell nuisance in a residential area.

2 F/2009/0461 8 Bathurst Road L Callan proposed reduction in height of existing unauthorised boundary fence from 1.8m to 1.2m.

The Committee **objected** to this application on the following grounds:

1) The Committee is of the opinion that the appeal decision for a 1 metre fence should be upheld.

3.3 The following ADDITIONAL/REVISED plans were noted:

1 none

3.4 The following DECISIONS were noted:

- F/2009/0044 20 Robinhood Lane congruent **CONSENT** for proposed erection of one detached dwelling with integral garage. (Demolition of existing garage)
- F/2009/0206 Post Office Counters, 427 Reading Road congruent **CONSENT** for proposed change of use from post office to post office and sandwich bar including the on site preparation of sandwiches

3.5 The following APPEAL decision was noted:

F/2009/1762 7 St Marys Road, Sindlesham

APPEAL DISMISSED for proposed erection of 3 bedroom attached dwelling, existing access to be used, plus demolition of existing garage and carport.

The Committee noted the grounds for the dismissal of this appeal. It also noted the receipt of a new application; see Correspondence N3.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence received prior to the issue of the 31 March 2009 Planning Committee meeting Agenda

- 1 PC Alistair Marman; confirmation of attendance at Planning Meeting
- WBC; F/2009/0048 387 Reading Road, withdrawal of proposal for Erection of one replacement office building
- WBC; Street Naming and Numbering; The Willows, Simons Lane, Change to White Gables, Simons Lane
- 4 WBC Traffic Management; closure of Mill Lane, 21/22 & 28/29 March
- 5 Julia Tredwell, WBC; Part Night Lighting Trial (response by 3 April)
- 6 WBC Licensing; Ice Cream Van at St Paul's Church, Reading Road
- 7 Privy Council Office; closure of St Nicholas churchyard, Hurst

Item5 (and N2): Cllr Grimson read Cllr Cooke's comments on the proposal. The Committee discussed the Part Night Lighting Trials. It has no comments to make on the criteria for the proposal, provided it is subject to ongoing review.

The Committee asked the Clerk to inquire whether there is any information available regarding the potential increase in bulb failure rate due to the increased switching of the bulbs. Also, is there a document available explaining how the selective switching of lights will be achieved.

ACTION: Clerk

Items of correspondence received since the issue of the 31 March 2009 Planning Committee meeting Agenda

- N1 WBC; Planning Committee meeting agenda, 1 April 2009
- N2 Cllr Ted Cooke; response to Part Night Lighting Trial
- N3 WBC; nofication of receipt of application F/2009/0506 7 St Marys Road, Sindlesham
- N4 WBC; Removal of dog waste bins

5 ANY ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

5.1 none

6 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next Planning Committee meeting will be held in the **John Grobler Room** on **TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2009** at **7.45pm**.

There being no further business, the committee meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.