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Minutes of a meeting of
Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Wednesday 22nd August 2024
At School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllrs Grimes, James, Lias, Masseron and Peer (Chair)

Attending: B Winton (Clerk)
S Herring (Deputy Clerk)
BCllr Bell
2 Members of the public

24/PC/77 Public Questions

77.1 There were no public questions.

BCllr Bell and the two members of the public present were invited to participate in the meeting

24/PC/78 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

78.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Boyer, Hoyle and Jahromi

78.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

24/PC/79 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

79.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 10th July 2024 were approved and signed as such by Cllr Peer

Proposed: Cllr Grimes
Seconded: Cllr Lias
Approved: Unanimously

79.2 Actions and Matters Arising

Matters arising from the meeting held on 10th July 2024 would be on the agenda for the September meeting

ACTION – Clerk to add matters arising to the agenda for the meeting on 11th September 2024

Draft minutes

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24/PC/80

Planning Application 241861/2

80.1 Proposed Spencers Wood Primary School

The following issues were discussed:-

- The planning application had not addressed the option of the second field resulting in no option to expand the school. The second field could not be used for housing as the land was in the Designated Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ).
- The proposed school was not large enough to accommodate children who live in Three Mile Cross, Spencers Wood, Swallowfield and Riesley especially as Farley Hill School had closed.
- Shinfield Parish were the lowest in achieving a first place preference primary school in Wokingham Borough.
- Wokingham Borough Council did not appear to be committed to the school. The application was rushed in order to fulfil the planning obligations and a decision on whether to proceed would not be made until 2025. This school was urgently needed now.
- Aldergrove had not had any communication from WBC regarding this being a satellite school. This was the most oversubscribed school in Berkshire.
- The proposed school should be a separate school, so it had its own catchment area.
- The proposed school was needed as Aldergrove was not in an ideal position for pupils attending from Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross.
- A detailed traffic management plan needed to be included.
- Matters relating to the structure of the building were discussed including the internal layout.

Members **AGREED** that Shinfield Parish Council should object to the Planning Application as it stood. They recognised that a school was needed but the application did not fulfil the needs of the Parish.

ACTION – Cllr Grimes to draft a response to the planning application that would be circulated to members at the Full Council meeting on 28th August 2024

The Chair thanked Cllrs Boyer, Hoyle and Lias for their detailed work

24/PC/81

Correspondence

81.1 Request to comment on the NPPF consultations from ET Planning

This would be discussed at the next meeting in September.

ACTION – Clerk to add to the agenda of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting to be held on 11th September 2024

24/PC/82

Date of the next meeting

82.1 The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, 11th September 2024

The meeting ended at 21:06



List of Actions

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| 24/PC/79 | Clerk to add matters arising to the agenda from the meeting held on 10 th July to the agenda of the meeting on 11 th September 2024 | Clerk |
| 24/PC/80.1 | Cllr Grimes to draft a response to the planning application that would be circulated to members at the Full Council meeting on 28 th August 2024 | Cllr Grimes |
| 24/PC/81.1 | Clerk to add the request to comment on the NPPF consultation from ET Planning to the agenda of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting to be held on 11 th September 2024 | Clerk |


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