

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee**  
**Held virtually by Zoom**  
**On Tuesday 14 September 2021 commencing at 7.00pm**

Members Present: Councillors R Wood (Chairman), P Deason (Vice Chairman), P Carter, C Herring, B Hilton, A Sharpe & S Verma.

In attendance: Jayne Strand, Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council. Patrick Griffin (SPAЕ) and Amy Brontë Littlejohns from Maddox Planning

**8011 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr B Story. Cllr J Gripton was absent.

**8012 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 Aug 2021 were approved and signed as such.

**8013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr R Wood declared that he was a Trustee of the Frimley Trust relating to application 21/02509

**8014 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application No.	Location and Description
21/01979 (Full)	<p>7 Geffers Ride Ascot SL5 7JY</p> <p>Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Concerns</p> <p>The extension over the garage to form another bedroom is of poor design. It is thus contrary to NP/DG3. This property faces a T-junction and the bulk and scale of the extension, with only a small bathroom window facing the road, looks very overbearing and affects the street scene.</p>
21/02323 (Full)	<p>Ascot Pizza Project 55 High Street Ascot SL5 7HP</p> <p>Pergola roof enclosure erected on the fire escape deck at first floor level - part retrospective.</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Objection</p> <p>As per our recent objection to the application for a change of use of this deck (21/02231), the proposed change of use from a fire escape to an amenity area remains contrary to LP/NAP3, as it will lead to unacceptable levels of noise (and pollution from smokers) beyond the site boundaries. The Parish Council is aware that there is currently a perspex-style roof over the wooden pergola frame (not shown in the plans). Our assessment is that the deck should remain as a fire escape ONLY, and therefore there is no need to provide a roof for shelter. Retaining this roof will only encourage use of this area for more than planning conditions allow, so it should be removed.</p>
21/02445 (Full)	<p>Green Meadow Surgery And Knightswood Winkfield Road Ascot</p> <p>x8 new dwellings with landscaping and associated works, following demolition of existing buildings.</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Objection</p> <p>Although this application for 8 properties is an improvement on withdrawn application 21/00341, for 9 units and some of the issues raised in the Pre-App advice have been addressed, the application still has issues.</p> <p>The site is in Townscape Assessment area Leafy Residential Suburbs and the present layout does not respect the descriptor of “low density detached properties in their own plots”. At 14 DPA, this is unacceptably high in this location, contrary to NP/DG1.2 and NP/DG 2.1</p> <p>The proposed units are not in keeping with neighbouring properties and separation is minimal. Contrary to NP/DG 2.1 and 2.2</p>

	<p>Unit 8 is considered overbearing on The Oaks, as it is 2.6 metres greater in height. Unit 7 is very close to Fairfield and the Coach House creating overlooking.</p> <p>Units 3-6 are still considerably taller than Ranald Court opposite and unit 3 is also overbearing on the adjacent bungalow Daysprings.</p> <p>All of the units have extensive flat roofs which is contrary to Borough Design Guide 7.7.2 “Where a building has been designed to reflect traditional pitched roof forms, flat roofs should not be used as a means of spanning overly deep buildings.”</p> <p>Parking is a significant issue. Units 1-6 are all 4 bed en-suite, which require 3 spaces to be provided and each unit only has 2, with no visitors parking provided, this will lead to on-street parking on a busy street which is heavily trafficked and has existing identified parking issues. Contrary to NP/DGT1.1 and 1.2.</p> <p>Lack of garages are likely to create storage issues, which will inevitably compromise the already limited garden/amenity space. Contrary to NP/EN3</p> <p>Units 1 and 2 The Avenue are forward of the existing building line of Knightswood, with parking directly adjacent to road and thus will have a negative effect on the street-scene. (Contrary to NP/DG2.2 and NP/DG3.3)</p> <p>The Committee requested that this application be called in to the RBWM panel</p>
21/02457 (Full)	<p>7 Bouldish Farm Road Ascot SL5 9EN</p> <p>Part single, part two storey rear extension and 2no. rear rooflights following partial demolition of the existing outbuilding.</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: No Issues</p>
21/02464 (Works to Trees Covered by TPO)	<p>Larchwood Heathfield Avenue Ascot SL5 0AL</p> <p>(T2) English Oak - fell; (T4) English Oak - remove split branch at 12m; (T9) Turkey Oak - fell; (T10) Turkey Oak - fell and (T12) Scots Pine - fell. (TPO 60 of 2005).</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Refer to Tree Officer. Parish Council requests that Felling should only be sanctioned as the last resort and replacement trees should be conditioned</p>
21/02465 (Works to Trees Covered by TPO)	<p>Queensmead Cheapside Road Ascot SL5 7DR</p> <p>(T1) Maple - crown reduce by 3m back to previous pruning points to leave a height of 9m and a spread of 5m (TPO 12 of 1966).</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Refer to Tree Officer</p>
21/02492 (Works to Trees Covered by TPO)	<p>Hanover House Hancocks Mount Ascot SL5 9PQ</p> <p>(T1 and T2) Beech - fell. (TPO 3 of 1990).</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Refer to Tree Officer. The committee felt that it is important that trees are retained wherever possible and only felled as a last resort. No arbor report is attached only photographs.</p> <p><u>It is noted that these fellings would result in 6 mature trees having been being lost, since the house was y built, questioning whether the development should have been permitted from a tree perspective.</u></p>
21/02508 (Full)	<p>Imperial College of Science And Technology Buckhurst Road Ascot SL5 7PY</p> <p>Redevelopment of the Silwood Park Science Park to include demolition of the existing business centre and construction of a new life science centre building, café pavilion, refurbishment of and alterations to existing buildings and associated parking and landscaping.</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: Serious Concerns/ Object</p> <p>The Council feels that with the main building increasing in height from 8.3m to 16.6m this is a significant increase and change in the openness of the Green Belt, however it is felt that VSC have been demonstrated that offset this damage.</p> <p>However, in a location of poor accessibility, with no alternative public services, and not within 2km walking distance of major residential areas, the provision of parking is totally inadequate. In comparison with existing provision there is only a marginal increase of c 30 spaces, but the number of employees will increase greatly c 200%. The transport analysis shows an expected movement of vehicles of 590 at the start of day and end of day which would infer vehicles remaining on site at this level. Movements at this level would also create significant additional issues at the dangerous junction of A329 and B383 at Beggars Bush.</p> <p>It is also felt that the transport plan is inappropriate and unrealistic.</p>
21/02509 (Advertisement)	<p>Heatherwood Hospital London Road Ascot SL5 8AA</p> <p>Consent to display x1 internally illuminated fascia sign, x1 non-illuminated fascia sign, x1 non-illuminated totem sign and x6 non-illuminated post-mounted signs.</p> <p>Parish Council Recommendation: No Issues</p>

21/02585 (Works to Trees Covered by TPO)	<p>Berystede Hotel Bagshot Road Ascot SL5 9JH  Silver Birch - fell and Chestnuts x 3 - fell; (TPO 5 of 2002).  <b>Parish Council Recommendation: Objection. Trees are in good health and no damage property is highlighted, justification is simply related to shading of neighbouring property Regents. Felling would alter the sylvan nature of the area and the hotel grounds.</b></p>
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**8015 PLANNING APPEALS**

No planning appeals were received.

**8016 APPROVALS AND REFUSALS**

The approvals and refusals were considered for weeks ending 20, 27 August and 03 September.

**8017 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i. Cllr A Sharpe informed the committee that she was aware that a mature oak tree had been felled in the grounds of the Marist Convent, Kings Road, Sunninghill. On speaking to the bursar to enquire as to why the tree had been felled, she was informed that it was because a neighbour has requested and paid for it. Although there are no TPOs on the trees within the Marist grounds, Cllr A Sharpe informed the Bursar that they are custodians of these valuable assets to the parish and went through the dead, dying and dangerous policies with him. Cllr Sharpe has requested that RBWM put a blanket TPO on all trees in the Marist grounds and will be sending a letter to the Marist, coping in the head of the board of trustees and the Tree Council, informing them of this request and of the dismay that an amenity tree has been felled for no arboricultural reason, in the times of climate emergency and requirement to preserve greenery and improve local ecosystems
- ii. Cllr B Hilton informed the committee that Ascot Racecourse has discovered an infection of Oak Processional Moths in car park 6. As the hairs from the moths can cause an irritation to people and animals, this situation is being dealt with by the racecourse authority.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.05pm.

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**Cllr R Wood (Chairman)**