



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>
Date and Time	<b>TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2022 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs M Lilley (Chairman), G Brodie (Vice-Chairman), P Brading, D Adams, W Drew, C Jarman, J Medland, M Oliver, M Price, C Quirk, Smart and P Spink
Also Present (Non voting)	S Smart (IWALC representative) P Fuller (Cabinet Member)
Officers Present	Oliver Boulter, Russell Chick, Ben Gard, Jodie Gibson, John Metcalfe, Justin Thorne and Alan White (on behalf of Island Roads)
Apologies	Cllrs C Critchison

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## 56. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022 be approved.

## 57. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Spink declared an interest in minute number 59 (motion submitted by Cllr Jarman) as he had donated to the crowd funding appeal to raise funds to support a judicial review in relation to the West Acre Park planning application.

## 58. Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum

There were no public questions submitted.

## 59. Motion Submitted by Councillor Chris Jarman

Prior to the start of the item the Chairman explained that he would follow the rules of debate used at Full Council for the motion.

Councillor Quirk raised a point of order requesting confirmation from the Chairman that he had taken advice from officers regarding his chairmanship of the meeting, the Chairman advised that he had taken advice and made a decision to continue to Chair the meeting. He was then asked to supply the advice he had received, the Chairman agreed that this would be provided after the meeting.

The Chairman advised that he would not take part in the vote unless the vote was tied and he would then use the Chairman's casting vote.

Councillor Jarman moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

That, in respect of planning application 20/01061/FUL concerning 'West Acre Park', the Strategic Manager for Planning and Infrastructure shall refrain from exercising his delegated authority to issue the formal planning decision in pursuance of the Planning Committee's resolution at its July 2021 meeting and that the Strategic Manager for Planning and Infrastructure shall prepare and present a further report to the Planning Committee to update members and the Planning Committee shall due to an abundance of caution reconsider that planning application at a future meeting as soon as is practicable.

Following debate, a named vote was requested in accordance with the Council's Constitution the results were as follows:

For (4)

Cllrs David Adams, Chris Jarman, John Medland, Peter Spink

Against (6)

Cllrs Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Warren Drew, Martin Oliver, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk

Abstained (1)

Cllr Michael Lilley

RESOLVED:

THAT the motion fell.

60. **Report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Infrastructure**

Consideration was given to items 1 -2 of the report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Infrastructure Delivery.

A schedule of additional representations received after the printing of the report were submitted at the beginning of the meeting and were drawn to the attention of the Members when considering the application. A note is made to that effect in the minutes.

**Application:**

21/01796/OUT

**Details:**

Outline for residential development with new access, internal road layout and parking.

Land at and Rear of 69 and Part OS 8361, Station Road, Wootton, Isle of Wight

**Public Participants:**

Mr Daniel James (Objector)

Mrs Theresa Cook (Objector)

Barry Abraham (on behalf of Wootton Parish Council)

Ms Charlotte Howlett (Agent)

**Additional Representations:**

A typographical error within the final sentence of paragraph 6.20 was noted.

**Comment:**

Councillor Daryll Pitcher spoke as Local Councillor for the application.

Concern was raised regarding the access to the proposed development and it was asked if the proposed conditions requested by Island Roads were achievable, the Island Roads representative advised that the required Traffic Regulation Order was a separate process which he was unable to comment on.

Questions were asked regarding the new emerging Island Planning Strategy and officers advised due to the progress of the emerging plan it was recommended to apply little weight.

The Committee raised concern regarding the wildlife and habitats on the site and were informed that the development would be improved as additional planting was proposed along with existing hedgerows being retained, to enhance connectivity for wildlife.

It was noted that no site visit had taken place as it was not deemed necessary.

Concerns were raised regarding the timing of the traffic survey was undertaken during the first lockdown when a lot of people were at home.

Councillor Brodie declared an interest as he was a member of Cycle wight who had commented on the application.

Questions were raised regarding cycle links between the site and Packsfield Lane, and asked if it would be reasonable to request a purpose-built cycle lane on Station Road. Officers advised that such works would be strategic in nature and so it would not be reasonable for a scheme of the size proposed to deliver such works. However, the Rights of Way Manager had looked at the scheme and requested a pathway through the site by way of condition.

**Decision:**

THAT the application be approved

**61. Report of the Chief Executive**

**61a Planning Application 20/01061/FUL - Westacre Park**

The item was withdrawn

**62. Members' Question Time**

Councillor Brodie asked if there was an update on the newly formed Working Group, he had volunteered as the ungrouped member to attend the meetings, the Cabinet Member advised that he had not been invited to any meetings of the Working Group. The Chairman asked if the Cabinet Member could meet with the Working Group and update the Planning Committee at its next meeting.

Councillor Jarman advised that Terms of Reference were being finalised and these would be circulated to all parties.

CHAIRMAN