

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Littlemore Parish Council Planning Committee held on Monday 24th September 2018 at 7.45pm at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB.

Present: Councillor S Stewart (A/Chair)
Councillors: L Comber, M Willis, A Fisher

Officers: Richard Wilkins (Clerk to Parish and R.F.O)

Four members of public present

Meeting opened 1945hrs

Public Forum

No members of public were present.

352/18 Chairs Welcome

Cllr Stewart welcomed everyone to meeting.

353/18 Apologies for Absence

Councillors: T Hill, M Willis, Cllr M Evans

354/18 Declarations of Interests

No declarations received.

355/18 Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 were agreed as a true record.

356/18 New Planning Applications

18/02258/H42 240 Herschel Crescent OX4 3TZ

No comment can be made on this application, on agenda in case a neighbouring property wished to speak in public forum.

18/02303/FUL Littlemore Park, Armstrong Road OX4 4XG

Annex A – LPC Comment (attached to minutes)

357/18 Planning Applications Approved

18/0191/FUL 43 Spring Lane, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6LF
18/01847/FUL 2 Orchard Way, Oxford, OX4 3QF

358/18 Planning Applications Withdrawn

18/01873/FUL – Land to rear of 51 – 53 Cowley Road, OX4 4LF

Signature

359/18 Planning Applications Refused

18/00012/FUL 3 David Nicholls Close, Oxford, OX4 4QX
18/01515/FUL 31 Littlemore Road Oxford OX4 3SS
18/01516/FUL 29 Littlemore Road Oxford OX4 3SS

360/18 Planning Appeals

No report

361/18 Enforcement Matters

362/18 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 29th October 2018

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Cllr Sue Stewart
Planning Committee Chair
Littlemore Parish Council
Monday 26th November 2018

Signature

Annex A – LPC Comment

18/02303/FUL Littlemore Park

Littlemore Parish Council appreciates the effort made by Catalyst Housing in consulting residents during the design process. We also note that they have kept the Parish Council fully informed as the design has progressed.

Our concerns centre on the infrastructure rather than the details of the design. The sum which will go towards bus services is a one-off for the first year. We would like an assurance that any improvement to this already inadequate service be made permanent. An additional 270 properties will inevitably add to existing traffic congestion in surrounding streets. More buses would be a welcome commitment to transport sustainability.

Armstrong Road is lined with cars during the working day, parked there by staff of the hospital on the other side of Sandford Road. There are no parking restrictions on Sandford Road itself, and vehicles park on the verges, sometimes blocking pavements. We ask that the highways department give careful thought to the need for more parking restrictions. More pedestrians and cyclists will use these roads and pavements when the estate is completed, and there is likely to be more demand for on-road parking by residents and visitors. We also ask that a bike lane be included along Armstrong Road to accommodate increased bike use - see below.

The Parish Council welcomes the condition requiring pedestrian and bicycle access from the site across the brook to the Science Park. At present the access is through the Minchery Farm estate (pedestrian and bicycle only) or via Sandford-on-Thames and Grenoble Road.

We note that a possible off-site connection has been indicated at the northernmost point of the site alongside the railway. This was included in the first published draft layout at the outline planning stage. It leads onto St George's Park, a privately owned estate built on the site of the former Littlemore Hospital. There is no right of way across this land and no access exists there. There was an outcry and the suggestion was immediately dropped. We are concerned that it has crept in again.