

**The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
held on 8th April 2020**

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held on 8th April 2020 at 6.00 pm via Zoom where members of the public were also invited.

The following Councillors were present: -

Cllr. B. Sumner, Chairman
Cllr. B. Hadley
Cllr. A. Davis
Cllr. L. Hicks
Cllr. N. Randall
Cllr. L. Wilkins
District Cllr. N. Maunder
County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson
Mr. Will Morgan, Head Teacher of Cotswold School

Clerk: Mrs. V. Oliveri

1. **Apologies for absence:** had been received from District Cllr. R. Keeling.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. B. Hadley declared an interest in the Cotswold School planning application and took no part in the vote taken.
3. **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th March 2020** were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising:** An update was due from the Enforcement Officer at CDC on the Shepherd Hut at Waterfront Tea Room and the ice-cream van at De La Hayes.
Cllr. P. Hodgkinson agreed to follow up the on-going problem with the tables and benches outside De La Hayes fish and chip shop.
Cllr. N. Maunder stated that the legal process was still on-going with De La Hayes breach of planning.
5. **Planning Applications**
 - 1) Ref: 20/01148/AGFO – West of Marshmouth Lane
Extension of existing farm track.
COMMENT: No objection.
 - 2) Ref: 20/0006/CWR3MJ – Cotswold School
To review proposed alteration to existing entrance and turning circle to the Cotswold School to improve the vehicular movement in that area.
Mr. Will Morgan, Head Teacher of Cotswold School was invited to address the meeting. He stated that GCC had now come up with the finances to cover the planned vehicular movement improvements to the entrance of the school off Station Road and widening the round-a-bout just inside the school entrance to provide a lot more room for the coaches. By accommodating a bus waiting bay and widening the entrance and the road around the round-a-bout would solve most of the issues. GCC had looked extensively at creating an access off the Fosse Way but problems with a balancing pond and an ancient monument had increased the cost of this option. To avoid the ancient monument the access point would have to go further north which would mean that the school would have to lose a cricket pitch. The access road from the Fosse way to the school had been quoted variously at £2.6 million up to £5.0 million depending on avoiding the balancing pond and the ancient monument.
Cllr. Davis stated that the recent traffic survey undertaken, had overlooked several issues. Information provided regarding pupil numbers indicated an increase of 110+, was likely. It was also noted that 70% of pupils arrived at the school by coach..

The proposal would certainly improve the in-coming and out-going of coaches from the school but equally would do nothing for the congestion on Station Road. The addition of further traffic from the extra 110+ pupil increase would only increase the problem. This was the Parish Council's one opportunity to bring pressure to bear on GCC to find a permanent long term solution to a problem that had been worsening year on year. The construction of a "peak time" access point for coaches from the Fosse way was the only way to reduce traffic on Station Road to accommodate the ever increasing residential and visitor traffic on Station Road.

Cllr. B. Sumner proposed that the Parish Council object to the plan put forward and stated that the Parish Council's preferred option was to create a vehicular access from the Fosseway to the Cotswold School. Cllr. L. Wilkins seconded the proposal. A vote was taken of 3 in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Cllr. P. Hodgkinson would now ask for this planning application to go to the GCC's Planning Committee meeting.

6. **Decisions at variance with BPC comments** – None to report at the meeting.

7. **Any Other Business**

Bloor Homes – Bloor Homes had contacted the Parish Council and had requested a decision to be made by 1.5.2020 on the Open Space and Attenuation Ponds at Bourton Chase Phase 3. The Clerk was to contact Bloor and state that the Parish Council would require more time due to the current situation we were in and the Parish Council were waiting to hear from CDC with answers from questions raised by the Parish Council before making a final decision on the Public Open Space and Attenuation Ponds.

CIL Payment – CDC had notified the Parish Council that they had collected £596.08 of CIL money for Bourton-on-the-Water since 1.10.2019 – 31.3.2020. £89.41 (15% of the collected funds) would be transferred to Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council by 28th April 2020 which was to be invested in local infrastructure. CIL money could be combined over a longer period of time to save up for a larger project, however the funds must be spent within five years of receipt. Any unspent money must be returned to CDC.

8. **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.04 pm.

Signed
22nd April 2020