



To: Members of the Planning & Regulation Committee

***Notice of a Meeting of the Planning & Regulation
Committee***

Monday, 22 June 2015 at 2.00 pm

County Hall, New Road, Oxford

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Members are asked to contact the case officers in advance of the committee meeting if they have any issues/questions of a technical nature on any agenda item. This will enable officers to carry out any necessary research and provide members with an informed response.

Membership

Chairman – Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Neil Owen

Councillors

David Bartholomew
Mark Cherry
Patrick Greene
Bob Johnston

Stewart Lilly
James Mills
Glynis Phillips
Anne Purse

G.A. Reynolds
John Tanner

Notes:

- **A site visit is required for Item 6 (Woodeaton Quarry). Members are asked to meet on site at 10.30 am or 10 am at Speedwell House (if requiring transport) on Monday 22 June 2015**
- **Date of next meeting: 27 July 2015**

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on (01865) 815270 or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Election of Chairman for the Council year 2015/16**
2. **Election of Deputy Chairman for the Council year 2015/16**
3. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
4. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note opposite**
5. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015 (**PN3**) and to receive information arising from them.

6. **Petitions and Public Address**
7. **Chairman's Updates**
8. **Construction of haul road and widening of existing field entrance for temporary use in restoration of Woodeaton Quarry - Application No. MW.0149/14 (Pages 7 - 28)**

Report by the deputy director for environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) (**PN8**).

This is an application for a new haul road to access Woodeaton Quarry and is required to allow the approved development of the restoration of the quarry using inert waste to go ahead (MW.0015/12) as negotiations over the use of the access route originally proposed have not been successful.

The proposed development is in the Oxford Green Belt and within an area designated as Scheduled Ancient Monument. However, it is not considered to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and the method of construction would ensure that there was no below ground disturbance, to protect archaeological remains.

There has been seven letters of objection to the application, which consider that the proposed new road is not necessary as the existing farm track route could be used. However, it is the case that it has not been possible to complete the necessary legal agreements since the quarry restoration was resolved to be approved in 2012 and therefore it has not been possible to issue planning permission for the quarry restoration. The applicant has therefore sought an alternative route to the site. The report considers that route in relation to planning policy and concludes that the development is acceptable in terms of policy relating to Green Belt, mineral site

restoration, amenity, highways, archaeology, biodiversity and geodiversity.

It is RECOMMENDED that

- (a) Application No. MW.0149/14 be approved subject to conditions as set out below:**
- 1. Complete accordance with plans**
 - 2. Commencement within 3 years**
 - 3. Use for traffic to Woodeaton Quarry in association with the development permitted by MW.0015/12 only, and only if the original access permitted under MW.0015/12 is not used**
 - 4. Restoration following cessation of use**
 - 5. No deposit of mud on the highway**
 - 6. Operating hours (0730-1800 Mondays to Fridays, 0830-1300 Saturdays)**
 - 7. Visibility splays – as per submitted plan and kept clear from obstruction**
 - 8. Archaeological watching brief**
 - 9. Development to be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ecology Report**
 - 10. Updated ecological surveys to be provided if the development is not commenced within one year of the date of consent**

Informatives – Protected Species, bird nesting;

- (b) the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) be authorised to approve any amendments to application MW.0015/12 to allow the use of the alternative access road which is the subject of application MW.0149/14;**
- (c) references to the ‘northern quarry access’ in the resolution on application MW.0015/12 are amended to ‘northern access shown on MW.0015/12 plans or alternative access shown on MW.0149/14.’**

9. Commons Act 2006: In the Matter of an Application to register The Pond, Main Street, Sibford Gower, Oxfordshire as a Town or Village Green (Pages 29 - 58)

Report by the County Solicitor & Head of Law & Culture (Legal Services) (PN9)

An application was made by Mr Peter Hardman on behalf of the Sibford Gower Parish Council for registration of land at The Pond, Main Street, Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire as a new town or village green under the Commons Act 2006. No objection to such registration was received. The Council is the Commons Registration Authority and the Planning & Regulation Committee has delegated authority to determine such applications.

The Committee is therefore RECOMMENDED to REJECT the application for registration as a new Town or Village Green that plot of land known as The Pond,

Main Street, Sibford Gower, Oxfordshire that site being identified edged red on the map appended to the report.

10. Relevant Development Plan and other Policies (Pages 59 - 68)

Paper by the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) (**PN10**).

The paper sets out policies in relation to Item 8 and should be regarded as an Annex to that report.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 22 June 2015** at **12:30 pm** for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Opposition Group Spokesman.