

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 1 April 2010
at St Mark's Church Community Centre commencing at 6:45pm**

Present: Councillors Blakeman, Waterhouse, Wilkins, Ovenell and the Clerk

Public Open Session

No members of the public were present.

1 Apologies for Absence

None

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 March 2010 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

4 Planning Decisions

The decisions were noted.

5. Planning Applications on the Agenda

10/00405/FUL –7 Cherwell Road - Two storey side/rear extension and change of use of open space to side to garden land.

Resolved: to object to the proposed extension and change of use for the following reasons:

1. The proposed side/rear extension appears to be an overdevelopment of one end of the terrace, the Parish Council has concerns that this would unbalance the terrace and be out of keeping with the existing street scene. Additionally, its overbearing nature might have an adverse impact on the neighbour at number 5 Cherwell Road.
2. The original design of this estate included open spaces and walkways and this characteristic is valued by residents. If this development is permitted it may set a precedent which could result in the pleasant open aspect of the area being diminished.
3. The Parish Council is concerned to retain maximum visibility on footpaths in Brickhill. We note that your Community Safety Design Guide stresses the importance of open spaces and maximum visibility for community safety. If the proposed development is permitted the footpath at the side of 7 Cherwell Road (Otter Walk) will become much narrower and less open. Criminal and antisocial behaviour on footpaths in Brickhill has been a problem in recent years and, whilst this has not been significant in Otter Walk, the Parish Council believes that it would be more likely if the footpath became less open. The footpath forms part of a Safer Route to School and until the new green wheel is established this footpath is part of the existing inner green wheel route and it is currently well used.

10/00600/FUL – Martins, 18 Avon Drive - Install air conditioning unit on side elevation of shop.

Resolved: to make no objections to the proposed air conditioning unit provided that the Borough are satisfied that there will be no significant noise pollution or vibration affecting the residents in the flats above the shop as well as to the rear.

10/00490/FUL – 6 Norfolk Close – Porch to front of property.

Resolved: to make no objections to the application but to comment that the double garage is being converted to living accommodation and we trust that there will still be sufficient off-road parking for two vehicles.

6 Late Planning Applications

10/00569/FUL - 25 Brickhill Drive – one and two storey front and side extension

Resolved: to make no objection to this application however the Parish Council expressed concern that the extension would be overbearing and detract from the street scene.

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Approved by Chairman 3 June 2010