

Abingdon Town Council
Planning & Highways Committee

**Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the
Old Abbey House on Monday 5th December 2011 at 7.00pm**

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Alice Badcock
Councillor Peter Jones - Chairman
Councillor Monica Lovatt - Vice
Chairman
Councillor Hermann Matheson
Councillor Penny McDougall
Councillor Aidan Melville

Also in Attendance :- Mr Steve Rich, Head of Service
Delivery
Mrs Nina Özdemir, PA to Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor of Abingdon Cllr Michael Badcock; Cllr Sandy Lovatt, Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee; Cllr Jeanette Halliday, Cllr Lesley Legge and Cllr Katie Nobes.

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Application 11/02564/LBC relates to Old County Hall, a Town Council owned building. All Members declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and no comment was made.

03 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2011 be signed as a correct record.

04 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

05 WORK TO VARIOUS TREES

Members noted and commented on the work to the following trees:

1. Various work at 38 East St Helen Street, Abingdon Ox14 5EB
2. Remove one horse chestnut tree at Aesculus, The Chestnuts, Abingdon OX14 3YN.
Members requested that the replacement tree is another horse chestnut tree.
3. Crown reduction by 20% and crown lift of lower branches of 1 x horse chestnut, 40 Ock Bridge Place, Abingdon.
4. 20% crown reduction of 1 x cherry tree, 4 Burgess Close, Abingdon.
5. Fell in sections to ground level 1 x blue atlas cedar tree, land adj to 27 Spring Gardens, Abingdon.

06 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Members noted the following Temporary Traffic Order:

1. Advance notification of footway resurfacing works:

West St Helen Street - from Lombard Street to St Helen's Church
East St Helen Street - from Bridge Street to St Helen's Church

Commencing on 9th January 2012 for approximately 54 days, weather permitting.

07 PLANNING DECISIONS

The latest list of planning decisions from the Vale of White Horse District Council were presented to members.

08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning applications were received and considered from the Vale of White Horse District Council. Following consideration of the planning applications, it was RESOLVED that the following comments be forwarded as the Council's recommendations on the various applications.

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| 08- 1 | ABG/00000/000/-/00/11027/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- Willcox, Mr Tim | | Date Received :- | 25/11/2011 |
| | Location :- 7 Kempster Close
Kempster Close
Abingdon
OX14 3UU | | Date Returned :- | 07/12/2011 |
| | Proposal : | Proposed new porch | | |
| | Observations : | No objections | | |
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| 08- 2 | ABG/00000/000/-/11/02107/ADV | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | ADVERT |
| | Applicant Name :- Barnes, Mr Nick | | Date Received :- | 16/11/2011 |
| | Location :- 39 & 41 Ock Street
Ock Street
Abingdon
OX14 5AG | | Date Returned :- | 07/12/2011 |
| | Proposal : | Erection of illuminated hanging signage | | |
| | Observations : | No objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer is satisfied with the application. | | |
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| 08- 3 | ABG/00000/000/-/11/02493/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- Isard, Mr & Mrs Edward | | Date Received :- | 16/11/2011 |
| | Location :- 79 Willow Brook
Willow Brook
Abingdon
OX14 1UL | | Date Returned :- | 07/12/2011 |
| | Proposal : | Proposed construction of single storey rear extension | | |
| | Observations : | No objections. | | |
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| 08- 4 | ABG/00000/000/-/11/02564/LBC | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | LISTED |
| | Applicant Name :- Abingdon Town Council | | Date Received :- | 16/11/2011 |
| | Location :- Old County Hall, Market Place
Market Place
Abingdon
OX14 3HG | | Date Returned :- | 07/12/2011 |

Proposal : To undertake all works for installation phase of Museum Project.

Observations : This application relates to the Old County Hall, a Town Council owned building.

All Members declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and no comment was made.

08- 5 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02600/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Jennings, Mr Christopher Date Received :- 10/11/2011
Location :- 218 South Avenue Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
South Avenue
Abingdon
OX14 1QT

Proposal : Proposed single storey rear extension and front entrance porch.

Observations : No objections.

08- 6 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02636/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Hodson, Mr Jeremy Date Received :- 18/11/2011
Location :- 7 Ock Street Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Ock Street
Abingdon
OX14 5AL

Proposal : Change of use from Clas A2 (Financial & Professional Services) to Class C3 (Dwelling house). Alterations and additions.

Observations : No objections.

08- 7 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02637/LBC Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED
Applicant Name :- Hodson, Mr Jeremy Date Received :- 18/11/2011
Location :- 7 Ock Street Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Ock Street
Abingdon
OX14 5AL

Proposal : Change of use from Clas A2 (Financial & Professional Services) to Class C3 (Dwelling house). Alterations and additions.

Observations : No objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer is satisfied with the application.

08- 8 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02669/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Webster, Mr Chris Date Received :- 18/11/2011
Location :- 5 Northcourt Lane Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Northcourt Lane
Abingdon
OX14 1QA

Proposal : Demolish existing bungalow. Erection of two dwellings with garages and log stores, new single access, landscaping and ancillary works

Observations : No objections on the understanding the the Conservation Officer is satisfied with the application and subject to Oxfordshire County Council's Transport Dept being satisfied with access.

08- 9 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02693/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Lloyd, Mr Philip Date Received :- 22/11/2011
Location :- Land Rear 101 Radley Road Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Radley Road
Abingdon
OX14 3PR
Proposal : Demolition of existing garages. Erection of 1-bedroom dwelling.
(Re-submission
of refused application 11/02098/FUL)
Observations : Recommend refusal due to concerns regarding access and overdevelopment.

08- 10 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02709/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Smith, Mr Mike Date Received :- 29/11/2011
Location :- 22 Marcham Road Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Marcham Road
Abingdon
OX14 1AA
Proposal : Demolition of existing garage. Erection of new garage and proposed rear
garden patio with access steps.
Observations : No objections.

08- 11 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02719/COU Plot Ref :- Type :- CHANGE USE
Applicant Name :- Auger Investments PLC Date Received :- 25/11/2011
Location :- News Agent, 24 High Street Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
High Street
Abingdon
OX14 5AX
Proposal : Change of use of existing shop to A2 use
Observations : It was noted that 24 High Street is classified as primary shopping frontage in
the proposals map which is part of the Vale of White Horse District Adopted
Local Plan 2011.
The Town Council objects to the loss of primary shopping frontage and retail
use at this property, and the consequent change to A2 use, on the grounds
that
this is in contravention of policy S2 (Primary Shopping Frontage) of the Local
Plan.

08- 12 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02720/LBC Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED
Applicant Name :- Barnes, Mr Nick Date Received :- 16/11/2011
Location :- 39 & 41 Ock Street Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Ock Street
Abingdon
OX14 5AG
Proposal : Erection of illuminated hanging signage
Observations : No objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer is satisfied
with this application.

08- 13 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02730/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Carter, Mr K Date Received :- 25/11/2011
Location :- 80 Spring Road Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
Spring Road
Abingdon
OX14 1AN
Proposal : Proposed single storey side extension
Observations : No objections.

08- 14 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02731/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- McConnell, Mr and Mrs Date Received :- 24/11/2011
Location :- 51 East St Helen Street Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
East St Helen Street
Abingdon
OX14 5EE
Proposal : Demolition of existing rear flat roofed extension and association lean-to
additions. Erection of a two storey rear extension with single glazed roof lean-
to to form kitchen / family room on the ground floor and bedroom on the first
floor.
Observations : No objections.

08- 15 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02732/LBC Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED
Applicant Name :- McConnell, Mr and Mrs Date Received :- 24/11/2011
Location :- 51 East St Helen Street Date Returned :- 07/12/2011
East St Helen Street
Abingdon
OX14 5EE
Proposal : Demolition of existing rear flat roofed extension and association lean-to
additions. Erection of a two storey rear extension with single glazed roof lean-
to to form kitchen / family room on the ground floor and bedroom on the first
floor.
Observations : No objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer is satisfied
with this application.

09 CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO INTERIM HOUSING POLICY

The following issues were raised and comments made by members regarding the consultation:
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1. Where new housing is provided, provision needs to be made for the infrastructure to support this, which may include transport improvements, new or extended schools, a doctors' surgery, and a community hall / centre.
2. Whilst there is obviously a need for an Interim Housing Supply Policy for an additional 1000 houses built in the Vale of the next five years, the Council is concerned that this policy could result in many approvals of large owner-occupied houses, and does not address the (now higher than ever) demand for social housing.

In order to ensure the triggering of the automatic 40% affordable houses, the Council believes that it would be prudent to only allow developments of 15 or more houses in existing communities of more than 3,000 people, and a minimum of 5 new homes in communities of less than 3,000.

Everyone, particularly young people, need more affordable houses or most of them will be priced out of the market. Dalton Barracks, on the outskirts of Abingdon, puts further strain on the demand for affordable housing in the town, and the Council would enquire as to what plans there are to house additional military personnel and their families.

3. The Town Council would also request that the District Council clearly defines what is meant by the word 'interim'.

The Meeting closed at : 8.53pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :-Abingdon Town Council