

Abingdon Town Council
Planning & Highways Committee

**Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the
Old Abbey House on Monday 14th November 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
Councillor Katie Nobes

Also in Attendance :- Mr Nigel Warner, Town Clerk
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, Leader of the Council; Cllr Jeanette Halliday; and Cllr Lesley Legge.

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Katie Nobes declared a personal interest in application 11/02536/FUL, in relation to 7 Harding Road, as she is acquainted with the applicant. She declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 11/02567/COU in relation to 7 The Chambers, Vineyard, as she works for a similar business, left the room whilst this application was discussed.

Cllrs Peter Jones and Aidan Melville declared personal and prejudicial interests in application 11/02553, White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre as they are both District Councillors, and left the room during the discussion.

Application 11/02551/LBC, the Guildhall, relates to 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 24th October 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 the work to the following trees:

1. Removal of four Lawson Cypress trees at Stratton Lodge, 52 Bath Street, Abingdon OX14 3QH

2. Fell 1 Cupressus Macrocarpa at "formerly Longside", Tatham Road, Abingdon OX14 1QD.

The Committee requested the planting of a suitable replacement.

3. Crown reduce on Mulberry tree by 25%-30% at 50 Coopers Lane, Abingdon OX14 5GW

4. Various works to trees at Longwall House, Northcourt Lane, Abingdon OX14 1PN

5. Various works to trees at Clockhouse, Ock Street, Abingdon

06 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Members noted the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

1. Proposed road closure - Thursday 1st December 2011 - Christmas Extravaganza Evening

5pm-9.30pm - High Street (from Market Place to junction with West St Helen Street) and Market Place. Bath Street (junction with Stratton Way to The Square) and The Square (War Memorial)

6.40-7pm - Broad Street, Stert St (from junction with Broad St), East St Helen Street (junction with Market Place to Lombard Street), Lombard Street and West St Helen Street (from junction with Lombard Street to High Street). This part of the road closure is to allow the parade to process and is therefore only for a short period.

2. Footpath closure, John Morris Road / Saxton Road footpath, coming into force 12th December 2011.

This order is being introduced to enable electricity cabling works to take place in the footpath between John Morris Road and Saxton Road which it is anticipated will take 5 days to complete.

07 APPEALS

Members noted that an appeal against refusal of planning permission had been lodged for :

1. 33,35,37 39 and 41 Parsons Mead, Abingdon OX14 1LR

It was also noted by Cllr Hermann Matheson that the incorrect reference was used in the document submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The correct reference is 11/01385/FUL. The

Town Clerk would investigate this matter with the District Council.

08 Interim Housing Supply

Members noted the VWHDC public consultation on the Interim Housing Supply Policy and the invitation to attend the Interim Housing Supply Policy Workshop. Members requested that the Town Clerk contact the organisers at the VWH to see if another workshop or briefing could be arranged for Town Council members as the event was on the same date as another Town Council function.

Members were requested to email any comments they may have to the Town Clerk and it was resolved that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee, to make any comments to the District Council in relation to this matter.

09 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

10 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.

10- 1 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02456/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Goddard, Mrs Julie Date Received :- 20/10/2011
Location :- 52 Park Road Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Park Road
Abingdon
OX14 1DG
Proposal : Proposed front and rear dormer windows and rooflights
Observations : No objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer is satisfied with the application.

10- 2 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02460/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- N Allee & Co Date Received :- 28/10/2011
Location :- 11 Ock Street Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Ock Street
Abingdon
OX14 5AL
Proposal : Change of use from offices to 2-bedroom flat and replacement windows to south (street) elevation
Observations : No objections.

10- 3 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02536/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Alderman, Mr Andrew Date Received :- 07/11/2011
Location :- 7 Harding Road Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Harding Road
Abingdon
OX14 1SF
Proposal : Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and single storey extensions to side and rear.
Observations : No objections. Cllr Katie Nobes declared a personal interest as she is acquainted with the applicant.

10- 4 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02551/LBC Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED
Applicant Name :- Abingdon Town Council Date Received :- 02/11/2011
Location :- The Guildhall, Abbey Close Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Abbey Close
Abingdon
OX14 3JD
Proposal : To undertake essential repair and maintenance work as described in schedule, including electrical work.
Observations : All members declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to this matter as the Guildhall is owned by the Town Council and therefore no comment was made.

10- 5 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02553/DEE Plot Ref :- Type :- DEEM
Applicant Name :- Saunders, Mrs Heather Date Received :- 28/10/2011
Location :- White Horse Tennis and Leisure Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Audlett Drive
Abingdon
OX14 3PJ

Proposal : Installation of solar panels on leisure centre roof.

Observations : No objections. Cllr Peter Jones, Chairman of the Committee, and Cllr Aidan Melville declared a personal and prejudicial interest as they are both Vale District Councillors and the centre is owned by the District Council. They left the room during discussion of this application. Cllr Monica Lovatt, Vice Chairman, chaired the discussion for this application.

10- 6 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02560/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Li, Dr Y and J Date Received :- 07/11/2011
Location :- Wildwood Cameron Avenue Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Cameron Avenue
Abingdon
OX14 3SR
Proposal : Erection of a two storey rear extension. (Amendment to planning permission 11/01548/FUL)
Observations : No objections.

10- 7 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02567/COU Plot Ref :- Type :- CHANGE USE
Applicant Name :- Yates, Mr Robin Date Received :- 02/11/2011
Location :- 7 The Chambers, Vineyard Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Vineyard
Abingdon
OX14 3PX
Proposal : Change of use of office premises from B1 to A2 for use as a residential and commercial property letting and management agency.
Observations : No objections. Cllr Katie Nobes declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she works for a similar company and left the room during discussion of the application.

10- 8 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02589/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Dawson, Mr and Mrs R Date Received :- 07/11/2011
Location :- 201 Radley Road Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Radley Road
Abingdon
OX14 3SG
Proposal : Erection of single storey front extension
Observations : No objections.

10- 9 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02592/COU Plot Ref :- Type :- CHANGE USE
Applicant Name :- Martin, Mr Michael Date Received :- 07/11/2011
Location :- 24 Bath Street Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Bath Street
Abingdon
OX14 3QH
Proposal : Change of use from accountants office to dental surgery.
Observations : No objections. Cllrs Monica Lovatt and Hermann Matheson declared personal interests as they applicant is known to them.

10- 10 ABG/00000/000/-/11/02593/COU Plot Ref :- Type :- CHANGE USE
Applicant Name :- Martin, Mr Michael Date Received :- 07/11/2011
Location :- 2a Bury Street Date Returned :- 15/11/2011
Bury Street
Abingdon
OX14 3QY

Proposal : Change of use from office to dental surgery

Observations : No objections. Cllrs Monica Lovatt and Hermann Matheson declared a personal interest as the applicant is known to them.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Hermann Matheson informed the Committee that he had attended the recent Bus Service Review and had raised concerns regarding routes 114 and 116 as it is proposed these no longer continue to Abingdon College, but terminate in the town centre and students rely heavily on these services.

The Meeting closed at : 7.30pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :-Abingdon Town Council