

**Abingdon Town Council**  
**Planning & Highways Committee**

**Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the  
Old Abbey House on Monday 1st August 2011.**

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Alice Badcock  
Councillor Lesley Legge  
Councillor Monica Lovatt - Vice Chairman  
Councillor Hermann Matheson  
Councillor Penny McDougall  
Councillor Aidan Melville  
Councillor Sandy Lovatt, Chair of Finance & General Purposes (ex officio)

Also in Attendance :- Mr Nigel Warner, Town Clerk  
Mrs Nina Özdemir, PA to the Town Clerk

**01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Cllr Peter Jones, the Mayor of Abingdon, Cllr Michael Badcock, Cllr Jeanette Halliday and Cllr Katie Nobes.

**02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Monica Lovatt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 11/01386/LBC as she is a Town Council nominative Governor at Christ's Hospital, who owns an adjacent property. Cllr Monica Lovatt left the room during discussion of this application and Cllr Sandy Lovatt chaired this item.

Cllr Hermann Matheson declared a personal interest in application 11/01385 as he is acquainted with a number of residents.

**03 MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2011 be signed as a correct record.

**04 MATTERS ARISING**

Nina Özdemir, PA to the Town Clerk, verbally reported on the following:

1 Tree Work - Ref GR/TW/PD/18/01/68

George Reade from the Vale of White Horse District Council confirmed that there is a legal obligation as part of the TPO to replace the hornbeam in Burgess Close. He would not be asking for the trees in Albert Park to be replaced as they have planted a number of trees in the park over the last few years as part of their refurbishment programme.

2 Planning Training for Members - Wed 19 October 2011 - VWHDC Council Chamber 6pm

Claire Litchfield from the Planning Department at District Council confirmed that four Town Council members would be able to attend the training session above and was provided with the names of those wishing to attend - Cllrs McDougall, Melville, Matheson and Nobes.

**05 Erection of Telecommunications Equipment at Allens Carpets**

Members noted the letter received from James Walker, Senior Planning Officer at VWHDC.

**06 Thames Water Resources Management Plan 2010-2035**

Members noted details from the letter received from Thames Water to the Town Clerk.

**07 PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

Cllrs requested that the Town Council looks into the reasons the VWHDC contradicts some decisions and asks if they could supply brief details when this occurs. The Town Clerk will look

into this matter.

## 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.

08- 1 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01371/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Greene King Date Received :- 13/07/2011  
Location :- The White Horse 189 Ock Street Date Returned :- 02/08/2011  
Ock Street  
Abingdon  
OX14 5DW

Proposal : Replacement of existing circular steel flue to kitchen with new steel square section flue. Removal of ceiling to kitchen, replacement of ceiling at higher level and interna refurbishment.

Observations : No Objection.

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08- 2 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01385/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Cohen Mr Sefton Date Received :- 18/07/2011  
Location :- 33,35,37,39 & 41 Parsons Mead Date Returned :- 02/08/2011  
Parsons Mead  
Abingdon  
OX14 1LR

Proposal : Proposed new mansard style roof to existing block of flats to incorporate 5 No. one bedroom penthouse flats, 2 No. new external staircases, additional parking, bin storage area and bicycle parking. (re-submission of application ABG/15879/3.

Observations : Refuse: the Town Council considers that the proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the site, is considered to be poorly designed and would result in a visually harmful, over dominant development which would not be compatible with the surrounding area. As such the development would be contrary to policies DC1 (Quality of new development) and H10 (new housing development on sites not identified in the local plan) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.

In the opinion of the Council, the development does not provide practical car parking on site, which would potentially create a hazard due to parking on a nearby "blind" bend contrary to policy DC 5 (Access) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.

Cllr Hermann Matheson declared a personal interest in this application as he is acquainted with a number of local residents.

Cllr Hermann Matheson was nominated to speak about this application at the relevant Vale Planning Meeting.

Due to its height and position, the proposed development would overlook and overshadow neighbouring properties and would therefore represent an unneighbourly form of development, resulting in a harmful and oppressive impact and a loss of privacy. As such the proposed development is considered to be contrary to policy DC 1 (Quality of new development) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.

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08- 3 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01386/LBC Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED  
Applicant Name :- Printworks Ltd Date Received :- 13/07/2011  
Location :- 36 Ock Street Date Returned :- 02/08/2011  
Ock Street  
Abingdon  
OX14 5BZ  
Proposal : Necessary remedial works and renovation of existing structure (first floor, rear wall and street elevation) and minor design changes.  
Observations : No objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer is satisfied with the application.  
Cllr Monica Lovatt declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room for this application. Cllr Sandy Lovatt chaired this item.

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08- 4 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01443/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Greene King Brewing Date Received :- 13/07/2011  
Location :- Fitzharris Arms Thornhill Walk Date Returned :- 02/08/2011  
Thornhill Walk  
Abingdon  
OX14 1JH  
Proposal : Erection of 3 x 1 bedroom flats (re-submission of withdrawn application 11/00418 FUL)  
Observations : Refuse: the Town Council considers that the proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the site contrary to policy DC 1 (Quality of new development) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.  
In the opinion of the Council the development will generate a significant amount of extra traffic in the area and the development does not allow for safe and convenient access or adequate car parking and as such is contrary to policy DC 5 (Access) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.

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08- 5 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01488/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Gateway Educational Services Date Received :- 18/07/2011  
Location :- 122 Oxford Road Date Returned :- 02/08/2011  
Oxford Road  
Abingdon  
OX14 2AG  
Proposal : Change of use of integral garage to office area used in association with children's day nursery.  
Observations : No objections.

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08- 6 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01548/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Li Dr Y and J Date Received :- 25/07/2011  
Location :- Wildwood Cameron Avenue Date Returned :- 02/08/2011  
Cameron Avenue  
Abingdon  
OX14 3SR  
Proposal : Erection of a two storey rear extension. (Re-submission of withdrawn application 11/00437/FUL)  
Observations : No Objections.

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08- 7 ABG/00000/000/-/11/01554/FUL Plot Ref :-

Type :- FULL

Applicant Name :- Karrouchi Mrs Kiran

Date Received :- 25/07/2011

Location :- 9 Sewell Close  
Sewell Close  
Abingdon  
OX14 3YJ

Date Returned :- 02/08/2011

Proposal : Proposed ground floor rear extension and first floor extension above garage.

Observations : Application withdrawn by client.

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The Meeting closed at : 7.45pm

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of :-Abingdon Town Council