

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 14th May 2018
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

Cllr Mike Badcock	(Chairman for the meeting)
Cllr Alice Badcock	(sub Cllr David Pope)
Cllr Jeanette Halliday	
Cllr Robert Hall	(sub Cllr Brian Hedley)
Cllr Vicky Jenkins	

Also in attendance:

Mr Nigel Warner	(Town Clerk)
Mrs Nina Özdemir	(PA to Town Clerk)

Three members of the public.

1. **Election of a Chairman for the meeting**

In the absence of the Chairman and a Vice-Chairman not having been appointed at this time, it was proposed by Cllr Vicky Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Jeanette Halliday and **resolved** that Cllr Mike Badcock be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Pope (Chairman), Samantha Bowring, Brian Hedley, Angela Lawrence, Patrick Lonergan, Lorraine Oates, and Margaret Crick (Mayor, ex-officio).

3. **Declarations of Interests**

Item 9 – SGN Gasworks

Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he was a nominative Governor of Christ's Hospital, the charity having land interests in this area. He stated that he would continue in the role of chairman for this item but would not exercise a vote.

4. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

5. **Matters Arising**

Application P18/V0186/T56 (Land on Grass Verge at Radley Road).

Cllr Jenkins reported again that she is still speaking to the relevant organisations and will also be contacting the VWHDC Planning Officer for further updates.

6. **Public Participation**

Two members of the public spoke at the meeting.

1. Mrs Jennifer Banister spoke regarding application P18/V1010/HH – 12 Kingfisher Close (see attached appendix as submitted by the resident).

2. Dr William Rayner spoke to express concerns in relation to the proposed gas main works on Victoria Road, and the impact on parking. He stated that parking is already extremely tight in this area and it was understood that it may be necessary to temporarily prohibit parking in Edward Street and Victoria Road. This would mean that up to 70 cars would have to park elsewhere. No alternative parking facilities had been offered. He asked if the Town Council might be able to offer assistance in this matter.

7. **Report of Town Clerk**

There were no additional matters to report.

8. **Licensing Application**

Members considered the premises licence application for:

Jazz Aroma, Coffee Aroma, 15 High Street, Abingdon, OX14 5BB.

There were no comments or objections.

9. **SGN Gas Works - Victoria Road**

Members had requested that this be put on the agenda following concerns from local residents in relation to the proposed gas main works on Victoria Road and the surrounding area, and the impact on parking.

Following discussion of this item, the Town Clerk was asked to contact Abingdon School, Carswell School and the Conservative Club to request, if necessary, that they would consider allowing the use of their car parks / playground area overnight. The Committee also asked that the Town Clerk contact Christ's Hospital of Abingdon to ask if they would consider lifting their parking restrictions in Park Crescent and Park Road.

Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter as he was a nominative Governor of Christ's Hospital.

10 **Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

1. Members noted the following TTRN which have been made in order for Oxfordshire County Council to close the roads as detailed to facilitate micro-asphalt surfacing works. The temporary closures would operate from 24th July and the anticipated completion date was 28th July 2018.

- TTRO – T5660 Road Closure at Abingdon, St Mary's Green
- TTRO – T5659 Road Closure at Abingdon, St Nicholas' Green
- TTRO – T5636 Road Closure at Abingdon, Darrell Way

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the County Council and the County Member for Abingdon to express concerns regarding all of the three above roads being potentially closed at the same, particularly as a member commented that an alternative route (Wootton Road) would also be closed. Members felt that this was something on which the County Council could have consulted the Town Council's Traffic Advisory Committee.

2. Members noted the following TTRN which was being made in order for Oxfordshire County Council to close the roads as detailed to facilitate micro-asphalt surfacing works. The temporary closures would operate from 25th July and the anticipated completion date was 29th July 2018. (

- TTRO – T5637 Road Closure at Abingdon, Heron's Walk

11 **Oxfordshire County Council Consultation – Northern Abingdon and Faringdon Road – Proposed Toucan & Pegasus & Zebra Crossings**

Members noted and considered the above Oxfordshire County Council consultation. Whilst there were no objections, concern was expressed regarding potential impact on traffic congestion in the area due to the number of crossings proposed. Members queried whether there was any synchronisation between the crossings and why there was a proposal for a Pegasus crossing (capable of being used by horse riders). Members requested that these points/ observations be conveyed to the County Council.

It was noted that any objections or other representations on the proposal needed to be submitted to the County Council by Friday 25th May 2018.

12 **Oxfordshire County Council Consultation – Dunmore Road, Oxford Road & Twelve Acre Drive - Proposed Clearways**

Members noted the above Oxfordshire County Council consultation. There were no objections or other representations.

It was noted that any objections or other representations (on the proposed clearways only) needed to be submitted to the County Council by Friday 25th May 2018.

13 **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following:

RE: Single storey rear extension and part garage conversion
AT: 15 Inkerman Close, Abingdon, OX14 1NH
REF: P18/V1028/LDP

RE: Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension.
AT: 17 Lower Radley, Abingdon, OX14 3AX
REF: P18/V1070/LDP

14 **Vale of White Horse Planning Decisions**

There were none to note this cycle.

15. **Updates from Vale of White Horse Planning Officers regarding applications**

P17/V2042/FUL – Brookvale, 8 South Avenue

Members noted that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against Vale of White Horse District Council's decision to refuse the above planning application.

(ATC had objected to this application)

16 **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: (See separate page)

The meeting rose at 7.40 pm