

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 22nd October 2018
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

Cllr David Pope	Chairman
Cllr Mike Badcock	Vice Chairman
Cllr Jeanette Halliday	
Cllr Brian Hedley	
Cllr Vicky Jenkins	
Cllr Angela Lawrence	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	
Cllr Margaret Crick	Mayor, Ex-Officio

Also in attendance:

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Samantha Bowring.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

Item 3 – Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2018 – Matters Arising – Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

Cllr Mike Badcock had not been at the meeting of 17th September 2018 but requested that it be minuted that had he been at the meeting he would have declared an interest in this item as the District Council's representative on the Oxfordshire Growth Board.

Item 9 – Variation to a Premises Licence Application.

Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he was a member of the Vale of White Horse District Council General Licensing Committee and Licensing Acts Committee and took no part in the discussion or decision-making in relation to this item.

Item 11 – Planning Applications

Application 11.2 (P18/V2180/FUL): Mr Tommy Buggins, Lagan Homes Ltd, Land to the West of Wootton Road, Abingdon. Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application as a family member lives in the nearby vicinity, and took no part in the discussion of this item, due to a potential conflict of interest.

Application 11.9 (P18/V2475/HH): Mr Grahame Gibbins. 37 Charney Avenue, Abingdon OX14 2NY. Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application as he was acquainted with the applicant, and took no part in discussion of this item due to a potential conflict of interest.

Application 11.8 (P18/V2465/HH): Mr & Mrs G Evans, 13 Hound Close, Abingdon OX14 2LU. Cllr Patrick Lonergan declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application as he was acquainted with family members of the applicant, and took no part in the discussion of this item.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 17th September and 1st October 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4 **Matters Arising**

Response to consultation – Community Governance Review

Members noted that the District Council's Community Governance Review meeting would be held on Monday 8th October at 7.00pm at the council offices in Milton Park.

5 **Public Participation**

None.

Cllr Vicky Jenkins arrived at this point, it being 7.08pm

6 **Thames Water**

Members noted and considered Thames Water's response to the public consultation on the draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019. (Previously sent to all members on 4th October 2018.) They also noted that the period of further consultation was open until 28th November 2018. Thames Water requested that no comments were provided where no changes had been made as these had already been addressed as part of the earlier consultation and their Statement of Response.

There were no further comments regarding this consultation. However the Committee asked the Town Clerk to check and if necessary contact Thames Water as to whether the land earmarked for the proposed new reservoir had changed in relation to Abingdon Common.

Also noted that a drop-in for residents in the area will take place between 2pm and 7pm at Steventon Village Hall on October 25th.

7 **Vale of White Horse District Council – Survey on updates to the Housing Allocation Policy**

Members received and considered the press notice and survey from the Vale

of White Horse District Council regarding the Housing Allocation Policy (circulated to all members 17th October 2018).

Members strongly agreed with main proposals outlined in the summary from points 1 to 7 with the exception of point 7a which stated that where possible the councils will meet priorities aimed at “giving priority to working households to encourage people into work”. Members expressed concern that this could potentially lead to discrimination as people with a disability, for example, cannot always work. Members asked that this be conveyed to the District Council

Members also considered that people who had been transferred from the Oxford City Council housing waiting list should be treated fairly alongside those from the South and Vale’s own lists; housing should be allocated fairly, by need. Members requested that this also be included in the response.

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to respond to the consultation in relation to the Housing Allocation Policy as detailed above.

Cllrs Mike Badcock and Margaret Crick declared non-pecuniary interests in this matter as members of the Vale of White Horse District Council, who were consulting on this matter.

8 Naming & Numbering of Properties

Members noted that the following single property had now been converted into 4 flats as addressed below:

Redevelopment and extension of No. 1 Gainsborough Green, to create 4 flats to be known as: 1, 1A, 1B and 1C Gainsborough Green, Abingdon, OX14 5JH.

9 Variation to a Premises Licence Application

Members noted and considered the variation to a Premises Licence Application for the Oxford Abingdon Hotel, as circulated with the agenda.

There were no objections to this application and the Committee **resolved** accordingly.

Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he was a member of the Vale of White Horse District Council General Licensing Committee and Licensing Acts Committee and took no part in the discussion or decision-making in relation to this item.

10 Vale of White Horse Planning Decisions

The Committee noted the list of any recent planning decisions where the Town Council’s recommendation was to refuse planning permission or was contrary to the decision by the District Council.

11 **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)

Application 11.7 (P18/V2449/O) was brought forward and discussed first as Cllr Helen Pighills (local member) was speaking about this application. Cllr Pighills left the meeting following discussion of this item, it being 7.34pm.

The meeting rose at 7.46 pm

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Chairman

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Date