

Abingdon Town Council
Planning & Highways Committee

**Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the
Old Abbey House on Monday 1st October 2012 at 7.00pm**

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Alice Badcock, Vice Chairman
Councillor Michael Badcock, Chairman
Councillor Lesley Legge
Councillor Hermann Matheson
Councillor Penny McDougall

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

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jeanette Halliday; Peter Jones; Angela Lawrence; Katie Nobes; Chairman of Finance and General Purposes, Sandy Lovatt; and the Mayor of Abingdon, Cllr Monica Lovatt.

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

03 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2012 be signed as a correct record.

04 MATTERS ARISING

A Member raised concerns over the crossing points for the Abingdon Marathon appearing to be the same as the previous year's, especially the point by the archway by St Nicolas Church, leading towards County Hall Museum. The Committee requested that the Town Clerk make representation to Oxfordshire County Council regarding this matter.

05 WORK TO VARIOUS TREES

Members to noted the following work to trees:

1. Remove 3 branches of 1 x Pinus Nigra - Chantry House, Radley Road, Abingdon
2. Works to 1 x Oak - 90 Appleford Drive, Abingdon - Dead limb overhanging public footpath; remove weight on limb overhang garage; dead wood crown to make safe.
3. Oxfordshire County Council tree stock survey in Abingdon - various works (as per emailed papers and hard copy in Town Council offices)

06 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Members noted the following Traffic Order which will operate from 1st November 2012 for an estimate duration of 5 months.:

An alternative route is available.

07 CYCLE SAFETY FUND - SCHEME IN ABINGDON

Members noted and welcomed the initial expression of interest which was submitted by Oxfordshire County Council to Sustrans regarding the above.

08 CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT 2012

Members received and considered the information regarding the Consultation on the updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2012. Members would like greater emphasis placed on sustainability; carbon emission reduction; properly designed / insulated houses; and affordability.

09 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ABINGDON AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

Members noted and welcomed the draft report of the Vale of White Horse District Council. The Committee suggested that the area is further extended up Spring Road to the junction with either Edward Street or Exbourne Road.

10 RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME IN TOWN CENTRE

Members welcomed the proposals from Oxfordshire County Council Highways. They requested clarification that East St Helen Street is included as the map suggested, as it was not shown on the Schedule, and asked that the Town Clerk contact OCC for confirmation.

11 PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions had been received for this meeting. The Town Clerk was asked to confirm with VWH Planning Department that we would still continue to receive decisions as applicable.

12 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.

12- 1	P12/V1376/HH	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	OTHER
	Applicant Name :-	Dumanlis, Mr Salman	Date Received :-	26/09/2012
	Location :-	9B Ramsons Way Ramsons Way Abingdon OX14 3TH	Date Returned :-	02/10/2012
	Proposal :	Erection of a single storey flat roof rear extension.		
	Observations :	No objections.		

12- 2 P12/V1686/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Jones, Mr and Mrs Andrew Date Received :- 17/09/2012
Location :- 10 Clevelands Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Clevelands
Abingdon
OX14 2EG
Proposal : Removal of existing flat roof and roof light to Study (North flank): erection of single-storey, rear extension to Study, including the addition of a pitched roof and roof windows. Addition of sun tunnel to South elevation of main roof to dwelling.
Observations : No objections.

12- 3 P12/V1802/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Hall, Mr Andrew Date Received :- 26/09/2012
Location :- 59 Hendred Way Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Hendred Way
Abingdon
OX14 2AW
Proposal : Demolition of existing single garage and outbuilding. Erection of two storey extension to the side and single storey extension to rear and front.
Observations : No objections.

12- 4 P12/V1803/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Armstrong, Mr Terry Date Received :- 12/09/2012
Location :- 2 Evenlode Park Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Evenlode Park
Abingdon
OX14 3SZ
Proposal : Single storey side extension including new mono pitched roof to existing garage. Rear conservatory.
Observations : No objections.

12- 5 P12/V1815/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Bright Horizons Date Received :- 17/09/2012
Location :- 18 Marcham Road Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Marcham Road
Abingdon
OX14 1AA
Proposal : Change of use from B1 office to D1 nursery.
Observations : Members were concerned that the application did not include a proposed site plan including parking. Based on the application as presented, Members resolved that the Council object to the proposed development on the grounds that the development would not provide for a safe and convenient access from the highway, and that traffic to the site would increase and not be adequately accommodated by the existing road network. Consequently the Council considers that the proposed development would be in contravention of Policy DC5 (Access) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.

12- 6 P12/V1865/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- King, Mr and Mrs R Date Received :- 12/09/2012
Location :- 14 Ballard Chase Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Ballard Chase
Abingdon
OX14 1XQ
Proposal : Two storey extension.
Observations : No objections.

12- 7 P12/V1877/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- MINOR
Applicant Name :- Mays Properties Ltd Date Received :- 17/09/2012
Location :- Fairacres Retail Pk Marcham Rd Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Marcham Road
Abingdon
OX14
Proposal : Subdivision of unit, external alterations, new store entrances, new good-in doors, revised car parking and servicing arrangements, landscaping and relocation of demolished floorspace to unit G (Homebase).
Observations : No objections but the Committee would like to ensure that individual car parking spaces are large enough for modern cars and also ensure that pedestrian access is adequate.

12- 8 P12/V1935/LDE Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Vineys of Abingdon Ltd Date Received :- 21/09/2012
Location :- Unit 2, 16 Eyston Way Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Eyston Way
Abingdon
OX14 1SD
Proposal : Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of the premises as a showroom and for the sale of furniture, furnishings, fabrics, carpets, flooring, fitted furniture and kitchens, bathrooms with ancillary goods and services.
Observations : No objections.

12- 9 P12/V1937/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Lovelace Properties Ltd Date Received :- 19/09/2012
Location :- 31 Bath Street Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Bath Street
Abingdon
OX14 3RH
Proposal : Proposed change of use from commercial to residential with internal alterations.
Observations : The Council has no objections. However it has noted the concern of the occupier of a neighbouring property regarding the capacity of the existing local sewerage and drainage systems to accommodate the development and, whilst this is not a planning matter, would trust that this will be addressed by the appropriate authority.

12- 10 P12/V1941/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Thorne, Mr and Mrs K & C Date Received :- 19/09/2012
Location :- 1 Hendred Way Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Hendred Way
Abingdon
OX14 2AN
Proposal : First floor side extension forming bedroom and bathroom
Observations : No objections

12- 11 P12/V1969/LB Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Lovelace Properties Ltd Date Received :- 19/09/2012
Location :- 31 Bath Street Date Returned :- 02/10/2012
Bath Street
Abingdon
OX14 3RH
Proposal : Proposed change of use from commercial to residential with internal alterations.
Observations : The Council has no objections. However it has noted the concern of the occupier of a neighbouring property regarding the capacity of the existing local sewerage and drainage systems to accommodate the development and, whilst this is not a planning matter, would trust that this will be addressed by the appropriate authority.

The Meeting closed at : 7.45pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____
On behalf of :-Abingdon Town Council