

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the Old Abbey House on Monday 29th July 2013 at 7.00pm

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Michael Badcock, Chairman
Councillor Lorraine Oates, Vice Chairman
Councillor Alice Badcock
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Lesley Legge
Councillor Hermann Matheson

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 Cllrs Jeanette Halliday; Katie Nobes; Sandy Lovatt (Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee) and Samantha Bowring (Mayor).

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

03 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2013 be signed as a correct record.

04 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

05 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Members noted the following Temporary Road Traffic Order:

S14(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Temporary Road Closure: Winsmore Lane, Abingdon.

06 REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - 10th AUGUST 2013

Members noted the request for a temporary road closure in upper Bath Street for the duration of a street party.

07 NAMING OF PROPERTIES

Members noted the following naming of properties:

1. Erection of new residential dwelling to be known as 32B Springfield Drive, OX14 1JG.
2. Addition of the alias name: Oak Tree House to the existing numbered property 13 Conduit Road, OX14 1DB.

08 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

09 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.

09- 1 P13/V1383/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Lally, Mr Mark Date Received :- 09/07/2013
Location :- 204 Wootton Road Date Returned :- 30/07/2013
Wootton Road
Abingdon
OX14 1JZ
Proposal : Erection of a two storey side extension and replacement garage.
Observations : No objections.

09- 2 P13/V1454/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- MINOR
Applicant Name :- Burles, Mr Ian Date Received :- 23/07/2013
Location :- 61 Oxford Road Date Returned :- 30/07/2013
Oxford Road
Abingdon
OX14 2AA
Proposal : Subdivision of the main house and the former garage structure at 61 Oxford Road to create two detached family homes complete with garage / car ports and private gardens.
Amended details also: Drawing No. 13022-P01 Revision A and Tree Survey Report accompanying agent's email of 18 July 2013.
Observations : Recommend refusal. The Committee commented that the application appeared to be for 4 x flats rather than 2 x detached family homes and that the description on the application form did not appear to be an accurate description of the plans. The Committee therefore requested clarification from the Vale of White Horse District Council in that regard. Notwithstanding this, the Committee considered that the proposed development represented an overdevelopment of the property which would harm the character of the surrounding area and also that the proposed development would not provide adequate living accommodation for those residing in the units. Consequently, the application was in contravention of Saved Policy H14 (Sub-division of dwellings) of the VWHDC Adopted Local Plan 2011.

09- 3 P13/V1456/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Gray, Mrs Mandy Date Received :- 08/07/2013
Location :- 40 Lammas Close Date Returned :- 30/07/2013
Lammas Close
Abingdon
OX14 1PB
Proposal : Demolition of existing rear extension and shed. Rebuild single storey pitched roof rear extension to form an extension to the kitchen / dining room.
Observations : No objections.

09- 4 P13/V1458/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Izzo, Mr Franco Date Received :- 08/07/2013
Location :- 6 Loyd Close Date Returned :- 30/07/2013
Loyd Close
Abingdon
OX14 1XR
Proposal : Two storey side extension.
Observations : No objections.

09- 5 P13/V1560/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Marnane, Mr and Mrs Bill Date Received :- 22/07/2013
Location :- 3 Eason Drive Date Returned :- 30/07/2013
Eason Drive
Abingdon
OX14 3YD
Proposal : Erection of single storey rear extension.
Observations : No objections. Cllr Alice Badcock joined the meeting at this point, it being 7.07pm.

09- 6 P13/V1565/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Chaudri, Mr F Date Received :- 23/07/2013
Location :- 17 Farm Road Date Returned :- 30/07/2013
Farm Road
Abingdon
OX14 1NE
Proposal : Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side / rear extension and porch.
Observations : No objections.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Alice Badcock requested that the Committee consider an item of any other business which was urgent. She stated that, as many Members would now be aware, the planning inspector had allowed the appeal by Hallam Land Management Ltd in relation to the erection of 159 residential dwellings on land to the east of the Drayton Road. It was understood that the Vale of White Horse District Council was taking legal advice in relation to the possibility of a judicial review of the Inspector's decision. The Committee asked that the Town Clerk write to the Chief Executive of the District Council expressing this Council's disappointment with the decision of the Inspector and encouraging the District Council to look at what legal options may be open to challenge this decision. The Committee asked that the Town Clerk state that this Committee would support a legal challenge should the Vale consider that this was a realistic option and whilst it had no budget to assist the Vale in this regard, it would be prepared to make a recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and to the Town Council to make a contribution towards the District Council's costs. It was also requested that local Members and the Planning and Highways Committee be kept updated regarding this matter. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the Chief Executive of the District Council accordingly.

The Meeting closed at : 7.13pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :-Abingdon-on-ThamesTown Council