

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the Old Abbey House on Monday 13th January 2014 at 7.00pm

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Lorraine Oates, Vice Chairman
Councillor Alice Badcock
Councillor Jeanette Halliday
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Lesley Legge
Councillor Hermann Matheson
Councillor Katie Nobes

Also in Attendance :- Cllr Julie Mayhew-Archer
Mr Steve Rich, Head of Service Delivery
Mrs Nina Özdemir, PA to Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Michael Badcock.

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

03 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2013 be signed as a correct record.

04 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

05 CHANGE OF ORGANISATION NAME - 18 NUFFIELD WAY

Members noted the change of name from: Ultralife Batteris (UK) Ltd to: Atlas Copco Medical, 18 Nuffield Way, Abingdon OX14 1TG.

06 A415 MARCHAM ROAD / OCK STREET - CROSSINGS CONSULTATIONS

The Committee received and considered the notice and plan showing proposed locations of new pelican crossings on the A415 Marcham Road and Ock Street.

The Committee was concerned with several aspects of the plan to move the Marcham Road Roundabout and to install a new one at the top of Ock Street near the mini roundabouts.

Firstly, the Committee was surprised that Oxfordshire County Council had submitted such a plan because during the Abingdon Integrated Transport Strategy (AbITS) consultations officers from the County Council had said the County Council had asked all the experts to look at the Ock Street / Marcham Road / Spring Road and Drayton Road junction with a view to easing traffic on the Drayton Road. The response was that the most effective traffic control was already in place by using the mini roundabouts. The idea of adding additional crossings was thrown out as not a useful idea. The Committee were mindful of this and asked that the County Council explain their reversal of previous decisions.

Secondly the Town Council was concerned about the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in the town centre would be compromised. It noted that the District Council had set up an Air

Quality Action Plan and this to would be compromised by traffic backing up to the town centre which it already does let alone adding another crossing.

Thirdly the Committee was concerned that the removal of the crossing to further up the Marcham Road would encourage school children not to use it. Also that children from the Tithe Farm Estate would potentially have to cross three main roads instead of one if the new crossing was installed.

Fourthly the new crossing was supposed to give traffic from the Drayton Road priority whilst the lights were at red. This would not be the case as traffic from Spring Road would take priority and any traffic travelling from Drayton Road into Ock Street would be held up by the red lights and therefore cause a tail back restricting any further movements.

The Committee was also informed that this would have an impact on the annual Michaelmas Fair and that officers were asked to gain the opinion of the Fair Organiser.

Members were also concerned about the County Councils proposals to increase the railings along the Marcham Road to restrict people crossing where the lights are presently located. The County Council had proposed to install gates for access to the MG Garden but the Committee felt this would be dangerous for Town Council Staff and also the MG Car Club who would have to get out of their vehicles to open the gates on a very busy stretch of the road. This would also cause tailbacks again on the Drayton Road. The Committee was also concerned about introducing more railings when it had been County Council policy to de-clutter roads of signage and barriers under the AbITS regime.

The Committee voted unanimously to reject this proposal.

07 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

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	P13/V2211/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	MINOR
	Applicant Name :- BUDGENS		Date Received :-	20/12/2013
	Location :- 39 Northcourt Road Northcourt Road Abingdon OX14 1PJ		Date Returned :-	16/01/2014
	Proposal :	Installation of 3 Roller Shutters to front of store.		
	Observations :	No objections, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied with the application.		

08- 2	P13/V2575/LB	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	OTHER
	Applicant Name :- Harrison, Mr Michael		Date Received :-	20/12/2013
	Location :- 3 Stert Street Stert Street Abingdon OX14 3JF		Date Returned :-	16/01/2014

Proposal : Replacement of existing double-glazed skylights with modern double glazing unit.

Observations : No objections, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied with the application.

08- 3 P13/V2609/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Allan, Ms Linda Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- 6 Eden Croft Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Eden Croft
Abingdon
OX14 1QJ

Proposal : Two and single storey rear extension with loft conversion.

Observations : No objections.

08- 4 P13/V2617/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Essen, Mr and Mrs Daniel Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- Chantry House Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Radley Road
Abingdon
OX14 3SN

Proposal : Demolish garage, new two storey rear extension, single storey side extension.

Observations : No objections.

Cllr Angela Lawrence left the meeting at this point, it being 7.37pm.

08- 5 P13/V2621/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- MINOR
Applicant Name :- Waitrose Ltd Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- Waitrose Ltd, Abbey Close Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Abbey Close
Abingdon
OX14 3HL

Proposal : Installation of external horticulture units to the front of store and associated works.

Observations : No objections.

08- 6 P13/V2624/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Sims, Mr and Mrs S Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- 42 Waxes Close Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Waxes Close
Abingdon
OX14 2NG

Proposal : Two storey side extension.

Observations : No objections.

08- 7 P13/V2636/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Chaudri, Mr F Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- 17 Farm Road Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Farm Road
Abingdon
OX14 1NE
Proposal : Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side / rear extension and enclosed porch.
Observations : No objections.

08- 8 P13/V2644/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Sharman, Mr and Mrs A Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- 68 Ypres Way Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Ypres Way
Abingdon
OX14 1NQ
Proposal : Rear single storey extension.
Observations : No objections.

08- 9 P13/V2648/LB Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Abingdon-onThames Town Council Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- Roysse Court Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Bridge Street
Abingdon
OX14 3HU
Proposal : Removal and replacement of existing chimney.
Observations : As the property is owned by Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council, no comment was made for this application.

08- 10 P13/V2651/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- MINOR
Applicant Name :- McNeill, Mr and Mrs Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- 67 Oxford Road Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Oxford Road
Abingdon
OX14 2AA
Proposal : Change of use of first floor from residential (C3 use) to Veterinary Practice (D1) use. Erection of covered walkways, new storage shed and provision of air conditioning unit to the rear. Extension of evening opening hours.
Observations : No objections.

08- 11 P13/V2663/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Hunter, Mr and Mrs Ian Date Received :- 20/12/2013
Location :- 52 Woodley Close Date Returned :- 16/01/2014
Woodley Close
Abingdon
OX14 1YJ
Proposal : Erection of a single-storey link between existing detached garage and dwelling;

erection of two storey extension, encompassing new link and part of existing garage.

Observations : No objections.

The Meeting closed at : 7.41pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :-Abingdon-on-ThamesTown Council