

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 6th October 2014
In the Bear Room, Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.**

Present

Cllr Michael Badcock

Chairman

Cllr Alice Badcock

Cllr Lesley Legge

Cllr Hermann Matheson

In Attendance

Mr Nigel Warner

Town Clerk

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lorraine Oates (Vice Chairman); Jeanette Halliday; Katie Nobes and Cllr Sandy Lovatt (ex-officio, Leader and Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee).

2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

3 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2014 be signed as a correct record.

4 **Matters Arising**

None.

5 **Public Participation**

There were no verbal representations from members of the public.

6 **Local Plan 2031 Part 1 – Housing Sites**

Members noted the letter, dated 15th September 2014 from the District Council, which was previously circulated, in relation to the above. It was further noted that, subject to the draft being adopted by the District Council, it was likely that the draft Local Plan would be published for consultation early in November 2014.

7 **Oxfordshire County Council – Subsidised Bus Services Review**

Members received and considered the correspondence received from Oxfordshire County Council in relation to the above.

Resolved: that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and Cllr Hermann Matheson to make representations on this matter by the consultation closing date, Friday 15th November 2014.

8 **Drayton Neighbourhood Plan Publication**

Members received and considered correspondence in relation to the above. It was noted that the Plan had been published and that the publication period ran until 27th October 2014. It was noted that during this period comments may be made regarding whether the plan meets “the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements set out in the Localism Act.” As an adjoining parish, the Town Council could comment in relation to such matters, essentially matters of compliance rather than soundness of plan or other material considerations.

Resolved: the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan be noted and that the Town Council has no comments in relation to whether the plan meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements set out in the Localism Act.

9 **Temporary Traffic Restrictions**

Members received and considered a notice from Oxfordshire County Council in relation to the Abingdon Marathon due to take place on Sunday 19th October 2014. It was noted that the notice was one of intention to make the Order.

Members noted that the Order had been made but expressed concern regarding the traffic congestion which the current arrangements have caused in recent years and the inconvenience to residents. Members appreciated that the Town Council was not a statutory consultee in relation to such matters but asked that the County Council be requested that they be consulted on the proposed traffic arrangements for this or similar events in the future, ahead of the making of the order, so that the Town Council had a chance to put forward its observations. The Committee **resolved** that these comments be forwarded to the County Council.

Members requested that the comments be copied to all County Councillors representing Abingdon Divisions.

10 **Vale Planning Policy Consultation – open space, leisure facilities**

The received and considered a letter from the District Council, dated 25th September 2014, regarding the drafting of the above strategy and the Vale's request for the Town Council to let them know of any specific issues and local priorities which should be considered as part of the project to draft the strategy. It was noted that any comments should be made by the end of October 2014.

Whilst it was noted that this was a planning consultation, the Committee also considered that this had implications for the Amenities and Recreation Committee and discussed whether it should be referred to that Committee. However it was noted that there would not be sufficient time for the Amenities and Recreation Committee to consider this as there was not a meeting before the end of October 2014. In addition, at this stage the Council was being asked for its views on scoping rather than the strategy per se.

Consequently the Planning and Highways Committee **resolved** that the matter be considered at its meeting on 27th October 2014 and asked that this matter be brought to the attention of all Members.

The Chairman, Cllr Michael Badcock, asked that an invitation be extended to Members of the Amenities and Recreation Committee to attend the next Planning and Highways Committee, with this item being early on in the agenda.

11 **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members **noted** the Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension at 5 Buscot Drive, Abingdon, OX14 2BJ (ref: P14/V2080/LDP).

It was noted that the District Council were unable to take comments on the planning merits of the proposal as the certificate simply sought confirmation from the Local Planning Authority that the proposed development was lawful and that under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) the development was deemed to be permitted development and could be carried out without a planning application being submitted.

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: (see separate page)

The meeting rose at 7.31 pm.