

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council  
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee  
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.**

**Present**

Cllr Margaret Crick	(Chairman)
Cllr Mike Badcock	(Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Brian Hedley	
Cllr Vicky Jenkins	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	
Cllr David Pope	
Cllr Helen Pighills	

**Also in attendance:**

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

1 Member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike Badcock (Vice Chairman), Helen Pighills, and the Mayor.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

None.

3. **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

Cllr Vicky Jenkins reported that application P18/V0186/T56 (land on grass verge at Radley Road) had been approved by the District Council Planning Committee.

The Town Clerk noted that there had been a large number of consultation documents received recently and he re-iterated the advice from the Assistant Town Clerk at the previous meeting that where possible these should be worked through with all the papers, before the meeting. To assist matters the office would continue to send out information received ahead of agendas being published and the Town Clerk would also liaise with the Chairman of the Committee regarding the timing of their consideration.

5. **Public Participation**

None.

6. **Thames Water Public Consultation on Water Supply**

Members noted the public consultation on Thames Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan, which was open until Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Members had requested this item be deferred until this meeting in order to allow them to first try to attend the Local Engagement Forum in Abingdon which took place on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Also noted that Thames Water had accepted the invitation from the Town Council to attend the next full meeting of the Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to give a presentation and have the chance to talk to Members about the Draft Plan.

Members considered whether they wish to make a corporate / individual response. One member reported that if individuals wanted to respond, the online survey was very quick and easy to do. It was **resolved** that as Thames Water was giving a presentation at the next full Council meeting the matter should be debated then and any corporate response submitted thereon in.

7. **Thames Water - Water Resources Forum**

Members noted details of the next Water Resources Forum which was taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 in Reading. Thames Water had invited one person to attend. Members were asked to consider nominating someone to attend.

The Town Clerk asked that anyone wishing to attend let his PA know as soon as possible.

8. **Radley Neighbourhood Plan**

This was deferred from the last meeting of this Committee (19<sup>th</sup> February 2018).

The Vale of White Horse District Council was inviting comments on the Radley Neighbourhood Plan. The publicity plan ran until 5pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Members considered whether they wish to make a corporate / individual response.

*The Town Clerk reminded Members that responses needed to be already drafted and / or any questions or comments should have been sent to the Town Clerk before this meeting as the response date would be too close for a considered response based solely on discussions at this meeting to be sent in the normal manner.*

The Committee considered that the Plan was thorough, comprehensive and well-written. Whilst its adoption was a matter for the electors of Radley parish, this Council was impressed by the overarching nature of the document.

It was noted that in the plan it was stated that Radley Parish Council's policy is to work with Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council to ensure a co-ordinated approach on matters of common interest, notably in relation to the North Abingdon strategic site and the Parish Council's strategy for the Radley Lakes area and noted the work done in this regard when presenting views on the North Abingdon application. The Committee was keen to work with the Parish Council on these matters of common interest and any other relevant matters such as (but not limited to) progress on the Lodge Hall diamond interchange, cycling and walking and digital connectivity.

9. **Submission of Local Plan 2031 Part 2 to Secretary of State**

Members noted that the VWHDC had submitted the above to the Secretary of State.

10. **Oxford – Cambridge Expressway**

Members noted and considered the correspondence from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) regarding the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway.

Members considered whether they wished to make a corporate response regarding the request for support for CPRE Oxfordshire's call for a Public Inquiry. They expressed concern at the possibility of new roads being built through open countryside that is largely Green Belt and feel that such important decisions should not be taken without a full public consultation.

It was **resolved** that support would be given for CPRE Oxfordshire's call for a Public Inquiry and the Clerk was therefore requested to write to the local MP and directly to the Secretary of State for Transport.

11. **Oxfordshire Road Relay**

Noted that it was proposed to hold this year's Oxfordshire Road Relays on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April from Abingdon Rugby Club.

12. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

The following TTROs were noted:

- A request had been received from SNG for a temporary road closure to apply to a section of Bath Street whilst essential gas repair works were

carried out -19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

- A request had been received from Thames Water for a temporary road closure to a section of Winsmore Lane to carry out essential supply leak repairs on 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 inclusive.

13. **Naming / Numbering of Properties**

Members noted the naming and numbering of the following properties:

- Erection of 1 new residential dwelling to be numbered: 14A Garford Close, Abingdon, OX14 2BY.
- Conversion of offices known as: 55-59 Stert Street, to 32 new flats to be known as: 1-33 (Cons Excl. 13) Abbey Yard, Old Station Yard, Abingdon.

14. **Planning Matters in South Oxfordshire**

Members noted the newsletter from South Oxfordshire District Council.

15. **Permitted Development Rights**

Members noted the following notification:

RE: Demolish garage and conservatory and erect single storey rear extension with no changes to the existing structural walls.

Depth 4.5m

Height 3.05m

Height at eaves 2.85m

AT: 47 Baker Road, Abingdon, OX14 5LQ

REF: P18/V0352/PDH

16. **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following application:

RE: Demolition of existing conservatory – replaced with new single storey rear extension to dining room.

AT: 10 Grundy Close, Abingdon, OX14 3SD

REF: P18/V0365/LDP

17. **Vale of White Horse Planning Decisions**

Members 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. (Circulated with the agenda)

18. **Updates from Vale of White Horse Planning Officers regarding applications**

Members noted any updates from VWHDC Planning Officers regarding applications the Town Council had commented on.

19 **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 8.04 pm

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