

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Draft Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 10th July 2017
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received for Cllr Angela Lawrence and the Mayor, Cllr Jan Morter.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr David Pope declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 13.4 (P17/V1597/HH) on the grounds that the application related to a property which was a neighbouring property to his home. In accordance with the relevant guidance he did not take part in the discussion of this item.

Cllr David Pope declared a pecuniary interest in application 13.9 (P17/V1689/FUL) on the grounds that his wife was a GP and partner at the Health Centre. Cllr Pope left the room during the discussion of this application.

Cllr Margaret Crick declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 13.9 (P17/V1689/FUL) as she was a patient at the Health Centre and on one of its panels. In accordance with the relevant guidance she did not take part in the discussion of this item.

Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 13.9 (P17/V1689/FUL) as he was a patient at the Health Centre. In accordance with the relevant guidance he did not take part in the discussion of this item.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2017 be signed as a correct record by the chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

Minute 10.14 - P17/V1336/O (Outline): Land north west of Abingdon-on-Thames land bound by Wootton Road, Dunmore Road and the A34 Abingdon-on-Thames Development of up to 200 dwellings, means of access and associated works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping layout and scale) reserved.

The Town Clerk stated that he was drafting the Council's response in relation to this matter and sought clarification on the Council's position regarding the applicaitn in relation to the construction of south-facing slip roads at Lodge Hill. The Committee considered matters and it was **resolved** that the Council request that a condition is put in place that the proposed development should not commence until such time that the Diamond Interchange is built. In the absence of such a condition the Town Council would object to the application and would also then request that if the officer recommendation provides for any development prior to the delivery of the south facing slips, then the Town Council's response should be recorded as an objection.

5. **Public Participation**

None.

6. **Formal Consultation – Disabled bay changes in Abingdon**

Members noted the proposed disabled bay outside 55 Welford Gardens, for which the Town Council had submitted a formal response in February 2017, has been approved, but with the proviso that the Traffic & Road Safety Team at Oxfordshire County Council re-paints the existing junction markings to maintain access. Members queried what actually happens to the bay when a person who has requested then moves at a later date.

7. **Didcot Garden Town**

Members noted the details of a new consultation which has been published by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils which seeks feedback on the Didcot Garden Town proposed delivery plan. It was noted that responses needed to be submitted and received by midnight on 31st July 2017.

8. **Great Western Railway Update – Electrification work in the Reading area**

Members noted that the next stage of work for the electrification programme will be to test the overhead wires in the Reading area, which will have an impact on all Thames Valley and High Speed Services on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September.

Services between Didcot Parkway and Oxford and stations to Worcester, Great Malvern and Hereford will operate hourly with some services calling at Appleford or Culham.

Ticket acceptance is in place with London Midland and Virgin Trains for customers travelling to London Euston and with Chiltern Railways for customers travelling to London Marylebone.

GWR has set out full details on a dedicated web page; <https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/reading2017>

9. **Vale of White Horse Local Plan – Update Bulletin June 2017**

Members noted the latest bulletin from the District Council in relation to the above. (Attached.)

10. **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following applications:

RE: Loft conversion and dormer roof extension.
AT: 6 Nuneham Square, Abingdon, OX14 1EH
REF: P17/V1645/LDP

RE: Erection of a single storey extension at the rear and the conversion of a garage to living accommodation.
AT: 46 Ballard Chase, Abingdon, OX14 1XQ
REF: P17/V1663/LDP

11. **Permitted Development Rights**

Members noted the following notification:

RE: Single storey rear and side extension
Depth:4.5m
Height: 3.31m
Height to eaves: 2.44m
AT: 4 Lammas Close, Abingdon, OX14 1PB
REF: P17/V1540/PDH

RE: Single storey rear extension
Depth:3m
Height: 3.6m
Height to eaves: 3m
AT: 7 St Johns Road, Abingdon, OX14 2HA
REF: P17/V1540/PDH

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

Members noted the attached 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.

13. **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 Councils recommendations on the various applications: (See separate page)

The Meeting rose at 7.49pm.

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Chairman

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