

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 18th December 2017
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

Cllr Margaret Crick (Chairman)
Cllr Mike Badcock (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Jeanette Halliday
Cllr Brian Hedley
Cllr Vicky Jenkins
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr David Pope

Also in attendance:

Mrs Nina Özdemir (PA to Town Clerk)
Mr Nigel Warner (Town Clerk)
Cllr Robert Hall
Cllr Monica Lovatt
Cllr Sandy Lovatt

Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Angela Lawrence and Cllr Helen Pighills.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Margaret Crick declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 10.1 (P17V2850/FUL – 18 North Avenue) as she already had an involvement (as local member) with local residents who were opposing the application. Subsequently, Cllr Crick left the Chair during discussion of this item. (Cllr Mike Badcock, Vice-Chairman) chaired this item. Cllr Crick did speak only in her role as local member but took no part in the discussion and decision making which followed.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2017 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Public Participation**

One member of the public spoke regarding their objection to application 10.1 (P17V2850/FUL – 18 North Avenue). They raised the following concerns and points:

- They felt that parking survey which had been produced (requested by the Town Council at meeting of 13th November 2017) was not a fair representation as it was carried out at 5am. They felt common sense had not been applied.
- Parking and traffic issue, - they felt this would still cause a major problem; still not adequate visitor parking;
- Congestion, safety concerns regarding cars and parking;
- Contrary to Policy DC5 (Access)
- Overbearing and overdevelopment;
- Feel that the points of the objection the Town Council raised with the previous applications for this property should still stand.
- Inadequate number of cycle stands.

6. **Great Western Rail Franchise - Public Consultation**

Members considered the above public consultation which was asking for views on proposals for improving train services on the Great Western Rail Network from April 2020. Also noted that a hard copy of the document is available to view at the Town Council office.

General comments were that more train services, particularly late night services, were needed; better train-bus connections to Abingdon.

As this consultation does not close until 11.45pm on 21st February 2018, it was **resolved** that the item be brought forward to the next meeting of this Committee on Monday 8th January 2018. The Committee also requested that this consultation be forwarded again to all members (originally sent to all members of the Town Council on 1st December 2017) in order for any comments to be collated.

7. **Great Western Railway – Upgrade Plan Christmas 2017**

Members noted the work scheduled over the Christmas period and which services would be operating.

8. **Permitted Development Rights**

To note the following:

RE: Single storey rear extension
Depth: 4m
Height: 3.55m

Height to eaves.3.00m
AT: 6 Northcourt Walk, Abingdon, OX14 2EJ
REF: P17/V3146/PDH

9 **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)

10 **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 7.30pm.

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