

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 19th February 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:

Cllr Robert Hall	
Mr Steve Rich	(Assistant Town Clerk / Head of Services)
Mrs Nina Özdemir	(PA to Town Clerk)

4 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jeanette Halliday; Cllr Angela Lawrence and Cllr Jan Morter (Mayor, Ex-Officio)

2. **Declarations of Interests**

Cllrs Vicky Jenkins and Patrick Lonergan declared non-pecuniary interests in application 15.7 (Grass Verge, Radley Road) as they lived in the vicinity.

Cllr Helen Pighills declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 15.8 (Nationwide, 12 High Street) as her husband was a former employee.

Cllr Mike Badcock declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 15.10 (51 Norman Avenue) as he was acquainted with the applicant. Cllr Badcock left the room during discussion of this item.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman

4. **Matters Arising**

Non

5. **Public Participation**

1 member of the public, Jason Oliver, spoke regarding Item 10a – S106 Funding for Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club

2 members of the public, Clare Rathbone and John Wesson, spoke regarding their objection to application 15.7, Mast at Grass Verge, Radley Road. John Wesson also spoke regarding Item 12, Telecommunication Equipment Applications.

The statements are attached as appendices to these minutes.

6. **Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group**

Members noted the invitation to participate in Locality Plans across Oxfordshire by Oxfordshire CCG, which was open from 26th January 2018 until 31st December 2018 at 23:59. (Previously circulated to all members 2nd February 2018).

Following discussion, they considered that individuals should respond direct rather than the Town Council sending a corporate response.

7. **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 29th April 2018.

Following discussion, they considered that this item should be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee as this would give members the opportunity to attend the Local Engagement Forum, taking place on Tuesday 20th February 2018 (details previously circulated with agenda). The Committee would then decide whether a corporate response should be sent or if individual members should respond direct.

The Committee also requested that the Clerk ask Thames Water to make a presentation at the next meeting of the Town Council.

8. **Oxfordshire County Council Consultation on Proposed Update to the Local List of Information Requirements**

Members noted the consultation regarding the above which runs until 2nd March 2018.

Following discussion, they considered that individuals should respond direct rather than the Town Council sending a corporate response.

9. **Radley Neighbourhood Plan**

The Vale of White Horse District Council was inviting comments on the Radley Neighbourhood Plan. The publicity plan runs until 5pm on Wednesday 14th March 2018.

Some members requested that this item be deferred until the next meeting as they had not read the paperwork. The Committee was reminded that the response date would be too close for a considered response to be sent in the normal manner. It was, however, decided that this item would be deferred until the next meeting, however responses from Members needed to be already drafted and / or any questions or comments should be sent to the Town Clerk before the meeting.

10. **S106 Applications**

Members noted that the District Council had received applications for S106 funding for:

- The Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club. Ref:15V41
- On behalf of Chris Webb – Land East of Drayton Road – Sports Hall and Swimming Pool contributions. Ref 15V41

It was proposed by Cllr Patrick Lonergan, seconded by Cllr David Pope, and **resolved** that the Town Council would support these applications. Cllr Mike Badcock took no part in this discussion as he was a local Vale Member.

11. **2018 Abingdon Marathon**

Members noted the formal notification from the 2018 Abingdon Marathon Race Director that this event was scheduled to take place on Sunday 21st October 2018.

12. **Telecommunication Equipment Applications**

Members considered having an agreed mechanism in place which would enable the Town Council to give VWHDC a view on these types of applications, and noted the information below provided by a VWHDC.

This type of application requires a response from the District Council by the date shown on paperwork otherwise the development can proceed, therefore in these cases, extensions of response times cannot be granted.

Under Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the applicant is required to apply to the local planning authority for determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required for the siting and appearance of the telecommunications apparatus.

Therefore, the only considerations the District Council can take into account when assessing this application are whether the proposal is in accordance within the provisions of Part 16 Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order; and whether the proposal would impact the visual amenity of the area.

Whilst they welcome comments from all interested parties they can only consider if the proposal meets these requirements.

Following discussion it was **resolved** that authority would be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee, and local members, to provide any future necessary responses.

13. **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following application:

RE: Formation of habitable room in roof space with rear dormers.
AT: 5 Bostock Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DP
REF: P18/V0201/LDP

14. **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)

15. **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 8.12pm

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Chairman

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Date