

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 1st October 2018
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.**

Present

Cllr Mike Badcock

Cllr Robert Hall

Cllr Vicky Jenkins

Cllr Patrick Lonergan

Vice Chairman

Substitute for Cllr David Pope

Also in attendance:

Mrs Nina Özdemir

Mr Nigel Warner

(PA to Town Clerk)

(Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr David Pope (Chairman); Cllr Jeanette Halliday; Cllr Brian Hedley, Cllr Angela Lawrence; Cllr Lorraine Oates and Cllr Margaret Crick (Ex-Officio).

2. **Declarations of Interests**

None.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

Response to consultation – Community Governance Review

Members noted that the District Council's Community Governance Review meeting would be held on Monday 8th October at 7.00pm at the council offices in Milton Park.

5 **Public Participation**

None.

6 **Planning Committee Notification**

Members noted that the District Council Planning Committee would consider the following applications on 3rd October 2018:

P18/V0492/FUL and P18/V0493/LB – The Old Gaol, Abingdon.

7 **Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 2 – Site Allocations**

Members considered Oxfordshire County Council's consultation on issues and options for the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Following discussion about the need for the supply of building materials to be balanced against environmental concerns and specific concerns regarding site SG17 at Culham, it was **resolved** that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council.

The consultation response was as follows:

"The Town Council understands the importance of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the allocation of sites, in particular so that the necessary supply of building materials is available to meet house building requirements.

"There are no sites allocated within the plan in relation to the parish of Abingdon-on-Thames and the Town Council does not have any sites it would wish to put forward in this regard. However there are sites in adjoining and nearby parishes which are detailed in the Plan. The Town Council's interest is to look at how these sites may affect the town and in considering such sites the Town Council would ask that full consideration is given to the environmental impacts of the sites on Abingdon itself, in particular the pressure which transporting materials to and from sites places on the local highway network.

"The Council notes that one of the sites listed is SG17 at Culham (Clifton Hampden). The Council has previously objected to planning applications to develop that site, due to the additional pressure of traffic on Abingdon Bridge (A415) and the A415 through Abingdon itself, together with related concerns regarding air quality. Without significant mitigation in place it is difficult to see how these concerns can be addressed and therefore the Town Council objects to this site."

8 **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 7.08 pm

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Chairman

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Date