

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 21st August 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 Angela Lawrence	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	

Also in Attendance

Mr Steve Rich	Assistant Town Clerk / Head of Services
Mrs Nina Özdemir	PA to Town Clerk
Mr Paul Roworth	Oxfordshire County Council

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Pope, Helen Pighills, and the Mayor, Cllr Jan Morter.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

None

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2017 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman with corrections to the following: page 2 "...delegated authority to the Town Clerk to submit" rather than "...delegated authority to the Town Clerk submit"; Application 4 – Abingdon County Hall Musuem - change "In accordance with the relevant guidance there was no discussion" instead of "In accordance with the relevant guidance they did not take part in the discussion"; Application 23 – Radley College Land – should be Lodge Hill not Lodge Hall.

4. **Matters Arising**

Application P17/V0050/O – Land north of Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive – Section 106 Funding

In the previous minutes the Committee had delegated authority to the Town Clerk to make further enquiries of the District Council. A member requested information regarding this subject, however the Town Clerk was not present at

the meeting to respond.

5. **Public Participation**

None.

6. **The Vineyard, Abingdon – Carriageway Maintenance**

Paul Roworth of Oxfordshire County Council's Highway Design Team explained the detail of the roadworks and traffic management proposals for the above to the Committee.

The programme start date was 20th September 2017 and duration was approximately eight nights, not including the weekend (giving the estimated completion date of 29th September 2017). This work was to be carried out night time between 20:00-06:00hrs.

Work was being carried out due to deterioration / cracking of the road surface. This maintenance should be good for ten years and should provide a smoother road surface.

Noisy work would be finished by 11pm, as per the Section 61 Agreement with Vale of White Horse District Council. The beginning of the works will have no road closure and will be managed by traffic signals. From Wednesday 25th September until Friday 29th September there will be a road closure in place between 8pm and 6am.

Nearby residents will be informed by letter, a copy of which would be emailed to the Town Council once finalised. The County Council has also liaised with local bus companies and all relevant utility companies. The Committee said they would like buses to pick up / drop off if possible in the town centre during the evening.

7. **Ongoing Roadworks in relation to the A34**

Members noted the latest response from Oxfordshire County Council in relation to the above.

8. **Oxfordshire County Council Highways Newsletter**

Members noted the copy of a newsletter from the County Council, and the update regarding the production of the regular newsletter

9. **Oxfordshire Street Lighting Upgrade**

Members noted the programme for street lighting improvement work in Abingdon which was due to take place week commencing 28th August 2017, along with information for members / local councillors

10. **Temporary Traffic Road Regulation Orders**

Members noted the following TTROs.

- 1) TTRO – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Temporary Road Closure – at Kennington, The Avenue
- 2) OVO Energy Tour of Britain – 9th September 2017: Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

11. **Numbering and Naming of Properties**

- 1) Members noted the registration of an existing commercial address known as: Trinity Fire & Security Systems Ltd., 9E Nuffield Way, Abingdon, OX14 1RN.
- 2) Members noted the addition of the alias property name: The Old Coal Merchants, 50 West St Helen Street, Abingdon, OX14 5BP.

12. **Better Broadband for Oxfordshire – Update**

Members noted the Abingdon-on-Thames Parish Update for August 2017.

13. **Section 106 Funding for Abingdon Youth FC**

An application had been made for Section 106 funding from Abingdon Youth Football Club. Members discussed this application and whether the Town Council would support this. (*Noted that the Town Clerk had already asked the applicant to also obtain permission from VWHDC as the landowner.*)

The Committee agreed to support this S106 application for funding.

14. **House of Lords Call for Evidence on Civic Engagement**

Members considered the consultation which NALC had sent out for the Call for Evidence from the new House of Lords Select Committee on Citizenship and Civic Engagement. Responses were needed by 8th September direct to the Committee or 1st September to NALC.

Members made the following comments:

- The response time was on a very short timescale;
- The Localism Bill had already been introduced and was supposed to engage communities but had partly failed due to lack of funding.

- Abingdon-on-Thames has a good record of community engagement with charities and voluntary groups etc and there is already inclusivity in the town;
- Citizenship was not something Parish Councils are involved in;
- We would be willing to co-operate at our level.

It was resolved that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee, to compose a response.

15. **Permitted Development Rights**

Members noted the following application:

RE: Replace existing conservatory with a single-storey rear extension with dual-pitch apex vaulted roof.

Width: - 5.4m

Height – 3.4m

Height to eaves – 2.5m

AT: 19 Curtis Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 3TT

REF: P17/V1 V2206/PDH

16. **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.

17. **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 7.56pm.

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Chairman

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Date