

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 29th January 2018
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

Cllr Margaret Crick (Chairman)
Cllr Jeanette Halliday
Cllr Brian Hedley
Cllr Vicky Jenkins
Cllr David Pope
Cllr Helen Pighills

Also in attendance:

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Badcock (Vice-Chairman); Cllr Angela Lawrence, Cllr Patrick Lonergan, Cllr Helen Pighills and the Mayor, Cllr Jan Morter (ex-officio).

2. **Declarations of Interests**

None

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Public Participation**

Cllr David Pope read out a statement on behalf of Cllr Chris Palmer, (Vale of White Horse District Council member for Abingdon Fitzharris Ward) regarding application P17/V3026/FUL – 68 Mill Road. See appendix attached to these minutes.

6. **Oxfordshire County Council Street Lighting Improvement Work**

Members noted the update from the County Council regarding light column replacements in Abingdon.

Cllr Vicky Jenkins provided a verbal update. She stated that some roads still needed to be completed and that the County Council would liaise with their contractors to ensure these works were carried out as soon as possible.

Another member of the Committee asked about some street lights having charging points for electric vehicles in the future. Cllr Jenkins said this was something that had already been brought to the attention of the County Council.

7. **Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 2 Site Allocations: Informal Consultation and Renewed Call for Site Nominations**

Members noted the above and, following discussion, they considered that individuals should respond direct rather than the Town Council sending a corporate response.

Noted that this consultation would run for six weeks from 8th January until 5pm on 16th February 2018.

8. **Oxfordshire Waste Consultation**

Members noted details of the online survey regarding rubbish and recycling in Oxfordshire and considered whether they wish to make a corporate response.

The following points were made:

- Waste reduction – more emphasis on reduction as recycling itself puts a burden on the environment;
- Public drinking water fountains – one way to reduce the amount of one-use plastic water bottles;
- Recycling – the first two options of the consultation seem sensible – carrots rather than stick. Non collection can lead to fly tipping.
- Enforcement – fully support with regards to dog fouling and fly-tipping. Graffiti and fly-posting perhaps more leniency depending on circumstances.

- Recycling facilities need to be increased.

The Committee considered that it would be more appropriate for responses to be sent from individuals rather than corporately

Noted that the survey ran until 18th February 2018.

9. **Naming and Numbering of Properties**

Members noted the following:

- Conversion of rear of shop to one new residential flat to be known as: Flat C, 41 Bury Street, Abingdon, OX14 3QY.
- Erection of 1 new residential dwelling to be known as: 2A Childrey Way, Abingdon, OX14 2DG.

10. **Certificate of Lawful Development / Permitted Development Rights**

Members noted the following applications:

RE: Removal of conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension with brick walls, upvc windows and inter-locking concrete tiles.

Depth 3.75m

Height 3.75m

Height to eaves 2.4m

AT: 5 Eden Croft, Abingdon, OX14 1QJ

REF: P18/V0066/PDH

11. **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)

12. **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 8.20pm.

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