

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 31st July 2017
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

Cllr Margaret Crick (Chairman)
Cllr Michael Badcock (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jeanette Halliday
Cllr Vicky Jenkins
Cllr Angela Lawrence
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr David Pope

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brian Hedley; and the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames, Cllr Jan Morter.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

All members of the Committee declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 9.4 (P17/V1493/A) – Abingdon County Hall Museum - on the grounds that it was a Town Council application. In accordance with the relevant guidance they did not take part in the discussion of this item.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2017 be signed as a correct record by the chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

- **Application P17/V1336/O – Land north west of Abingdon-on-Thames Land bound by Wootton Road, Dunmore Road and the A34 Abingdon-on-Thames.**

Members noted the correspondence to the Vale of White Horse District Council in relation to the above.

- **Application P17/V0050/O - Land north of Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive, Abingdon - (Outline application (with all matters reserved except for principal means of access to highway) for residential development of up to 900 dwellings and 50 retirement homes)**

Members received and considered the report of the Town Clerk in relation to this matter.

It was noted from the District Council officer report that there were a number of service/ projects for which s106 funding would be sought. The Town Council was being requested to consider if there were any other projects/ services not already covered and where:

- the project is necessary to make the development acceptable in Planning terms;
- it is directly related to the development; and
- it is fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

It was noted that both bus shelters and bus services were mentioned in the District Council officer report and the Town Clerk was requested to check the scope of this funding with a view to assessing if it was sufficient.

The Committee delegated authority to the Town Clerk to make further enquiries of the District Council. If there were additional funds required for bus shelters and bus services which could benefit from s106 funding the Committee further delegated authority to the Town Clerk submit the necessary application to the District Council.

- **Neighbourhood Plan – St Helen Without and Wootton Parish Councils**

It was noted that the District Council had determined the Neighbourhood Plan Area (NPA) for the parishes of St Helen Without and Wootton.

The Town Council had objected to the NPA as proposed by the parishes of St Helen Without and Wootton. It was noted that the area of the North West Abingdon development south of the A34, part of St Helen Without, was not in the final NPA. However the three other areas which the Town Council had requested be taken out of the NPA, namely Abingdon Common, Shippon and Dalton Barracks were included in the NPA for the two parishes.

The Committee **referred** the matter to the Town Council for review and in the meantime requested that the Town Clerk circulate the link to the District Council website in relation to the NPA for the parishes of St Helen Without and Wootton.

For information the relevant link is

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/wootton-and-st-helen-w

5. **Public Participation**

None.

6. **Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 17V11**

Members noted the above TPO for a Monterey Cypress at 39 Oxford Road, Abingdon.

Members of the Committee felt that the tree did not have great amenity value; was not indigenous and was creating problems with regards to damage to the road due to roots growing. They suggested that the tree be removed and consequently **resolved** to object to the TPO.

It was considered that the tree should be replaced with a more suitable and indigenous species although it was noted that there was not a mechanism to require this.

7. **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following applications:

RE: Formation of habitable room in roof space with velux roof lights.

AT: 3 Cullerne Close, Abingdon, OX14 1XH

REF: P17/V1923/LDP

RE: Proposed extensions.

AT: 75 Hamble Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3TF

REF: P17/V2011/LDP

8. **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.

9. **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 8.00 pm.

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Chairman

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Date