

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council  
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee  
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.**

**Present**

Cllr David Pope	(Chairman)
Cllr Margaret Crick	(Mayor, Ex-Officio)
Cllr Jeanette Halliday	
Cllr Brian Hedley	
Cllr Vicky Jenkins	
Cllr Angela Lawrence	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	
Cllr Lorraine Oates	

**Also in attendance:**

Cllr Sandy Lovatt	
Mr Nigel Warner	(Town Clerk)
Miss Louise Brown	(Administrative Assistant, Clerk to the meeting)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Badcock.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

**Items 11.3 and 11.7 – Applications P18/V1672/LB and P18/V1740/FUL**

All Members of the Committee declared a non-pecuniary interest in these applications as these related to Town Council properties. However, Members considered they also had a conflict of interest and therefore no comments were made on these applications.

**Item 11.15 – Application P18/V1810/FUL**

Cllr David Pope declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application as he was a former employee of the applicant, Abingdon School. However, he also considered that he had a conflict of interest, consequently he vacated the chair for this item and took no part in the discussion.

3. **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

- Item 10 – Decisions: Amend wording to “No decisions to note.”
- Item 11 – Planning Appeal: Amend “decisions” to “decision” and “applications” to “application”.

4 **Matters Arising**

To discuss any matters arising from the previous meeting that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Application P17/V2711 – 63A Oxford Road

The Committee noted that Cllr Helen Pighills, District Councillor for Abbey Northcourt Ward, had reported that due to concerns raised by the Town Council and the District Council’s Tree Officer, this application would be taken to committee in due course.

Environment Agency – Temporary Flood Defence Deployment Plans

Members noted that, as requested at the meeting of this Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Environment Agency had provided another electronic set of these plans, which were sent to all members on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, along with a link for referral to the EA’s Open Government Licence for the permitted use of the supplied data. The Environment Agency had also sent an A4 and A3 hard copy of each map which could be inspected in the Town Council offices.

The Chairman thanked Town Council staff for obtaining these plans.

5 **Public Participation**

Cllr Sandy Lovatt spoke regarding Application P18/V1670/RM, development of up to 200 dwellings, means of access and associated works, land north west of Abingdon.

Cllr Lovatt stated that he was speaking as a Councillor representing a ward adjacent to the proposed development. Whilst he was Chairman of the District Council Planning Committee he would be standing down from that role in relation to any consideration of this matter.

Cllr Lovatt reminded Members that outline planning permission had already been granted for this application and therefore matters such as the principle of development and access had been deemed to be acceptable. The current application was for reserved matters.

The Chairman, Cllr David Pope, expressed the Committee’s thanks to Cllr Sandy Lovatt for taking the time to attend and prepare his helpful statement.

6 **Oxfordshire County Council Temporary Road Closures**

1. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: Temporary Road Closure – Abingdon, Wootton Road and Bath Street**

Members noted the closure as detailed above, which was to enable highway resurfacing.

2. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: Temporary Road Closure – Vale, Multiple Locations**

Members noted the temporary Notice which was being made to implement the temporary closures which were being made to facilitate micro asphalt surfacing.

7 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012**  
**Vale of White Horse District Council Tree Preservation Order 18V08**

Members noted the Tree Preservation Order which came into force on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for the preservation of a tree within the front garden of 63A Oxford Road.

It was **resolved** that the Town Council would support this Order, for the reasons set out in the order.

8 **Great Western Railway – Postponement of Timetable Changes**

Members noted the update from GWR regarding the above.

9 **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following:

RE: Proposed loft conversion  
AT: 17 Edward Street, Abingdon, OX14 1DJ  
REF: P18/V1679/LDP

RE: Proposed single storey rear extension  
AT: 26 Eason Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3YD  
REF: P18/V1695/LDP

10 **Vale of White Horse Planning Decisions**

None to note for this cycle.

11 **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)

Cllr Sandy Lovatt stated that Town Council views are never ignored by the District Council and as a parish council its views were always the first to be reported. The Chairman, Cllr David Pope, thanked Cllr Lovatt for bringing this matter to his notice, confirmed that these facts were accepted by the Town Council Planning, Highways and Communications Committee and apologised for his incorrect and poor choice of words in recent correspondence with a member of the public. Cllr Pope asked that this exchange be minuted.

The meeting rose at 8.04 pm

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Chairman

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Date