

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 8th January 2018
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present

Cllr Margaret Crick	(Chairman)
Cllr Mike Badcock	(Vice Chairman)
Cllr Jeanette Halliday	
Cllr Brian Hedley	
Cllr Vicky Jenkins	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	
Cllr Monica Lovatt	(sub for Cllr David Pope)
Cllr Helen Pighills	

Also in attendance:

Mr Nigel Warner	(Town Clerk)
Cllr Dennis Garrett	
Cllr Robert Hall	
Cllr Sandy Lovatt	

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Angela Lawrence, Cllr David Pope and the Mayor, Cllr Jan Morter (ex-officio).

Cllr Monica Lovatt was substitute for Cllr David Pope.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Mike Badcock and Mr Nigel Warner (Town Clerk) declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 11.4 (P17/V3271/HH – 32 Galley Field) as they were acquainted with the applicant and took no part in the debate or discussion in relation to this application.

3. **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2017 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Public Participation**

None

6. **Great Western Rail Franchise - Public Consultation**

This item had been brought forward from the last meeting of this Committee.

Members considered the above public consultation which was asking for views on proposals for improving train services on the Great Western Rail Network from April 2020.

General comments were:

- More train services, particularly late night services, were needed; better train-bus connections to Abingdon.
- Trains to and from London could be better timed to fit in with local bus times at Radley and Didcot.

It was **resolved** that the above comments be submitted on behalf of the Council.

(Note: This consultation closes at 11.45pm on 21st February 2018)

7. **Provisional 2018-19 local government finance settlement**

Members noted the summary of the proposals and the section which specifically referred to town and parish councils. They were content with proposals for Town and Parish Councils which would bring both clarity and certainty to financial planning.

It was **resolved** that this comment be submitted as the Council's response to the consultation.

(Note: The closing date for the consultation is 16th January 2018.)

8. **Thames Valley Police – Police and Crime Commissioner “Survey on an increase in council tax to help protect operational policing”**

Members noted the consultation in relation to the above.

Following debate it was agreed that rather than submit a corporate response, individual members should respond should they wish.

(Note: The closing date for the consultation was midday on Thursday 11th January 2018.)

9. **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following application:

RE: Proposed single storey rear extension.
AT: 5 Rivy Close, Abingdon, OX14 3XT
REF: P17/V3313/LDP

9 **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)

10 **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 7.28pm.

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Chairman

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Date