

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Draft Minutes of the Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Held 7.00 pm on Monday 19th June 2017
In the Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.**

Present

Cllr Margaret Crick
Cllr Mike Badcock
Cllr Brian Hedley
Cllr Vicky Jenkins
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr Helen Pighills
Cllr David Pope

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

In Attendance

Cllr Robert Hall
Mr Nigel Warner

Town Clerk

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jeanette Halliday; Angela Lawrence and the Mayor, Cllr Jan Morter.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None

3 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 30th May 2017 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

To note that the application number P17/V0050/O, Land north of Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive was due for consideration by the District Council's Planning Committee on Tuesday 20th June 2017. This meeting has been postponed. This was because of a holding objection from a statutory consultee, the Environment Agency. The meeting was due to be re-scheduled for a later date.

5. **Public Participation**

None.

6. **Naming and Numbering of Properties**

Members noted the following:

- Conversion and extension to 35 and 37 Stert Street. Retaining the commercial unit at: 37 Stert Street (No longer Ha Nai) and creation of 4 flats to be known as: 35A, 35B, 35C and 35D Stert Street, ABINGDON OX14 3JF

7. **Certificate of Lawful Development**

Members noted the following:

RE: Use of Unit 32 Nuffield Centrum for storage of cars.
AT: 32 Nuffield Way, Abingdon, OX14 1RL
REF: P17/V1385/LDP

RE: Internal alterations to subdivide an area of floor space at the rear of the existing attached garage to provide a shower-room/WC and utility suite, retaining the front part of the garage for domestic storage.
AT: 44 Inkerman Close, Abingdon, OX14 1NH
REF: P17/V1419/LDP

8. **Consultation – Preserving the free use of public parks**

Members considered the copy of correspondence from the Oxfordshire Association regarding a consultation in relation to the above. The closing date for any comments to the National Association of Local Councils was 28th June 2017 and for the Department for Communities and Local Government 5th July 2017.

The Committee felt that the use of public parks and any fees or charges for their use was a matter for the local councils which manage and own such parks to determine. In deciding whether it was appropriate to make charges for parks to be used should depend up on the local circumstances. Factors in making a decision could include the cost of maintaining and improving the park, whether the use results in increased expenditure on the council (e.g. additional grass cutting requirements), exclusivity of use (e.g. does a particular use preclude or limit other members of the public using the park at that time), whether the use was a commercial one and whether the user was taking payment from people engaging in activities in the park. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk respond to the consultation making the above points.

9. **Vale of White Horse Planning Decisions**

One decision was noted.

10. **Planning Applications**

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 schedule).

The meeting rose at 7.38pm

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