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Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee

Tuesday 6 April 2021

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Cheryl Briggs
Cllr Alex Greenaway
Cllr Charlie Birks
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr Lorraine Oates

Chair
Vice-Chair

In attendance

Andy Crick
Susan Whipp

Committee Clerk (Clerk to the meeting)
Deputy Town Clerk / RFO

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Clifton.

2 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Halliday and Cllr Greenaway declared a pecuniary interest in P20/V3109/FUL, 15-16 Abbey Close, OX14 3JD and P21/V0601/LB, Coseners House 15-16 Abbey Close, OX14 3JD as they work for the company which owns the property. Cllr Halliday also declared a non-pecuniary interest in P21/V0557/FUL, 131 Ock Street, as he knows somebody who may be affected by the application.

3 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on [15 March 2021](#) be signed as a correct record by the Chair.

4 **Matters Arising**

A recent meeting of the Vale of White Horse District Council Planning committee considered applications which the Town Council had objected to but which it had not been possible for a Town Councillor to speak on. The Committee Clerk would send notifications about relevant planning matters to committee members more regularly to ensure that deadlines for planning applications can be met.

5 **Matters referred**

The Community Services Committee considered the impact of noise pollution arising from fireworks displays at its meeting on 9 March 2021 and requested that the Planning, Highways and Consultations Committee consider noise pollution at events in future. The committee agreed to request that the Green Advisory and Scrutiny Committee consider the issue and make a recommendation to full council on future displays in and around Abingdon and asked the Town Clerk to prepare a report for the committee to consider.

It was noted that it is difficult to address the issue for events outside the town but the Town Council could ensure that events in Abingdon have less noisy fireworks.

6 **Public participation**

None.

7 **Committee Actions and Forward Plan**

There were no outstanding actions.

8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Clifton gave her apologies so the item will be considered at the next meeting. The previous meeting had asked for the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Simon Hills, to be thanked for his work and this had been done.

NOTIFICATIONS

9 **Abingdon Marathon 24 October 2021**

The committee noted that diversion signs for this event could conflict with those for the annual fair and would ask the marathon organisers to avoid putting up diversion signs too early.

10 **GWR 'Delay Repay' for season ticket holders**

This item was noted.

11 **The Great British Spring Clean 2021**

This item was noted. Officers were asked to promote this event on Town Council noticeboards.

12 **South and Vale Building Control Service Awarded Quality Mark**

This item was noted.

13 **Councils agree to develop a joint South and Vale Local Plan**

This item was noted.

14 **Update from Science Vale Cycle Network**

This item was noted.

15 **Community Infrastructure Levy**

This item was noted.

16 **GWR Timetable uplift**

This item was noted.

17 **Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice**

Temporary Emergency No Left & Right Turn Restriction at - Drayton, Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), Steventon Road (B4017)

This item was noted.

18 **Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice**

**Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Temporary Road Closure at - Abingdon & Sutton Courtenay, Tollgate Road & Abingdon Road**

This item was noted. Officers were asked to publicise this on the Town Council website and social media to advise residents of the closure. It was also noted that the cycling detour is not highlighted and officers were asked if the Traffic Officer could be asked to mention this to the contractor.

19 **Tree Preservation Order**

This item was noted.

20 **Premises Licence application**

This item was noted.

21 **Extension and conversion of existing property**

This item was noted.

22 **Conversion of building**

This item was noted.

23 **Vale of White Horse planning decisions/updates from VHWDC Officers**

- **Decisions**

This item was noted.

- **Amendments**

These items were noted.

The Town Council endorsed the comments submitted by the Clerk to Radley Parish Council with regard to the P20/V2990/DIS and related to P20/V3114/DIS, both referring to Land to the north west of Radley and would endorse these comments.

- **Certificate of lawfulness**

[P21/V0533/LDP](#)

43 Stockey End, OX14 2NF

The Town Council objected to this application because the proposed change to the property would not include adequate parking for the number of dwellings planned. This would conflict with Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 35(vii) which requires adequate parking to be provided for new developments. The proposed development could consequently cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties and a hazard to road users and pedestrians. This also contravenes Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 37(xi). The proposed change to the property is also not in keeping with the character of the area and may therefore be in contravention of Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 37(i)

- **Discharge of conditions**

These items were noted.

24 **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:

1 **[P20/V1798/HH](#)**

44 Peachcroft Road, OX14 2NA

No objections

2 **[P20/V3109/FUL](#)**

15-16 Abbey Close, OX14 3JD

The Town Council objects to this application as the proposed plastic shed is out of character for the conservation area. This is in contravention of Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 37(i) (ii) and (viii). The Town Council would like a structure more in keeping with the area.

Cllr Briggs was nominated to speak on behalf of the Town Council should this application be taken to District Council Committee.

3 [P21/V0270/FUL](#)

52 Gainsborough Green, OX14 5JN

Two-storey side and rear extension to form a new 2-bedroom dwelling.

No objections

4 [P21/V0317/HH](#)

9 Denton Close, OX14 3UP

First floor extension over existing garage

No objections

5 [P21/V0411/HH](#)

7 Bowgrave Copse, OX14 2NL

Erection of boundary fence (up to 2 meters) in place existing boundary dwarf wall on east side of property.

The Town Council objected to this application as the proposed fence would be out of character with the area. Boundaries for neighbouring properties are far lower. The proposed fence would be in contravention of Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 37(i) (ii) and (viii).

6 [P21/V0453/FUL](#)

Unit B, Fairacres Retail Park Marcham Road, OX14 1BY

Variation Of condition 4 on planning application P74/V0127 to allow the sale of food from Unit B, provision of 8 additional staff car parking spaces and new footpath, new customer ramp, 2 new trolley bays and 9 new bike stands. Showroom with ancillary storage and office accommodation.

No objections

7 [P21/V0455/HH](#)

15 Caldecott Chase, OX14 5GZ

Single storey side and rear extensions. Garage conversion

No objections

8 [P21/V0482/HH](#)

4 Holland Road, OX14 1PH

First floor extension & part garage conversion.

No objections

9 [P21/V0508/LDP](#)

Lock View Swinburne Road, OX14 2HD

Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed conversion of the existing loft void with flat roof dormer to rear, roof lights to front and removal of existing hip

This application was determined before the meeting.

10 [P21/V0557/FUL](#)

131 Ock Street, OX14 5DL

Variation of conditions 2 and 5 attached to permission P16/V3116/FUL, regarding external door and windows to flat, and including details to comply with conditions 6 and 7 (covered cycle storage and bin recycle storage). Change of use from shop to 2 flats, with minor internal and external alterations.

The Town Council objects to this application as the proposed development would contravene a number of requirements set out in the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031. The Town Council notes the letter of objection submitted by the residents of 133 Ock Street and would endorse those comments.

The Town Council would like to draw attention in particular to the issue of bicycle storage and the absence of parking at the property for the proposed four flats, both of which were raised by the residents of 133 Ock Street. The lack of provision of cycling storage is in contravention of Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 35 (i) and (iv). The lack of provision of adequate car parking is in contravention of Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 35 (vii).

Cllr Briggs was nominated to speak on behalf of the Town Council should this application be taken to District Council Committee.

11 [P21/V0566/HH](#)

7 West Avenue, OX14 1QP

Removal of rear porch, addition of single storey rear and second rear extensions

No objections

12 [P21/V0569/HH](#)

66 Gainsborough Green, OX14 5JN

Single storey conservatory to the rear of the property. Gable tiled roof design with UPVC Frames and doors (foiled grey external and white internal).

No objections

13 [P21/V0593/LDP](#)

54 Norris Close, OX14 2RN

Single storey rear extension to create a new dining area.

No objections

14 [P21/V0595/PDH](#)

46 Swinburne Road Abingdon OX14 2HD

Proposed single storey rear extension Depth: 6.00m Height: 4.00m Height to eaves 3.00m

This application was determined before the meeting.

15 [P21/V0601/LB](#)

Coseners House 15-16 Abbey Close, OX14 3JD

Internal refurbishment as described in the Design and Heritage Impact Statement

No objections

16 [P21/V0602/FUL](#)

46 Berry Croft Abingdon OX14 1JN

Change of use from Extension to single dwelling.

The Town Council objects to this application as the proposed development represents overdevelopment of the site. This is in contravention of Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 (part 1) Core Policy 37 (i), (ii) and (viii).

17 [P21/V0617/FUL](#)

73A Swinburne Road, OX14 2HF

Loft Conversion and minor internal alterations to existing flat.

No objections

18 [P21/V0635/HH](#)

3 Thistlecroft Close, OX14 2QS

Single storey rear extension

No objections

19 [P21/V0657/HH](#)

3 Gordon Drive, OX14 3SW

First floor side extension. Garage conversion.

No objections

- 20** [P21/V0675/HH](#)
6 Culham Close, OX14 2AS
Single storey side extension

No objections

- 21** [P21/V0685/LB](#)
44 East St Helen Street, OX14 5EB
Removal of existing friable roof tiles and rotten roof timbers and replacement of tiles and timbers in a like for like manner. Removal of rotting floor joists and lintels and other woodworm infested timber.

No objections

- 22** [P21/V0689/LB](#)
Flat 4 47 Gosling Court, Bath Street, OX14 1TT
Like for like replacement of rotten 2nd floor sash window

No objections

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.