



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Royse Court Offices, Bridge Street, Abingdon, OX14 3HU

Cherie Carruthers, Town Clerk/Chief Executive

Telephone: 01235 522642

Email: enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk

Website: www.abingdon.gov.uk

Planning committee

Monday 22nd June 2026, 6pm

Old Magistrates Court

DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Mark Giddins Chair
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Lorraine Oates
Cllr Colin Sanderson
Cllr Carol Dunne

In attendance:

Jo Blackmore Clerk to the meeting

SECTION 1 - open to the public and media

P20/26 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Walker and Cllr Crick and the Mayor. Cllr Dunne substituted for Cllr Crick.

P21/26 **Declarations of interest**

None.

P22/26 **Public participation**

None.

P23/26 **Minutes**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Giddins, **seconded** by Cllr Oates and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning committee of [1st June 2026](#) be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting, to be signed by the chair.

P24/26 **Planning Decisions and Notifications**

District planning applications can be [viewed online](#)

a. The following planning decisions were noted:

Vale of White Horse District Council

Application Ref	Address	Town Council Recommendation	VWHDC Decision
P26/V1146/16A(28)	County Hall Museum Market Place Abingdon OX14 3HG	N/A	Listed building planning permission required
P26/V0808/DIS	12 Checker Walk, Abingdon, OX14 3JB	N/A	Approved
P26/V0729/A	6 Bath Street, Abingdon, OX14 3QH	No Objections	Granted
P26/V0707/DIS	Land north of Copenhagen Drive, OX14 1RF	N/A	Discharge Partially Agreed
P26/V0674/DIS	28 High Street Abingdon OX14 5AX	Noted	Discharge Details Agreed
P26/V0592/A & P26/V0595/LB	The White Horse, 189 Ock Street, OX14 5DW	*1 see below	Consent to Display Granted
P26/V0434/LB	51 Bath Street, OX14 1EA	No Objections	Granted
P26/V0457/FUL	101 Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 5DQ	No Objections	Granted
P25/V2671/DIS	15A High Street, OX14 5BB	N/A	Discharge Partially Agreed
P25/V1266/DIS	Selleck Dance Studio, Swinburne Road, Abingdon, OX14 2HF	N/A	Discharge Details Agreed

*1 The White Horse, 189 Ock Street P26/V0592/A & P26/V0595/LB

13/04/2026 comment

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council: Objects

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council fully support the views of the Heritage Officer particularly regarding the pubs proposed hanging sign which should retain the Uffington White Horse as its primary significant feature and the Environmental Protection Teams conditions on the use of the external lights.

11/05/2026 comments:

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council registers its formal complaint and request planning enforcement on work at The White Horse being completed before planning permission is granted.

- Please follow this [link](#) for Abingdon's Chair of Planning email to the planning applications [P26/V0592/A](#) Case Officer, Nathalie Power.

11/05/2026 update

- The sign is following what appears to be following the new corporate branding of Greene King pubs.
- The Vale of White Horse District Council are currently negotiating with them to achieve the best outcome.

01/06/2026 comments:

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment: Support

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council are pleased that the sign has been altered in line with the Heritage Officer's and Abingdon Town Council's requests and is now including the National Trust image of the White Horse.

b. The following planning applications were noted:

i. **Discharge of conditions**

[P26/V1631/DIS](#)

Land north of Copenhagen Drive Abingdon OX14 1RF

Discharge of condition(s) PART 9 (Community Employment Plan) on planning application P23/V2861/O. Hybrid application comprising: 1. Outline application with all matters reserved except access and layout for C3 Residential Development, open space, associated car parking, green infrastructure and; 2. Full planning permission for the erection of a Care Home (C2) with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage, which is capable of coming forward in distinct and separate phases in a severable way.

[P26/V1401/DIS](#)

Land north of Copenhagen Drive Abingdon OX14 1RF

Discharge of condition 7, 8 and 27 on Planning Permission P23/V2861/O-Care Home Phase Hybrid application comprising: 1. Outline application with all matters reserved except access and layout for C3 Residential Development, open space, associated car parking, green infrastructure and; 2. Full planning permission for the erection of a Care Home (C2) with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage, which is capable of coming forward in distinct and separate phases in a severable way.

[P26/V1627/DIS](#)

8 High Street Abingdon OX14 5DZ

Discharge of condition(s) 3 (Archaeology (Submission and implementation of WSI) on planning application P25/V1454/FUL. Full planning permission for the conversion of the existing office space (Class E) to residential (Class C3) and the erection of a single storey roof extension including the insertion of 3no. front dormer windows, ground floor infill extension, first floor infill to lightwell and new skylights to existing flat roof to provide x4 self-contained flats with associated cycle parking and refuse arrangements.

[P26/V1509/DIS](#)

Abingdon Hospital Marcham Road Health Centre Marcham Road OX14 1BT

Discharge of Condition 4 (tree protection and construction plan) on P23/V1571/FUL Single-storey ground floor expansion at the rear of the health

centre to accommodate 8 additional consultation rooms for general practice examinations

ii. **Non-Material Amendment**

[P25/V1096/FUL](#)

39 Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1PJ

Installation of Plant Equipment and External Alterations. (Noise impact assessment received 25th November 2025) (Additional plans of proposed enclosure received 1st June 2026)

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment 30/06/2025: No Objections

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment 28/11/2025: As authorised by the chair of planning.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council note that this amendment is due to concerns that have been raised regarding noise levels from some of the plant installed during the recent premises refurbishment. Abingdon Town Council notes this report and suggested options to remedy and will rely on Officer's decision to resolve.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment 04/06/2025: As authorised by the chair of planning.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council would like to restate its previous comment of 28/11/2026.

P25/26 **Planning Consultations & Applications**

District planning applications can be [viewed online](#).

a. There were no **Planning Consultations** and **Amendments** from the District and County Councils.

b. **New Planning Applications**

The new planning applications from the District Council were considered.

[P26/V0800/HH](#)

18 Radley Road Abingdon OX14 3PQ

Proposed dropped kerb and vehicular crossover

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment: No Objections

[P26/V1442/A](#)

Unit F3 Fairacres Marcham Road Abingdon OX14 1TP

Installation of 1no.non-illuminated sign

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment: No Objections

[P26/V1322/FUL](#)

Pavement o/s 34 Bury Street Abingdon OX14 3QY

The installation of 1no. BT Street Hub and removal of associated BT payphones.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment: Restate comment below.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council response for the related application:
P26/V1323/A

Pavement o/s 34 Bury Street Abingdon OX14 3QY

The installation of 1no. BT Street Hub and removal of associated BT payphones.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council comment: Support

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council would like to

- Restrict the illumination times to between 6am and midnight
- Confirm that the police and the Designing out Crime team are supportive of the application.

With the above confirmed Abingdon Town Council would like to be included in the local authority advertising space to publicise events such as Mayor Making, Annual Parish meeting, Fun & Music in the Park, Christmas extravaganza and Clubs and Societies Day.

Abingdon note that there are no pay phones to remove.

P26/26 **Other Consultations**

The following were considered.

i. **Public consultation on B4017 Bath Street Proposed Permit Parking Restrictions**

Oxfordshire County Council are consulting on the proposal to convert some of the shared-use parking provision (approx.7-8 vehicle lengths) on the B4017 Bath Street to 'Permit Holders Only' parking during the operational hours of Monday to Saturday, 8am-6pm (outside of these hours, parking will be unrestricted). The proposals – which have been put forward following a review after complaints from residents about the lack of available parking for permit holders – seek to help protect the parking amenity that runs through the area, and to help provide equitable provision of permit holder parking for residents in the immediate vicinity. Please find the following consultation documents attached:

- [Public Notice](#),
- [Statement of Reasons](#),
- [Consultation Plan](#),
- [Draft Traffic Regulation Order](#).

The details and the survey are available on the Oxfordshire County Council's consultation portal at the following link:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/abingdon_b4017bathstreet_permitparking2026

Any objections or other representations on the proposals should be submitted, by completing the survey by **5:00pm on Friday 03rd July 2026**.

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council supports this.

ii. **Certificate of Adoption of S278 work on Wootton Road**

Highway works at land North-West of Dunmore Road (Wootton Road) - Ghosted Right Access Highways Act 1980 – Section 278 Agreement dated 6 Aug 2021

The following works have been adopted by Oxfordshire County Council as highway maintainable at the public expense from 19 May 2026:

PARISH	ROAD NAME	NOTES		LENGTH
Abingdon	Morgan Vale	A	part	16m
	Wootton Road	D	widening	n/a
	Wootton Road	E	footpath link	16m

PARISH	ROAD NAME	S278 WORKS
Abingdon	Wootton Road	<p>Construction of a ghost right hand turn approximately 150m north of the Wootton Road roundabout for the site access</p> <p>Move the existing ditch eastwards and culvert sections that are under the footway and vehicular accesses</p> <p>Pedestrian refuge island constructed approximately 110m north of the Wootton Road roundabout</p> <p>An informal crossing over the Wootton Road approximately 225m north of the new pedestrian island</p> <p>Resurfacing of the entire width of Wootton Road for approximately 240m of carriageway.</p>

- [Certificate of Completion](#),
- [Map of area adopted](#).

Abingdon-on-Thames welcome this but note the drafting errors in the Certificate of Completion; date and spelling of Wootton Road.

P27/26 **Abingdon Development Updates**

i. **North Abingdon Development** (Original applications: [P17/V1336/O](#) & [P17/V0050/O](#))

Oxford Road Roundabout works

- Phase Two is halfway through.
- Statement of works – The work is currently ahead of plan which we would like to encourage this to be maintained and to lift the traffic lights early.
- The next piece of work will be to install the toucan crossing and bus stop on Twelve Acre Drive.

Lodge Hill works

- These roadworks are progressing on time.
- The works are due to move to the south slip.

ii. **Culham Development** (Original application: [P24/S1759/O](#))

There is no further news yet on the Culham No 1 site development.

The preparation work is continuing.

iii. **Dalton Barracks Development** (Link to Dalton Barrack Gardon Village [website](#))

- A parish councillor meeting is planned for July.
- Members of the high-level stakeholder group is due to be released.

iv. **White Horse Reservoir / South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO) - Thames Water**

(Link for the SESRO [website](#)).

- The reservoir team have established Community discussion groups. The purpose of these discussion groups is so that the reservoir team can hear local insight and preferences on elements of the White Horse Reservoir masterplan design, to help ensure that the site becomes a valued community asset that is used and enjoyed by local people. The reservoir team also want to understand how best to work with communities throughout the project lifecycle. Abingdon has a meeting in July at which Abingdon Town Council will have a councillor attending.
- In July there is also a meeting for local parishes to which an Abingdon Town Council councillor will be attending.

v. **Thames Valley Integrated Care Board (TV ICB)**

- Abingdon Town Council have updated the MP's office on the proceedings of the last meeting with TV ICB (meeting with predecessor BOB ICB)?
- The government are considering making TV ICB a key stake holder.

P28/26 **Albert Park Conservation Appraisal**

- The formal submission of the appraisal has been submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council.
- The Chair of Planning is to write to all those who helped with the appraisal to thank them.

P29/26 **Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting is to take place between the Town Clerk and Chair of Planning to finalise the maps and to ensure that all the Vale of White Horse District Council comments have been incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

P30/26 **Joint Local Plan (2041) – South & Vale District Councils**

The following media release has been received

- [Media release](#) from South & Vale District Councils on the Next Step for Local Plans.
- The Joint Local Plan examinations are starting to go ahead.

P31/26 **Traffic Advisory Committee**

The next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee is on: 24th June 2026

P32/26 **Planning Policy & Legislation changes**

To following were noted

South & Vale District Councils have issued the following news articles

- **Oxfordshire and West Berkshire councils collaborating ahead of local government announcement** (expected in July)
regarding working closely together to prepare for the government announcement on the future shape of local government in the area.
Please follow this [link](#) for the news article.
- **What is local government reorganisation and why should you care?**
Please follow this [link](#) for the news article.
- **What happens after the government approves a local government reorganisation proposal?**
Please follow this [link](#) for the news article.

P33/26 **Dates of future meetings**

13 July	26 October	22 February
3 August	16 November	15 March
24 August	7 December	5 April
14 September	11 January	26 April
5 October	1 February	

P34/26 **Exclusion of the public, including the Press**

It was **proposed** by the Chair, Cllr Giddins, **seconded** by Cllr Oates and **RESOLVED** that in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as summarised below.

P35/26 **Confidential Minutes**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Giddins, **seconded** by Cllr Dunne and **RESOLVED** that the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Planning committee of [1st June 2026](#) be confirmed as an accurate record of the confidential section of the meeting, to be signed by the chair.

P36/26 **Abingdon Developments**

The committee received a confidential update from the chair. A [confidential appendix](#) is available for councillors to view.

The meeting closed at: 18:48

Signed:

Date: