

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Tuesday 13 September 2016
At 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Cllr A K Beames (Chairman)

Councillors: H W Chirgwin
C Holliday
D Temple

Non Committee Members: C Brown

Officer: Democratic Services Officer

Also present: 3 members of the public

P504 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dorward, King and Reynolds.

P506 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

P507 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting adjourned in order for a member of the public to address the Committee on the Gladman application for development on Burford Road, in accordance with standing order 42.

P508 APPEAL DECISION – GLADMAN HOMES, LAND OFF BURFORD ROAD – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The Chairman decided to take this item ahead of the remaining items as the public present were interested in it.

Every Town and District Councillor had been vehemently opposed to the development. Ordinarily the Planning Inspector would have made the appeal decision but on this occasion the Secretary of State had called it in and had taken the decision.

The Chairman thought that the only option left was for the District Council to request a judicial review. This would cost in excess of £50, 000 of taxpayers money at the outset. The District Council had not yet announced if it would be seeking a judicial review.

The Chairman stated that the only other alternative would be to challenge the decision on a technicality – this would be to suggest that WODC had used the wrong HSE legislation. He thought that at best this would only lead to a reduction of 26 houses from the site. However, he did not in reality think this was a concrete possibility.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council remains opposed to the development and lends its support if WODC seeks a judicial review.

P509 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee received and considered the schedule of planning applications as previously circulated.

RESOLVED: that the comments on the applications, as per the attached schedule, be forwarded to West Oxfordshire District Council.

P510 **TRAFFIC ADVISORY MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 22 March 2016.

A member noted that the road markings referred to in minute T602 had now been done.

A member commented with reference to minute no T605 that parking in Corn Street was still a problem and some areas had been deregulated meaning that people were parking for the whole day.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be noted.

P511 **BREACH OF PLANNING CONSENT – 2A THE CROFTS, WITNEY**

This item had been brought to the attention of the Town Clerk and a letter had been drafted to the District Council pointing out that UPVC and not wood windows had been put into the properties, which was contrary to the planning conditions. Members approved of the letter but asked that it contained the phrase “reinforcement of District Council’s planning decision conditions” at an appropriate point.

RESOLVED: That the letter be sent with the agreed addition.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Chairman

