

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Tuesday 21 June 2016
At 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Councillor A K Beames (Chair)

Councillors: H W Chirgwin C E Reynolds
P Dorward D Temple

Officers: Democratic Services Officer

Also present: 1 member of the public

P315 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs King and Holliday.

P316 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Beames declared non pecuniary interests in applications WTC/099/16 and WTC/100/16 as he was a resident of Corn Street.

P317 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

P318 MINUTES

- a) The Committee received and considered the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on 8 March, 29 March, 19 April, 10 May and 31 May 2016.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 8 March, 29 March, 19 April, 10 May and 31 May 2016 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments to the minutes of 29 March:

Page 1, minute P187 – Cllr Chirgwin is not a trustee at Cogges Manor Farm but is a volunteer.

- b) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes of 8 March, 29 March, 19 April, 10 May and 31 May 2016 to be discussed at the meeting.

P319 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

The Committee adjourned mid way through the applications at 7.10pm in order to allow members to attend the ceremony raising the Armed Forces Flag and re convened at 7.35pm.

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

P320 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Committee received a schedule of planning decisions notified by West Oxfordshire District Council.

RESOLVED: that the schedule, as circulated, be noted.

P 321 **WEST OXFORDSHIRE STRATEGIC HOUSING AND ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSEMENT 2016**

The Committee received and considered correspondence from WOC on the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment 2016 (SHELAA).

The Committee wished to make the following comments:-

Site ref 28 – Scrap Yard, West End: The Town Council would not support this area for housing as it has concerns over land contamination

Site ref 29 – West End Industrial Estate: This area should not be developed as it is part of the flood zone and protects the town from flooding

Site ref 31 and 32 – Welch Way: The Town Council would support development for mixed use in this area, on the condition that the Police and Fire Stations are relocated and suggests that the Nuffield Health Centre is moved to developments in Witney East/North

Site ref 189 – Land South of the A40 – Colwell Green: Whilst this is in the parish of Curbridge, the Town Council has concerns about development near the location of the sewerage works

Site ref 196 – Thames Water Pumping Station, Ducklington Lane: No objection to development in this location

Site ref 200 – Cogges triangle: The Town Council feels that to give consideration to development of Witney East, new access is needed onto the A40, a northern perimeter link road to West Witney and additional river crossings are needed, and 2 park and rides should be sited, 1 in the area of site ref 189 and the other between the sewerage plant and Ducklington.

Site ref 250 – Boy Croft Land, North of Witney: This should be included in North Witney development

Site ref 275 – Land off Schofield Avenue: The Town Council has no objection to development in this location

Site ref 295 – Newland Cricket Pitch: The Town Council strongly objects to any development on this land and requests that it remains as a recreation field

Site ref 296 – Land north of Mill Street, south of West End: The Town Council feels that development in this area cannot be considered until a West End Link Road is built and a flood alleviation scheme is put in

Site ref 297 – Land at Barnes Close: The Town Council objects strongly to any building in the Langel Common area and the flood plane

Site ref 307 – Bathing House Farm: The Town Council objects to any development in this area

Site ref 326 – Land off Hailey Road: The Town Council has no objection to development here

Site ref 328 – Land to the West of Witney Football Club and South of Burford Road: The Town Council supports mixed use development of this area

Site ref 334 – Land adjacent to 98 – 102 Crawley Road, Witney: The Town Council has no objection to development of this area

Site ref 337 – East Witney, north of Oxford Hill: The Town Council feels that to give consideration to development of Witney East, new access is needed onto the A40, a northern perimeter link road to West Witney and additional river crossings are needed, and 2 park and rides should be sited, 1 in the area of site ref 189 and the other between the sewerage plant and Ducklington.

Site ref 428 – Land east of Jubilee Way: The Town Council feels that to give consideration to development of Witney East, new access is needed onto the A40, a northern perimeter link road to West Witney and additional river crossings are needed, and 2 park and rides should be sited, 1 in the area of site ref 189 and the other between the sewerage plant and Ducklington.

These comments would be forwarded to the District Council.

P322 APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – THE BLUNT RABBIT, HIGH STREET, WITNEY

The Committee received and considered an application for a variation of the premises licence at The Blunt Rabbit, High Street Witney. Members did not understand why there was a need to extend the licencing hours to 1pm 5 days a week when the barber shop closed at 5.30pm. The Committee objected to this application.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman