

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Tuesday 31 May 2016
At 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Cllr A K Beames (Chairman)

Councillors: Cllr C Brown (sub Cllr J S King) Cllr C Holliday
Cllr H W Chirgwin Cllr Mrs C E Reynolds
Cllr D Temple

Officers: Democratic Services Officer

Also present: 5 members of the public representing Witney Holdings Ltd.

P239 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J S King. Cllr C Brown was a substitute for him.

P240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Holliday declared an interest in application WTC/089/16 as he knew the applicant.

P241 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Holliday nominated Cllr Reynolds as Vice chairman. And this was seconded by Cllr Chirgwin.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Reynolds be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

P243 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 5 members of the public representing Witney Holdings Ltd who had put in an outline Planning application for a development at Downs Road.

Simon Bullingham, the director, thanked the Committee for the opportunity to address the meeting.

The application had been registered and responses from consultees were coming in. The proposal was for a mixed use development and the District Council had stressed that design and landscaping was very important. A well-attended public meeting had been held.

Witney Holdings was continuing to speak with Parish Councils and WODC had started to make requests under S106 which included a 3G all weather sports pitch. There would also be money for recreational equipment.

40% of the development would be for affordable housing.

Mr Bullingham said that the design of the development had been changed to accommodate comments – such as having less block paving and more visitors parking spaces.

The developers had engaged with the infrastructure providers and this would be improved before the building started.

All major issues had now been dealt with and the developers would continue to engage with parishes.

Members asked if there would be any part ownership housing available, as there was none at all left in the town. The developers agreed to raise this with WODC but it was largely dependent on which housing association took on the homes.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for coming.

P244 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P245 **CONSULTATION OF PROPOSED DIVERSION OF WITNEY FOOTPATH NO. 410/40 (PART) (LAND AT CORAL SPRINGS)**

The Committee received and considered a consultation on a proposed diversion of a footpath at Coral Springs. The Committee had no observations on this.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council had no observations on the proposed footpath diversion.

P246 **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTATION – GILL MILL, STANTON HARCOURT**

The Committee received and considered correspondence from Oxfordshire County Council in relation to Gill Mill.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.07pm.

Chairman.