

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Tuesday 22 August 2017
At 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Cllr A K Beames (Chairman)

Councillors: H W Chirgwin
P J Dorward
T J Morris
C K Woodward

Officer: Democratic Services Officer

Also present: 1 member of the public

P403 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for his absence was received from Cllr C Holliday.

P404 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

P405 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present for this item. However, the Committee had received a request from Mr Ray Hall to address the Committee and in light of this agreed to defer this item until Mr Hall arrived.

P406 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received and considered the schedule of planning applications as received at the meeting.

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

P407 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hall arrived at 6.30pm and therefore the Committee agreed to allow him to address it under public participation on his vision for Witney.

Cllr Morris proposed that the Planning Committee should do a piece of work to examine both the work from Mr Hall (as previously presented at Council) and Witney Vision in order to make a recommendation to Council on what the Town Council would like to see in place for the future, particularly in terms of infrastructure.

All members agreed to this proposal.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Committee does a piece of work to examine both the work from Mr Hall (as previously presented at Council) and Witney Vision in order to make a recommendation to Council on what the Town Council would like to see in place for the future, particularly in terms of infrastructure.

P408 **APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – 68 HIGH STREET, WITNEY**

The Committee received and considered an application for a new premises licence for 68 High Street, Witney.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be informed that the Town Council has no objections to the application.

P409 **STREET NAMING – WEST WITNEY DEVELOPMENT PHASE 1**

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on potential names for this development, and received and considered names put forward by Curbridge Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the following names be put forward to the District Council:-

- Townsend (A.W Townsend of Manor Farm, Curbridge, was Deacon of Cote Baptists Church in 1910 and Townsend is a prominent name for Curbridge) – suggest that this is allocated to street 4 near to Curbridge)
- Winfield (as proposed by resident)
- Ellis-Wilkins (one of the world's greatest female pilots who learned to fly at Witney aerodrome and flew over 400 spitfires and heavy bomber during WW2. She is still alive at the age of 100 but the Committee requests special consideration for this name)
- Rayson – Thomas Rayson was the architect responsible for both Central Witney and Newland War memorials
- Titherington – Arthur Titherington was a WW2 labour camp survivor who campaigned for compensation for former Japanese prisoners of war. He was also a Mayor of Witney.
- Gordon-Marshall – Phillip Gordon Marshall was responsible for identifying Witney Aerodrome as a suitable location for the De Havilland Aeroplane Company during WW2, which led to the employment of many Witney residents
- Deprez – Monsieur Leonce Deprez was a former mayor of Witney's Twin Town Le Touquet and passed away on 7 July aged 89. He was instrumental in the twinning of the two towns.
- Hetherington – Walter Hetherington was the first Town Clerk of Witney Town Council and was also a Honorary Townsman of Witney
- Steptoe – Patrick Steptoe was a British obstetrician and gynaecologist who was responsible for developing in vitro fertilisation with Robert Edwards. He was educated at Witney Grammar School (now The Henry Box School) and died in 1988

- Hudson Bay – Witney’s blanket trade had significant dealing with the Hudson Bay company in America
- Lamb – the symbol on the crest for Witney is a lamb

For the spine road – the name Sheep Street.

Cllr Morris left the meeting at 7.13pm

P410 **STREET NAMING – SPRINGFIELD OVAL**

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on names for the new development at Springfield Oval.

RESOLVED: That the following names be put forward:

Foreshew – Mr Foreshew was a master of Henry Box School and mentioned in dispatches

Robinson – Mr Robinson was a long serving master of Henry Box School

Gregory – Mr Gregory was the first master of Henry Box School.

P411 **WITNEY VISION – UPDATE**

Cllr Holliday was not present for this item.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman