

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Tuesday 20 February 2018
At 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Cllr A K Beames (Chairman)

Councillors:	H W Chirgwin	D Temple
	B J Churchill	C K Woodward
	C Holliday	P J Dorward

Officer: Administrator/PA to the Town Clerk

Others: 4 members of the public

P104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for her absence was received from Cllr C Reynolds.

P105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr H W Chirgwin declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application WTC/029/18 due to his ecclesiastical position in South Leigh and abstained from the discussion and a vote on this matter.

P106 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Nicky Brooks, Chairman of South Leigh Parish Council addressed the committee regarding planning application WTC/029/18.

P107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

At the Chairman's behest, planning application WTC/029/18 was considered first so that the members of the public present could hear the committee's decision. Members had deep concerns regarding the proposal on a number of grounds, in particular the impact a development of this scale would impact on Witney and its infrastructure. Following a vote, 6 members were in favour of objecting, with one abstention. The committee further agreed that a meeting should be held with South Leigh Parish Council regarding the development.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.34pm to allow members of the public to leave the meeting and it resumed at 6.43pm

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

P108 **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE LOCAL LIST OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VALIDATION OF PLANNING AND RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the paperwork circulated prior to the meeting and agreed that this consultation should be referred to the Consultation Working Party. This should be arranged as soon as possible with invites issued to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this committee.

RESOLVED: that this item be referred to a meeting of the Consultation Working Party.

P109 **WITNEY VISION UPDATE**

Cllr Holliday advised that dialogue had taken place with neighbouring parishes, including South Leigh in this meeting and a Witney Vision meeting would be called shortly.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Chairman