

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Monday 21 August 2018
At 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Cllr A K Beames (Chairman)

Councillors: C Brown
H W Chirgwin
P J Dorward
D Temple

Officer: Mrs Nicky Cayley - Democratic Services Officer

P427 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence were received. The Chairman noted his disappointment that the scheduled meeting on 14 August had not been able to go ahead as substitutes had not been found for those who had been unable to attend.

P428 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

P429 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present for this item.

P430 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.

P431 REQUEST TO MOVE STOP ON CORN STREET

The Committee received and considered an update from the Chairman and discussed the issues further.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council does not agree to the bus top being relocated and wishes it to remain in its current location on the following grounds:-

- i) if moved there would be an automatic reduction of the footpath;
- ii) the proposed replacement bus stop would not afford the same degree of protection from the weather as the current bus stop;
- iii) vehicles exiting the proposed access way to the new properties will have reduced vision if the stop is moved;
- iv) there is concern that if the stop was to be moved it would channel cyclists in front of the front doors of the new properties leading to possible accidents;
- v) the Town Council has provided alternative suggestions to the proposal in what it considers to be a helpful manner.

P432 **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING, DOWNS ROAD**

The Committee received correspondence from Oxfordshire County Council regarding a proposed toucan crossing at the Downs Road development.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council supports the proposal but asks that cycle barriers are suitable for mobility scooters to negotiate.

P433 **WEST EYNSHAM STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – ISSUES PAPER**

The Committee received and considered the consultation from West Oxfordshire District Council.

RESOLVED: that the following comments be sent to WODC:-

The Town Council believes that infrastructure is imperative as many of the residents of the proposed development will come to Witney to use its resources including education and healthcare. Additional development will also put strain on the already congested A40 and therefore Lower Road (Hanborough) should provide improved access to the station which will require additional parking. The Town Council also requests support for new stations at Yarnton, Witney, Carterton and beyond.

The Town Council would also request substantial S106 funding for health provision and a crematorium.

P434 **APPLICATION OF NEW PREMISES LICENCE – LANGDALE HALL**

The Committee received and considered an application for a new premises licence at Langdale Hall.

RESOLVED: that Witney Town Council had no objection to this application.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Chairman