

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Held on Tuesday 26 February 2019
At 6.10p.m. The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Witney**

Present

Cllr A K Beames (Chairman)

Councillors: B J Churchill
J M Doughty (sub H W Chirgwin)
A McMahan
T J Morris

Officer: Mrs Sharon Groth – Town Clerk

Also present: 2 members of the public

P084 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brown, Chirgwin, and Dorward.

P085 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

P086 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Andrew Sharp addressed the Committee about general development in relation to the Oxfordshire 2050 consultation, stressing the importance of having the right land for the right places for the right development.

P087 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.

P088 CORN STREET – BUS SHELTER RELOCATION

The Committee received and considered correspondence from the developer, Abbeymill Homes along with a timeline of Committee decisions. It was agreed that as there has been no change to the proposal the Committee still wished for the bus shelter to be retained in its existing location and as such, the decision had not changed. Members felt that it may be

helpful if the Chairman of the Committee could meet with the developer to see if they could address the Council's concerns.

RESOLVED: that the bus shelter should be maintained in its existing location and that the Chairman should meet with the developer to start a dialogue to address their concerns.

P089 **OXFORDSHIRE PLAN 2050: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT & INTRODUCING THE OXFORDSHIRE PLAN 2050**

The Committee received and considered two consultations from the Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

A member commented that this was the first time that all the authorities were working together. West Oxfordshire was a rural area and therefore car dependency was still an issue, but public transport should be built into the plan.

Another member commented that the increased health provision worked into the 10 year health plan.

The Committee also welcomed an increase in employment this side of Oxford.

It was, however, important to realise that these consultations were not looking at site allocations and that they were scoping documents.

The Committee decided that a "call for ideas" should be put out to all councillors.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the consultations be noted;
- 2) that the consultation questions are combined into a Survey Monkey survey for all councillors to contribute to and that the comments from this be brought back to the next Planning Committee meeting.

P090 **NEW STREET NAMES FOR WEST WITNEY: BLOOR HOMES**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Democratic Services Officer concerning the names that the District Council had agreed for the new development. The theme was aeronautical.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Chairman