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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 24 September 2019

At 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall

Present:

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman	A McMahon
	M Jones	A Prosser
Officers:	Nicky Cayley	Democratic Services Officer
Others:	# members of the public.	

P392 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Prosser was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

P393 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs Ashbourne and Ashby.

P394 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in application WTC/175/19 as the applicant was known to her. Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in application WTC/174/19 as the applicant was known to her.

P395 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present for this item.

P396 MINUTES

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on 23 July, 13 August and 3 September 2019.

RESOLVED: that the above minutes be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

P397 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P398 PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED: that the schedule, as circulated, be noted.

P399 **OXFORDSHIRE COTSWOLDS GARDEN VILLAGE AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP) - PREFERRED OPTIONS**

The Committee received and considered a consultation from WODC on the proposed Oxfordshire Garden Village at Eynsham.

RESOLVED: that the following comments be forwarded to WODC as a response to the consultation:

- The development should consider transport connections to Witney;
- The development should consider ease of access for public transport;
- The Town Council expresses dissatisfaction on the concentration ongoing on plans for the A40 – the Town Council is not satisfied that such plans will be sufficient to mitigate the increase in cars that will come with the development; It would like to see plans for better connectivity and there should be a rapid transport link;
- The Town Council would like the Shores Green junction to be fully operational before this development is built;
- The Town Council would like reassurance that future rail links will not be ruined by the development;
- The Town Council notes the high likelihood of increasing strain on Witney’s healthcare provision such as G.P surgeries, the Community Hospital and Minor Injuries Unit and would like the impact on Witney’s community infrastructure to be considered;
- The Town Council would like to see walking and cycle routes planned within the garden village and also would like to be reassured that the sewage from the garden village will not affect the rivers.

The meeting closed at: Time Not Specified

Chair

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397- 1 WTC/169/19 Plot Ref :-19/02367/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
 Applicant Name :- PARRY, MS Date Received :- 29/08/2019
 Location :- 186 THORNEY LEYS Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
 WITNEY
 OXON
 Proposal : Erection of two storey side extension.
 Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

397- 2 WTC/170/19 Plot Ref :-19/02171/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
 Applicant Name :- HANCOCK, MISS BETHANY Date Received :- 29/08/2019
 Location :- 18 HILL CLOSE Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
 HILL CLOSE, NEWLAND
 WITNEY
 Proposal : Dropped kerb.
 Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

397- 3 WTC/171/19 Plot Ref :-19/00781/RES Type :- RESERVED
 Applicant Name :- PERSIMMON Date Received :- 29/08/2019
 Location :- LAND AT WEST WITNEY Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
 DOWNS ROAD
 CURBRIDGE
 Proposal : Reserved Matters application for primary school and associated infrastructure including details of the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping. (Outline planning permission 12/0084/P/OP) (Amended).
 Observations : Comments: Witney Town Council has no objection to this application but wishes to make the following comments:-
 *The Town Council would like to see traffic calming measures on the entrance road to the school and whilst not discouraging cars would like to see active travel routes prioritised.
 * The Town Council has held a public climate emergency meeting recently and there was strong public representation for active travel routes including walking school buses. With this in mind the Town Council would like to see walking and cycle routes put in place that link right up to the school. The Town Council would like to see these plans, before the school building is commenced.
 * The Town Council would also asked that in the school travel plan, measures to maintain/improve air-quality is included such as a "no idling policy".
 *The Town Council notes the comments by the Senior Transport Planner and also those on flooding and would echo these.
 *The Town Council believe that 2 access points to the school are essential.

* The Town Council would like to see a separate bay for smaller buses in addition to the coach bay.

* The Town Council also wishes to see a solid construction traffic plan in place.

* The Town Council asks that the planting/landscape plan should encourage biodiversity and that plants that absorb carbon particles are utilised where possible.

397- 4 WTC/172/19 Plot Ref :-19/01976/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- MORRIS, MR AND MRS Date Received :- 03/09/2019
Location :- 47 LARCH LANE Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
LARCH LANE
WITNEY
Proposal : Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

397- 5 WTC/173/19 Plot Ref :-19/02154/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- LEES, MR GARY Date Received :- 29/08/2019
Location :- UNIT 1 - 5 AVENUE TWO Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
AVENUE TWO, STATION LANE.
WITNEY
Proposal :
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

397- 6 WTC/174/19 Plot Ref :-19/02430/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- OFFORD, MR AND MRS Date Received :- 06/09/2019
Location :- CRUNDEL COTTAGE, CRUNDEL Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
RISE
CRUNDEL RISE
WITNEY
Proposal : First floor rear extension to include alterations to ground floor rear fenestration.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

397- 7 WTC/175/19 Plot Ref :-19/02476/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- MULLINS, MR PETER Date Received :- 06/09/2019
Location :- 66 NEW YATT ROAD Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
NEW YATT ROAD
WITNEY
Proposal : Erection of a detached carport with log and bin storage,
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objection to this application in principle but it does have concerns about the height of the car port which seems excessive.

397- 8 WTC/176/19 Plot Ref :-19/01869/FUL Type :- AMENDED
Applicant Name :- SOMAIYA, MR Date Received :- 10/09/2019
Location :- 68 HIGH STREET Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
HIGH STREET
WITNEY

Proposal : Amended Plan to show inclusion of cycle stands and amenity space.

Observations : Witney Town Council considers the amended plans to be an improvement with the addition of cycle racks. However, the Council would ideally like to see some covered storage areas for pushchairs/scooters for residents.

397- 9 WTC/177/19 Plot Ref :-19/02503/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- HAMMOND, MR ANDREW Date Received :- 16/09/2019
Location :- UNIT 2 DE HAVILLAND WAY Date Returned :- 24/09/2019
WINDRUSH INDUSTRIAL PARK
WITNEY

Proposal : Extension to existing building to provide additional B* warehousing and ancillary offices with separate B8 storage warehouse to rear.

Observations : Witney Town Council has no objection to the proposal but considers it an excellent opportunity to consider mitigation of carbon footprint by installing solar panels on the roof of the new unit and installing electrical charging points for vehicles.

The Meeting closed at : 8.50pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council

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