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CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 18 April 2023

At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

Present:

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	A Prosser J Aitman	V Gwatkin P Hiles
Officers:	Adam Clapton Derek Mackenzie Claire Green	Deputy Town Clerk Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities
Others:	No members of the public.	

P215 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Ashby & L Duncan.

P216 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from members or officers.

P217 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

P218 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received and considered a schedule of planning applications from West Oxfordshire District Council.

In addition, the Committee received a verbal update from the Deputy Town Clerk in respect of the amended response submitted for 23/00179/FUL regarding a planning application for an Anaerobic Digestion Facility in the neighbouring South Leigh parish.

Resolved:

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

P219 **CONSULTATION FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - NORTH WESTERN EXTENSION TO GILL MILL QUARRY, DUCKLINGTON, WITNEY**

The Committee received correspondence from Oxfordshire County Council inviting comments ahead of the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping document.

Members discussed the proposal at length and agreed with concerns raised at the meeting by the Biodiversity & Green Spaces Officer in their response. The concerns focused on the proximity of the proposed development to the Country Park and the potential threat this could have in respect of pollution to the lake or loss and damage to the delicate ecosystem.

Resolved:

That, the comments, as per the attached be forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council.

P220 **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - 66 CORN STREET, WITNEY**

The Committee received the application from Olive Branch, 66 Corn Street, Witney to vary a premises licence.

Resolved:

That, the Council makes no objection to this application.

P221 **SALT CROSS GARDEN VILLAGE AREA ACTION PLAN - INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

The Committee received details of the Planning Inspectors Report into the examination of the WODC Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan, members agreed that they had no further comments to add.

Resolved:

That, the report of the Planning Inspectorate be noted.

P222 **PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

The committee received the correspondence from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) in respect of the response NALC had made to the government's consultation on permitted development rights.

Resolved:

That, the response of NALC be noted.

P223 **APPLICATION FOR A NEW PAVEMENT LICENCE - BLIND TIGER BARS LTD, 8 MARKET SQUARE, WITNEY**

At the express permission of the Chair the committee discussed an application for a new pavement licence from Blind Tiger Bars Ltd for a new pavement licence under the Business and Planning Act 2020 due to the short timescale of the consultation.

Members had concerns about the location of furniture and the potential obstruction of the pavement if tables were able to be moved by patrons on what is an uneven surface. They were also concerned about the location of the furniture and the impact on sight lines of any vehicles accessing the residential units behind the premises.

Members agreed to carry out a site visit and provide their comments to the Chair for a response to be collated. They also agreed that WODC Licencing Team be asked to carry out a site visit prior to making their decision.

Resolved:

That, members provide individual responses to the Chair of the committee in order for a collated response to be returned.

The meeting closed at: 7.23 pm

Chair

Minute Item P218

Witney Town Council

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218- 1 WTC/059/23 Plot Ref :-23/00716/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 2A SPRINGFIELD PARK Date Returned :- 19/04/23
SPRINGFIELD PARK
Proposal : Single Storey Side Extension.
Observations : Witney Town Council are pleased to note that soakaways for sustainable drainage are to be incorporated in this development . Witney Town Council have no objections to this application.

218- 2 WTC/060/23 Plot Ref :-23/00406/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 13 WESSEX COURT Date Returned :- 19/04/23
WESSEX COURT
Proposal : Proposed extension of rear dormer and additional rooflight with associated works.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

218- 3 WTC/061/23 Plot Ref :-23/00685/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 20 WESTCOTE CLOSE Date Returned :- 19/04/23
WESTCOTE CLOSE
Proposal : First floor extension.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

218- 4 WTC/062/23 Plot Ref :-23/00757/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 18 TAPHOUSE AVENUE Date Returned :- 19/04/23
TAPHOUSE AVENUE
Proposal : Demolition of existing porch and replacement single storey front extension.
Observations : Witney Town Council object to this application. The proposed extended frontage is not in keeping with neighbouring properties and will appear incongruous in the streetscene. The proposed development will leave insufficient space for parking, with the potential that vehicles will be encroaching on the available public space, including the footpath. The application does not comply with the General Principles of policy OS2 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 - the proposed development does not form a logical complement to the existing scale and pattern of development.

218- 5 WTC/063/23 Plot Ref :-23/00922/LBC Type :- LISTED BUI
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 55 CORN STREET Date Returned :- 19/04/23
CORN STREET
Proposal : Internal and external alterations to replace existing external door in South elevation of outbuilding/barn.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

218- 6 WTC/064/23 Plot Ref :-23/00821/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 34 ORCHARD WAY Date Returned :- 19/04/23
ORCHARD WAY
Proposal : Loft conversion to form additional bedroom and ensuite.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

218- 7 WTC/065/23 Plot Ref :-23/00768/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 11/04/23
Location :- 55 CORN STREET Date Returned :- 19/04/23
CORN STREET
Proposal : Replace existing external door in South elevation of outbuilding/barn.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

The Meeting closed at : 7:23pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council