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

Held on Tuesday, 12 March 2024

At 6.02 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

Present:

Councillor A Bailey (Chair)

Councillors:	G Meadows R Smith J Aitman O Collins	J Robertshaw S Simpson G Doughty (In place of D Temple)
Officers:	Adam Clapton Derek Mackenzie Claire Green	Deputy Town Clerk Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities
Others:	None.	

P136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was also received from Councillor D Temple, Councillor G Doughty attended as a substitute.

P137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point there were no declarations of interest from Members or officers.

Councillor O Collins later declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 – Application for a New Premises Licence – Witney Pride as he was well known to the applicant. He took no part in the discussion.

P138 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

P139 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Resolved:

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

P140 **APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE W/24/00144/PRMA - WITNEY PRIDE, THE LEYS, WITNEY**

The Committee received and considered an application for a New Premises Licence for Witney Pride under the Licencing Act 2003.

Resolved:

That, a no objection response be forwarded to the licencing team at West Oxfordshire District Council.

P141 **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE W/24/00207/PRMMV 9-11 HIGH STREET, WITNEY**

The Committee noted the Application for Minor Variation from Co-op, 9-11 High Street, Witney under the Licencing Act 2003.

Members were in agreement that proposed changes were minor, as there was no change to the licenced area, therefore, they had no objections to the application.

Resolved:

That, a no objection response be forwarded to the licencing team at West Oxfordshire District Council.

P142 **PLANNING APPEAL RECEIVED FOR LAND SOUTHEAST OF OXFORD HILL, WITNEY - 20/02654/OUT**

The Committee received notice of the Planning Appeal Public Inquiry for APP/D3125/W/23/3333790- Land Southeast of Oxford Hill, Witney.

Officers advised that all of the Council's consultee responses would form part of the documents reviewed by the planning inspectorate, it was also confirmed that Members were able to attend the inquiry if they wished to.

In response to a question from Cllr R Smith regarding a representative for the Town Council speaking in person at the inquiry, the Deputy Town Clerk advised he would provide further assistance on how to proceed if the Council wanted to protect its requested interests from this development.

Resolved:

1. That, the Planning Appeal be noted and,
2. That, advice on taking part in the planning inquiry is explored by the Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at: 6.52 pm

Chair

Witney Town Council

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139- 1 WTC/029/24 Plot Ref :-24/00093/FUL Type :- FULL
 Applicant Name :- 1 WESLEY WALK Date Received :- 26/02/2024
 Location :- WESLEY WALK Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
 Proposal : Alterations to external doors and ground floor windows.
 Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

139- 2 WTC/030/24 Plot Ref :-24/00414/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 26/02/2024
 Location :- 32 WINFIELD DRIVE Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
 WINFIELD DRIVE
 Proposal : Conversion of integral garage to home office.
 Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

139- 3 WTC/031/24 Plot Ref :-24/00319/FUL Type :- FULL
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 26/02/2024
 Location :- 5 WEST END Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
 WEST END
 Proposal : Demolition of existing timber shed and erection of a replacement building comprising 2 x 1 bedroom apartments.
 Observations : While Witney Town Council does not object to this application in terms of material concerns, the Council ask that the development complies with policy OS4, and that the proposal does not harm the use or enjoyment of land and buildings nearby including living conditions in residential properties.
 Since the proposal includes development in a high density area with close proximity to neighbouring properties, can officers pay due regard to ensuring that the development does not cause harmful loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.

139- 4 WTC/032/24 Plot Ref :-24/00457/ADV Type :- ADVERTISIN
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 28/02/2024
 Location :- 1 WESLEY WALK Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
 WESLEY WALK
 Proposal : Erection of a non illuminated fascia sign.
 Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

139- 5 WTC/033/24 Plot Ref :-23/03239/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 28/02/2024
Location :- UNIT 1 CRANBROOK COURT Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
AVENUE TWO
Proposal : Change of use from planning class light industrial use to community centre (F2(b)) (amended).
Observations : Witney Town Council have no objection to this proposal and welcome a place of worship for the Islamic community, and a community and cultural centre.

139- 6 WTC/034/24 Plot Ref :-24/00486/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 01/03/2024
Location :- FIELD VIEW Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
WOODGREEN
WITNEY
OX28 1DE
Proposal : Erection of a single storey side extension.
Observations : While Witney Town Council does not object to this application in terms of material concerns, members ask that mitigating measures are considered to help decrease the possibility of surface water flooding in this area, in accordance with policy EH7 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031.

139- 7 WTC/035/24 Plot Ref :-24/00226/ADV Type :- ADVERTISIN
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 05/03/2024
Location :- WINDRUSH LEISURE CENTRE Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
WITAN WAY
WITNEY
OX28 4YA
Proposal : Erection of externally illuminated signage and three non illuminated signs.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

139- 8 WTC/036/24 Plot Ref :-23/03180/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 06/03/2024
Location :- ABBOT DIABETES CARE Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
RANGE ROAD
WINDRUSH IND PARK
OX29 0YL
Proposal : Extensions to buildings known as Evenlode and Wychwood with associated infrastructure (revision to approved Scheme Ref. 23/00469/FUL)
Observations : Witney Town Council support the business growth of Abbott Diabetes Care, Members welcome the improved scheme.

139- 9 WTC/037/24 Plot Ref :-23/02730/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 06/03/2024
Location :- CAR PARK, REAR OF 58 WEST Date Returned :- 13/03/2024
END
WEST END
WITNEY
OX28 1NF

Proposal : Redevelopment of existing vehicle dismantling yard including part demolition and part reconstruction of existing single storey building, erection of ten dwellings along with new access from Farmers Close and the provision of parking and landscaping.

Observations : Witney Town Council remain supportive of the principal of redevelopment at this site. However, in addition to comments previously submitted, Members of Witney Town Council are concerned that the proposed development will not be accessible via West End for pedestrians and cyclists - this important route should be accessible for residents but is not protected by the proposed scheme.

Witney Town Council would like to see provision for safe access for cyclists and pedestrians with cycling and walking entry and exit points at the North and the South of the site.

The Meeting closed at : 6:51pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council