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

Held on Tuesday, 4 March 2025

At 6.02 pm in the Virtual Meeting via MS Teams - Virtual Meeting

Present:

Councillor G Meadows (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

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| Councillors: | T Ashby J Aitman S Simpson | G Doughty J Doughty R Smith |
| Officers: | Adam Clapton Derek Mackenzie | Deputy Town Clerk Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk |
| Others: | No members of the public. | |

P126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

P127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers.

P128 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

P129 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.

P130 APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - FLEECE & FLAGON, 47 CORN STREET, WITNEY

The Committee noted the Application for Minor Variation from Fleece & Flagon, 47 Corn Street, Witney under the Licencing Act 2003.

Given the short statutory timescale for Witney Town Council to respond, by prior agreement of West Oxfordshire District Council, documents were circulated electronically to members of this Committee.

Resolved:

That, a no objection response was forwarded to the licencing team at West Oxfordshire District Council on 21 February 2025.

P131 **WITNEY SHORES GREEN - CONDITIONS 11 (LANDSCAPE ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN) AND 18 (BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN REQUIREMENT) - PLANNING REF: R3.0096/24**

The Committee received correspondence relating to the approval of Planning Application Ref: R3.0096/24 (Landscape Ecological Management Plan) and (Biodiversity Net Gain Requirement) at the Shores Green Junction of the A40.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence be noted

P132 **WITNEY SHORES GREEN - CONDITIONS 1 AND 18 TO REFER TO REVISED BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN ASSESSMENT - PLANNING REF: R3.0135/24**

The Committee received correspondence relating to the approval of Planning Application Ref: R3.0135/24, Non-material amendment of conditions 1 and 18 (Biodiversity Net Gain) at the Shores Green Junction of the A40.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence be noted

P133 **WITNEY SHORES GREEN - CONDITION 10 (LANDSCAPING SCHEME) - PLANNING REF: R3.0105/24**

The Committee received correspondence relating to the approval of Planning Application Ref: R3.0105/24 (Landscaping Scheme) at the Shores Green Junction of the A40.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence be noted

P134 **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING**

The Committee received and considered the proposed introduction of a disabled parking space outside of 8 & 10 Farm Mill Lane.

Members welcomed the amendments and approved of the continued re-evaluation of disabled parking spaces to ensure that all residents needs are met.

Resolved:

That, a response be submitted to Oxfordshire County Council including the above comments.

The meeting closed at: 6.14 pm

Chair

Witney Town Council

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129- 1 WTC/027/25 Plot Ref :-25/00277/FUL Type :- FULL
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 17/02/2025
 Location :- 87 MOORLAND ROAD Date Returned :- 05/03/2025
 MOORLAND ROAD
 Proposal : Change of use of land to extend residential curtilage and erection of a fence.
 Observations : Witney Town Council objects to this application. This proposal is not compliant with Policy OS2 in that it would involve the loss of a prominent and highly visible pocket of open space that makes an important contribution to the visual character and appearance of the area. Witney Town Council values all open spaces and amenity lands across Witney. These areas, regardless of size or location contribute to the visible, recreational, and biodiverse landscape across the town. Grass areas in particular aid drainage and help mitigate against surface water flooding.

129- 2 WTC/028/25 Plot Ref :-25/00053/FUL Type :- FULL
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 17/02/2025
 Location :- WITNEY YOUTH & COMM Date Returned :- 05/03/2025
 CENTRE
 WITAN WAY
 Proposal : Installation of an air source heat pump.
 Observations : Witney Town Council supports this application, Members welcome thermal efficient and low-carbon enhancements and approves of the installation Air Source Heat Pumps at the Witney Youth and Community Centre.

129- 3 WTC/029/25 Plot Ref :-25/00338/FUL Type :- FULL
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 20/02/2025
 Location :- WITNEY LIBRARY, WELCH WAY Date Returned :- 05/03/2025
 WELCH WAY
 Proposal : Installation of external wall cladding and air source heat pump.
 Observations : Witney Town Council supports this application, Members welcome thermal efficient and low-carbon enhancements and approves of the installation Air Source Heat Pumps at Witney Library.

The Meeting closed at : 6:14pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council