

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

**Held on Tuesday, 23 May 2023**

**At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom**

**Present:**

Councillors:	R Smith J Aitman O Collins G Meadows	J Robertshaw S Simpson D Temple
Officers:	Adam Clapton Derek Mackenzie  Claire Green	Deputy Town Clerk Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities
Others:	One member of the public.	

In the absence of the Committee Chair and with the election of Vice-Chair on the agenda, the Mayor started the meeting.

**P262 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr A Bailey.

**P263 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers at this point in the meeting.

**P264 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

The Chair/Mayor called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Georgia Meadows be elected Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations it was:

**Resolved:**

That, Councillor Georgia Meadows be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

*The Vice-Chair assumed the position as Chair for the meeting.*

P265 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The member of the public present did not wish to address the Committee.

*Councillor D Temple joined the meeting at 18:10pm*

P266 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

Cllr D temple declared a personal interest in planning application 5.10 and Cllr O Collins declared a personal interest in planning application 5.12.

**Resolved:**

That, the comments, be forwarded to West Oxfordshire District Council.

P267 **WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 21 MARCH 2023**

The Committee received the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee (WTAC) meeting held on 21 March 2023.

There were comments from Members on the timeframe of the Shore's Green junction in East Witney, the East Witney Strategic Development Area, Community Speedwatch, the public transport fare cap, potential new road crossings and non-working traffic lights.

**Resolved:**

That, the minutes of the WTAC meeting held on 21 March 2023 be noted.

P268 **PROPOSED EXTENSION TO GILL MILL QUARRY - SCOPING OPINION**

The Committee received Oxfordshire County Council's adopted scoping opinion for the north-western extension to Gill Mill Quarry, Ducklington.

Members were advised the site abutted Witney Lake and several concerns raised by this Committee in response to the scoping document had been included in this report. The contents would help develop the Environmental Impact Assessment for the site.

Officers explained there would be further opportunities for response as the plans progressed through the planning process.

**Resolved:**

That, the County Council Scoping Opinion be noted.

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The meeting closed at: 7.14 pm

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Chair