

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday 3 September 2019
At 7 pm, in the Lobby, Corn Exchange, Witney**

Present

Cllr R Smith (Chair)

Councillors: J Aitman L Ashbourne
 T Ashby M Jones

Officer: Nicky Cayley Democratic Services Officer

P343 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs McMahon and Prosser.

P344 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in application WTC/151/19 – 85 Manor Road – as her house was in the neighbouring proximity. She therefore did not take part in the discussion of this application.

P345 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

P346 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received and considered the schedule of planning applications as previously circulated.

Cllr Smith did not take part in discussion of application WTC/151/19 due to her non-pecuniary interest. Cllr Aitman therefore assumed the Chair for this application and Cllr Smith resumed the Chair subsequently.

RESOLVED: that the comments, as per the attached schedule, be forwarded to West Oxfordshire District Council.

P347 CPRE – A BETTER VISION FOR OXFORDSHIRE

The Committee received and considered a document from CPRE entitled “A better Vision for Oxfordshire” which it had been asked to comment on.

The Committee discussed the document and asked for their comments to be sent back to CPRE and that they should be invited to speak to the Committee if there was something specific that they wished to raise.

RESOLVED: that the following response to be sent to CPRE:-

Witney Town Council broadly shares the aims of CPRE as expressed in this document, especially on page 7 and also the accompanying questions, however, it looks at items on a case by case basis. The Town Council would welcome a representative of CPRE to speak the Planning and Development Committee if there are any specific issues that you wish to raise.

The Town Council welcomes the focus on affordable housing but would like to see work on drilling down into what affordable housing is and also housing provision for key workers.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chair