

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

Held on Tuesday, 18 February 2020

At 6.00 pm in the Lobby, The Corn Exchange, Witney

Present:

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	L Ashbourne	M Jones
	T Ashby	A Prosser
	V Gwatkin	
Officers:	Adam Clapton	Office Manager
Others:	2 members of the public.	

P48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Aitman and A McMahon.

P49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

P50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The committee adjourned in line with Standing Order 42 in order for John Garside to speak in support of the LibFest licensing application but against the use of the Leys as an events field.

P51 LICENSING APPLICATION CONSULTATION W/20/00105/PRMA

With the express permission of the Chair this item was brought up the agenda so that the public in attendance could hear the discussion.

Members received and considered licensing application W/20/00105/PRMA made by LibFest for its festival at The Leys in June 2020.

RESOLVED:

1. that Witney Town Council supports LibFest as a community event and has no objections to this application; and,
2. that these comments are forwarded to ERS at West Oxfordshire District Council.

P52 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

P53 **PARISH SURVEY FORM 2020**

Members received the West Oxfordshire District Council Planning Services Parish Survey 2020.

It was noted that this survey was more appropriate for parishes and not towns, but this was an opportunity to raise challenges which face the town in the next five years. Due to the increase of new and proposed houses it was felt that the current infrastructure was not sustainable in terms of roads, cycling path connectivity, sports and leisure provision, health facilities and school funding. There was also concern over the discharge of sewage into the River Windrush.

RESOLVED: that the comments be entered onto the Paris Survey response and forwarded to the District Council.

P54 **INFRASTRUCTURE WISH LIST**

The Committee heard from the Chair that a published list of infrastructure projects would assist the Council in formulating and targeting responses in any future developments in terms of Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions. It was agreed that an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) would consist of two parts; one which contained items that were deliverable by the Town Council under its legal and statutory obligations under headings and assets. The second would be items required by the town under the remit of other authorities given the Council's knowledge of the areas in question.

It was agreed that members would work on their lists and send them back to the Chair to collate before the next meeting to be signed off. This list could then be forwarded to the Council and form an addendum of the Strategic Plan.

RESOLVED:

1. that members consider items to be included within the Witney Infrastructure Delivery Plan and provide them to the Chair prior to the next meeting of the committee; and,
2. That this item be included as an agenda item at the next meeting where a draft plan can be completed and submitted for adoption by the Council.

The meeting closed at: 7.25 pm

Chair