

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

Held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020

At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

Present:

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman	M Jones
	L Ashbourne	A McMahon
	V Gwatkin	A Prosser
Officers:	Nicky Cayley	Democratic Services Officer
	Adam Clapton	Office Manager
Others:	2 members of the public.	

P422 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

P423 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Smith declared an interest in the item on the East Witney development as she lived in close proximity to one of the two sites.

P424 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee adjourned in line with standing order 42 to receive public participation.

Mr Jim Clemence addressed the Council on WTC/169/20 – East Plot of Land at Book End.

Mr Mark Utting was present to answer the Committee's questions on 20/02654/OUT – Land South East of Oxford Hill.

Following this the Committee reconvened.

P425 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The applications were moved up the agenda with the express permission of the Chair so that the member of the public could hear the debate.

Members discussed the application for the Land South East of Oxford Hill, at length and delegated their response and any technical specification for paths and cycleways to Officers. Delegation on the wording for S106 contributions was made to Officers, the Chair and Vice Chair. The response is attached separately to the planning schedule.

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

P426 **MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on 22 September, 13 October and 3 November 2020.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 22 September, 13 October and 3 November 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair with Cllr Gwatkin's apologies being added to the latter.

P427 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Committee received and considered the schedule of planning decisions taken by West Oxfordshire District Council.

RESOLVED: that the schedule as circulated be noted.

P428 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Order 48(a) to allow the meeting to continue for a further 10 minutes.

P429 **CONSULTATION – CORN STREET AND NEWLAND (WITNEY) - PROPOSED BUS STOP KERBED BUILD-OUTS**

The Committee received and considered a consultation from Oxfordshire County Council concerning alterations to bus stops in the town.

The Democratic Services Officer explained that she had taken a telephone call from a couple with accessibility issues at the Newland Stop, which had been taken up with County Councillor Suzanne Bartington. Members agreed that this would be a welcome improvement.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council supports the proposed alterations to bus stops on Corn Street and Newland.

P430 **TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee held on 29 September 2020.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be noted.

P431 **LICENSING APPLICATION CONSULTATION W/20/00773/PRMA - 89 CORN STREET**

The Committee received and considered an application for a licence to sell alcohol by a grocery shop in Corn Street.

RESOLVED: that Witney Town Council supports this application.

The meeting closed at: 8.06 pm

Chair