

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

Held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021

At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

Present:

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	A Prosser	M Jones
	J Aitman	A McMahon
	L Ashbourne	L Duncan (In place of V Gwatkin)
Officers:	Adam Clapton	Office Manager
Others:	no members of the public.	

P90 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Bolger and Cllr V Gwatkin.

P91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest concerning planning application WTC/018/21 as the applicants were known to her.

Cllr R Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest concerning agenda item 6 as an employee of Henry Box School, which it was hoped would be linked to this scheme.

P92 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There were no members of public present.

P93 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

P94 **LICENSING APPLICATION CONSULTATION W/21/00053/PRMA - 53 MARKET SQUARE, WITNEY**

The Committee received and considered a new premises licence application from T & C Kitchens, 56 Market Square, Witney.

RESOLVED: that Witney Town Council has no objection to this application.

P95 **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: INITIAL CONSULTATION – BICESTER, OXFORD & WITNEY - PROPOSED SCHOOL STREETS**

The committee received and considered consultation documents from Oxfordshire County Council proposing the introduction of a 'School Street' at Church Green, Witney.

Members were whole-heartedly supportive of this proposal and were hopeful this would be welcomed by the residents as it would result in less parking and damage to the grass verge. It would also make school travel safer for children who attend St Mary's C of E Infant School. The committee questioned whether the Farmhouse Nursery on this stretch of Church Green had also been consulted and wondered whether Henry Box School could be included in the experimental traffic regulation order.

RESOLVED:

1. That Witney Town Council supports the proposal by Oxfordshire County Council to introduce Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETRO's) to facilitate the introduction of School Streets at Church Green Witney. This scheme supports the Town Council's vision of providing a safe route for children to attend school across the town, and;
2. That Witney Town Council asks if the Farmhouse Nursery and Henry Box School have been consulted on this proposal, it is understood that Henry Box School is considering this initiative. A joint ETRO may be beneficial, and;
3. That these comments be forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council in response to the School Streets Initial Consultation.

The meeting closed at: 6.53 pm

Chair