

# Witham Town Council

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## MINUTES

Meeting of: **Planning Applications & Transport Sub-Committee**

Date: **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

Present:

Mrs	A.	Kilmartin	(Chairman)
	P.M	Ryland	(Vice Chairman)
	J.C	Bayford	
	J.C.	Goodman	
	P.	Horner	
	M.C.M	Lager	
Mrs	S.C.	Lager	(arrived 6.38 p.m.)
	T.A.	Pleasance	
	W.J.	Rose	
Mrs	J.	Williams	
	R.	Williams	
	J.	Sheehy	(Deputy Town Clerk)

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.R Barlow, Mrs J.A Kempf, & Mrs J.M Money due to previous engagements.

### **81. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were received.

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**82. INTERESTS**

- (a) Members of this Council who are also Members of Braintree District Council confirmed that, whilst considering planning applications at the Town Council, any opinion that may be given will be based on the information that is known to date. Each Councillor confirmed that he/she will not be held by opinions given or comments made at meetings of Witham Town Council, but will approach further meetings with an open mind. Furthermore, he/she will consider any additional information and/or representations that may be received prior to the meeting of the District Council.

**RESOLVED** That the interest of Councillor P. Horner be noted as a Member of Braintree District Council's Planning Committee.

- (b) Councillor Mrs C. Lager declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 17/01679/FUL, Land Adjacent Highfields Road, Witham, in that the applicant was known to her.

**83. QUESTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the press or public present.

**84. PLANS**

**Lists 37 and 38 – Part 1.**

**17/01693/FUL**

**153 MORTIMER WAY, WITHAM**

Erection of rear conservatory.

**NO OBJECTION**

**17/01625/FUL**

**CROFT HOUSE, 10 BRIDGE STREET, WITHAM**

Erection of wooden greenhouse and garden shed adjacent to the greenhouse.

**NO OBJECTION**

**17/01657/FUL**

**2 PERRY ROAD, WITHAM**

Extension to a commercial building to include new cleaners cupboard.

**NO OBJECTION**

**17/01654/FUL**

**37 HOWBRIDGE ROAD, WITHAM**

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension..

**NO OBJECTION**

**Lists 37 and 38 – Part 2.**

**17/01674/FUL**

**LAND TO REAR OF THE JACK AND JENNY, HATFIELD ROAD, WITHAM**

Erection of one detached 3 bedroom dwelling and creation of a new access.

Members considered the new proposals following a refusal to grant planning permission on a previous scheme relating to this site. It was considered that although minor changes had been made and plans reduced to a single dwelling, issues surrounding, the proposed loss of a hedgerow in addition to no changes being made to the proposed access still formed an inadequate proposal. A vote was held 7-1 in favour of:

**REFUSAL** on the grounds that the existing hedgerow serves as amenity and noise abatement for existing properties and that the loss of any existing planting would be detrimental to the street scene.

**17/01582/LBC**

**57 NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM**

Change of use from A2 to A3 class and installation of extraction equipment.

**NO OBJECTION**

**17/01581/FUL**

**57 NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM**

Change of use from A2 to A3 class and installation of extraction equipment.

**NO OBJECTION**

**17/01679/FUL**

**LAND ADJACENT HIGHFIELDS ROAD, WITHAM**

Erection of 4 bedroom detached house.

**NO OBJECTION**

**17/01564/FUL**

**31 YARE AVENUE, WITHAM**

Removal of fence to 5ft and installation of a driveway.

Members considered application material provided but were unable to identify the scale and extent of the proposals.

**REFUSAL** on the grounds that insufficient information has been provided to the Local Planning Authority in order to make a decision.

**17/00210/TPOCON**

**BRIGHT & SONS , 87-91 NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM**

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area – Reduce Copper Beech tree to 15ft, tree is located in car park of Bridge & Sons. Runwood Homes Care Home behind Bright & Sons car park have reported that the copper beech is blocking sunlight from a number of their bedrooms.

**NO OBJECTION**

**16/00458/ADV**

**THE CHERRY TREE PUBLIC HOUSE, CRESSING ROAD.**

Members considered the proposed signage and noted that the Local Planning Authority stated that the advertisements had now been placed prior to a decision being made. Members were asked to review the original stance of the committee which objected to the proposed signage.

Members debated the impact of the illuminated signage as per the proposals and resolved to maintain a position of:

**REFUSAL** on the original proposals. It was noted that Members having seen the advertisements in practice would be minded to raise no objection to a new application but that the continuity of the planning system must be upheld.

**85. REPRESENTATIONS TO BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

It was agreed that no representations were to be made.

**86. DECISIONS**

The decisions made by the Local Planning Authority on applications taken between 4<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were received.

**RESOLVED** That the decisions be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:24pm.

Councillor Mrs A. Kilmartin  
Chairman

JS.03/10/2017