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## MINUTES

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall, 61 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2FE**

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
J.C.	Coleman	(Vice Chairman) Arrived 18:32
E.	Adelaja	
L.	Headley	
T.	Hewitt	
R.	Ramage	
A.	Sloma	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
S.	Smith	(PA to the Council)

#### 244. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J.M. Coleman, J. Martin and E. Williams.

**RESOLVED** That the apologies be received and approved.

#### 245. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 246. **INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

#### 247. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

**248. PLANNING OFFICER’S REPORT**

The Planning Officer was pleased to report that following Town Council representations, the housing development behind the former Spread Eagle public house will be known as Spread Eagle Mews.

Later in the meeting Members were informed that planning permission for the proposed Maltings Lane Community Centre off Reid Road had been granted.

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

**249. PART 1 APPLICATIONS**

There were no Part I applications.

**250. PART 2 APPLICATIONS**

**24/00578/FUL**

**Sports Ground, Stevens Road, Witham**

Erection of 2.5m high acoustic fencing

Members commented that this would be an improvement for the residents.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**24/00562/HH**

**8 Clayshotts Drive, Witham**

Retrospective outbuilding

Members raised concerns over the objections made by a neighbouring resident regarding parking and that as this application was being made retrospectively it was agreed that this should not be encouraged. It was also noted that the garden size was now such so as not to comply with the Essex Design Guide and they were also concerned about its business use but on balance agreed not to raise any objections.

**NO OBJECTION**

**24/00604/TPO**

**13 The Paddocks, Witham**

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO – 6/74.

The Tree Warden had advised that this was probably a repeat of previous works and would recommend no objection.

**NO OBJECTION** subject to the advice of the District Council’s Landscape Officer.

**24/00570/FUL**

**3 Freebournes Road, Witham**

Alternations to fenestration, replacement of roof and wall cladding, replacement of roof lights windows and doors and installation of dock shelters

The Planning Officer informed members that the vacant warehouse and offices have been upgraded and as part of this a further planning application was required.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**24/000579/VAR**

**Unit 7, Cullen Mill, 49 Braintree Road, Witham**

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved application 23/02244/COUPA. Variation would allow change to the external walls and roof

Members whilst noting that this was just a variation of condition, commented that this development was cluttered and unsuitable as there was no parking on site.

**NO OBJECTION**

**24/00309/LBC**

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Installation wall mounted defibrillator cabinet to the rear of the Town Hall

The Planning Officer explained that it would be inappropriate to comment on this application.

**RESOLVED** To receive and note

**24/00112/P14JPA**

**Cego Ltd, Critall Road, Witham**

Notification for prior approval for the installation of solar photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the roof

The Planning Officer explained that the application was purely to decide whether there was any reason why the applicant should not be granted prior approval.

**NO OBJECTION TO PRIOR APPROVAL**

**251. REVISED PLANS**

There were no revised plans.

**252. DECISIONS**

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

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

**253. RURAL CONNECTIONS – TRANSPORT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE EAST**

Members were asked to note details in relation to challenges and opportunities for rural communities in the East. Members considered that the bus services were inadequate and had worsened.

**RESOLVED** That the details be noted.

**254. BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN**

The draft Biodiversity Net Gain document was received.

Members recognised that these items would be covered by the Planning Authority as the Town Council, being a consultee, would have insufficient time to investigate before the deadline.

**RESOLVED** The draft Biodiversity Net Gain document be received and noted.

**255. TACKLING SPEED IN WITHAM**

Members were informed that there had not been much interest in the Community Speedwatch programme, as only three members of the public had volunteered. The Planning Officer suggested that Members might like to approach residents in their ward, as more interest may be generated if it was concerning problem speeding areas where people actually lived.

Further information was awaited but the Chairman explained that there was an opportunity to meet with Councillor Louis, Witham Southern, when traffic issues would be raised.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow  
Chairman

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