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MINUTES

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

Date: **Monday, 17th May 2021**

Present: Councillors: J. Goodman (Chairman)
A. Kilmartin (Vice Chairman)
K. Atwill
P. Barlow
S. Hicks
C. Jay
C. Lager
M. Lager
C. Livermore (arrived 7.02 p.m.)

Also in attendance: S. Ager
J. Sheehy (Town Clerk)
G. Kennedy (Planning Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Livermore had been delayed and would arrive late.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

2. MINUTES

Members noted that decisions taken under the Delegated Decision scheme during the pandemic had been received by Town Council.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Applications & Transport Committee held 9th March 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **INTERESTS**

Councillor Barlow declared a pecuniary interest in 21/01069/HH – Rivendell, Chalks Road, Witham as he was the applicant and other Members declared non-pecuniary interests.

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

There were no members of the press or public present.

5. **PART 1 APPLICATIONS**

21/01155/HH

8 Powers Hall End, Witham
Single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

21/01609/HH

Rivendell, Chalks Road, Witham
First floor rear extension and alterations to existing dwelling

Councillor Barlow had declared a pecuniary interest and other Members declared non-pecuniary interests.

It was agreed that it would be inappropriate to consider this application made by Councillor Barlow.

RESOLVED That the application be received and noted.

21/01224/HH

23 St Nicholas Road, Witham
Single storey rear/side extensions

NO OBJECTION

21/01240/FUL

Units 1 – 5 Waterside Business Park, Eastways, Witham
Change of Use from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) and B8 (Storage or distribution), to allow a flexible use under Use Classes E (Commercial, Business and Service), B2 (General industrial) or B8 (Storage or distribution).

NO OBJECTION

21/01260/HH

23 Bluebell Close, Witham
Single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

21/01333/HH

Cedar Gables, Hatfield Road, Witham
Conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation, rendering to front elevation and relocation of front door

NO OBJECTION

6. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

21/01249/TPO

Old Ivy Chimneys, Hatfield Road, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 28/83 - T1 Mulberry - Fell and replace

Members were informed that the Tree Warden had made a site visit and agreed that the tree should be felled and replaced with three larger trees to create an avenue. He had suggested that a London Plane, Norway Maple and a small leaved Lime be planted in November and watered for at least the first year.

NO OBJECTION to the tree being felled and replaced with three mature trees - London Plane, Norway Maple and a small leaved Lime, which should be planted in November and watered for at least the first year and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

21/01270/FUL

Dancing Dicks, Blunts Hall Road, Witham

Proposed domestic equestrian arena, erection of stables building, provision of hardstanding and associated fencing and landscaping

Members agreed that this was an appropriate use of the land.

NO OBJECTION

21/01307/HH

31 Armond Road, Witham, Essex

Erection of fencing to rear, side and front

Members were most concerned about this proposal which would have an adverse impact on the street scene and on the amenities of adjoining residential properties as well as setting a precedent.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds of adverse impact on the street scene contrary to RLP25 and an unacceptable impact on the amenities of adjoining residential properties contrary to LPP 38d.

7. REVISED PLANS

21/00318/FUL

Land rear of 59 Bridge Street, Witham

Erection of a single storey two bedroomed detached dwellinghouse

Members agreed that whilst this piece of land was derelict the narrow access directly past someone's front door was inappropriate. The comment was also made that the siting of the dwelling would be too close to the neighbouring property and should be centrally sited.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds of a poor narrow access directly past someone's front door and that the siting of any dwelling should be centrally sited away from the neighbouring property contrary to RLP2.

Councillor Livermore arrived whilst the above application was being considered.

21/00031/OUT

Land at Burghey Brook Farm, London Road, Rivenhall

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved, for the erection of B2/B8 Industrial and Distribution units with associated parking, servicing and landscaping

NO OBJECTION subject to more screening to the Rivenhall side of the boundary to mask the views of the industrial units, sufficient landscaping on site, all buildings to be environmentally friendly with green measures to mitigate climate change and to ensure no light pollution from site, in accordance with SP5.

8. DECISIONS

Decisions on planning applications pertaining to Witham which have been received from Braintree District Council were received.

The Chairman commented that he had recently made representations on behalf of the Town Council to the District Council's Planning Committee in relation to the piece of land at the end of White Horse Lane. He said that despite this Committee's objections he was disappointed to note that the application had been approved.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and information noted.

9. RECTORY LANE

A Public Notice of Intent was received to introduce a prohibition of motor vehicles in a section of Rectory Lane from its junction with Forest Road for approximately 254 metres and to introduce a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction at the Rectory Lane turning head.

RESOLVED That the information be received and welcomed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.10 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman
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