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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 1st August 2022**

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Goodman	(Chairman)
A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
K.	Atwill	
S.	Hicks	(arrived at 6.45 p.m.)
C.	Jay	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
T.	Pleasance	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)

And one member of the public.

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barlow who was travelling abroad.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 18th July 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

64. INTERESTS

There were no interests declared at this time but later in the Meeting at application 22/01764/FUL – Warwick House, it was pointed out that Essex County Councillor Playle apparently lived in Warwick House.

65. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Heath referred to application 22/01932/HH – 38 Constance Close, Witham. He said that he had spoken to the neighbours who had no objections to the proposed loft conversion.

66. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer reported that she had been trying to organise a meeting of the Cycling Development Group but was struggling to find available Members. The Economic Development Officer from Braintree District Council would be attending the meeting so that partnership working could be discussed.

The Planning Officer said that she had sought assistance from the District Council's Head of Planning and Development regarding progression of the Heritage List and had just heard back that staff pressures had meant they were unable to take this forward. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan be a vehicle for progressing this List.

The Planning Office explained that enquiries were being made of the District Council's Enforcement Team regarding Littlefields in Chipping Hill as UPVC windows had been installed in the Conservation Area.

RESOLVED That the Report be received and noted.

67. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

22/01855/HH

17 Chelmer Road, Witham
Single storey side extension

NO OBJECTION

68. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

22/01764/FUL

Warwick House, 48 Collingwood Road, Witham
Erection of a two storey building to provide 2 x 1 bed and 1 x 2 bed residential units with associated landscaping, access, parking and associated development

It was pointed out that Essex County Councillor Playle apparently lived in Warwick House.

Councillor Hicks arrived at the Meeting.

Members discussed whether the contemporary design of the building would affect the street scene.

NO OBJECTION

22/01354/TPOCON

6 Chipping Hill, Witham
Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area

Members were informed that the Tree Warden had advised that this tree is a yew and should not therefore be felled but pruned back by about a metre in width.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the yew, a more significant tree, to be felled and suggest that it be pruned back by about a metre in width and further reduced around the telegraph pole if necessary and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

22/01897/HH

59 Collingwood Road, Witham

Single storey side extension

NO OBJECTION

22/01898/LBC

59 Collingwood Road, Witham

Single storey side extension

NO OBJECTION subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer.

22/01932/HH

38 Constance Close, Witham

Rear dormer and side gable roof extension, installation of front roof light and new side elevation window to enable loft conversion

NO OBJECTION subject to no representations being received from neighbours.

69. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans to consider.

70. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

Members commented on 19/01896/OUT – Land North of Woodend Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham and were concerned about the ransom strip which would not allow for a direct cycleway connection between Lodge Farm and Woodend Farm. It was felt that a compulsory purchase order should be considered to allow this to be achieved. It was also pointed out that the replacement of trees on the development should be extended from five to ten years.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

71. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Details of No Waiting at Any Time restriction for Evans Way, Fleming Way and Drivers Way were received.

RESOLVED That the details be received and noted.

72. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Details of No Entry from Allectus Way into Porter Way, No Waiting at Any Time in parts of Alfreg Road and Siward Road and to Implement a One-Way Bus Gate were received.

RESOLVED That the details be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.13 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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