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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday 4th July 2022**

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Goodman	(Chairman)
K.	Atwill	
P.	Barlow	
S.	Hicks	
C.	Jay	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
T.	Pleasance	

Also, in attendance

Cllr	S.	Ager	
	N.	Smith	(Town Clerk)
	S.	Smith	(P.A to the Council)
	G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)

And two members of the public.

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Kilmartin who was unwell.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 20th June 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

40. INTERESTS

Councillor Goodman declared a non-pecuniary interest at Minute 45 – Decisions, as application 22/00945/HH - 22 Chippingdell was one of his neighbours.

41. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Peter Hunt of Mulberry Gardens, Witham, spoke on Minute 46 – Request for Speed Limit Signs on Cut Throat Lane regarding speeding in Cut Throat Lane. Mr Hunt informed members of the significantly increased flow of traffic in the area, with a high average speed of around 30mph despite the speed limit signs. He had spoken to vehicle users in the allotments and nearby building sites which has eased the issue slightly, but he believed it was still a problem. He proposed that as the signage was not working further measures needed to be put in place.

Mr Green of Maltings Lane, Witham, spoke on Minute 45 – Decisions, application 22/00875/FUL – Land to the rear of The Jack and Jenny, as he was dissatisfied with the amount of hedging that would be removed in the proposal. Mr Green was informed that his previous letter relating to the removal of hedges on another development had been passed on to Braintree District Council and that Town Council would be vigilant in regards to planning applications containing the removal of trees and hedges in future.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hunt and Mr Green for their comments.

42. PLANNING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Planning Officer explained that notification had been received from Braintree District Council that the Planning Inspector had concluded that the Local Plan was now capable of adoption. The adoption of the Plan would now be considered by its Local Plan Sub-Committee on July 5th and by Full Council on 25th July 2022.

Members were informed that the proposed HGV route for agricultural vehicles unable to use the widened A12 had been confirmed to run through the town centre and they reiterated that this was the best option out of three unsatisfactory ones.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

43. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

A Member had asked that application 22/01274?HH – 36 The Avenue, Witham be moved into Part 2.

22/01509/HH

63, Yare Avenue, Witham

Single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

22/01472/HH

31, Avenue Road, Witham

Erection of single storey side/rear extension

NO OBJECTION

22/01480/HH

5 The Retreat, Witham

Single storey rear and side extension

NO OBJECTION

22/01586/HH

36 The Avenue, Witham

Replacement of all existing white UPVC windows with anthracite grey UPVC windows.

NO OBJECTION

44. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

22/01274/HH

36 Town End Field, Witham

Conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation

A concern was made about parking provision but as no neighbours had made representations it was agreed to offer no objection.

NO OBJECTION

22/01414/HH

26 Newland Street, Witham

Refurbishment and extension to existing garage, relocation of boiler and flue, removal of partition wall in kitchen, insertion of partition wall in hallway, conversion of bedroom to bathroom, and replacement/repair of doors and windows to front and rear elevations

NO OBJECTION subject to the proposed summer house being in single occupancy with the main house.

22/01415/LBC

26 Newland Street, Witham

Refurbishment and extension to existing garage, relocation of boiler and flue, removal of partition wall in kitchen, insertion of partition wall in hallway, conversion of bedroom to bathroom, and replacement/repair of doors and windows to front and rear elevations

NO OBJECTION Subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied with the proposals and materials to be used.

22/01564/HH

26 Mersey Road, Witham

First floor front extension

NO OBJECTION

REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

45. DECISIONS

Councillor Goodman had declared an interest.

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

Members discussed the decisions and agreed that the application relating to The Victoria Public House and The Jack and Jenny be referred to the next Meeting.

RESOLVED That decisions 2/00542/HH and 22/00875/FUL be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

46. REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN CUT THROAT LANE

A request was received for a speed limit sign at the entrance to Cut Throat Lane.

Members agreed that the best approach would be to request a speed survey for Cut Throat Lane to ascertain whether further measures would be required to slow vehicles.

RESOLVED That a request be made to the Local Highways Panel for a speed survey, that Essex Highways be contacted regarding the designation of Cut Throat Lane and the Allotment Association be asked to remind their members of the need to drive slowly on this lane which is used by pedestrians.

Councillors Atwill, Barlow and C. Lager left the Council Chamber.

47. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A (S3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillors Atwill, Barlow and C. Lager returned to the Council Chamber.

48. PLANNING CONSULTANCY SUPPORT FOR THE WITHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A quotation was received from DAC Planning Ltd for consultancy support for the Witham Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED That the Town Council should accept the quote.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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