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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 15th August 2022**

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Goodman	(Chairman)
A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
K.	Atwill	
P.	Barlow	
P.	Heath	
S.	Hicks	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
T.	Pleasance	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
S.	Smith	(P.A to the Council)
C.	Strachan	(Assistant RFO)

And one member of the public.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C. Jay who was unwell.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

71. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 1st August be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

72. INTERESTS

It was noted that most members would have a non-pecuniary interest at Minute 81 – Chipping Hill bridge, as many use the bridge on a regular basis.

73. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Green of Maltings Lane commented that in regards Minute 79 the Council had previously passed a resolution to respect trees and hedges in its prospective Neighbourhood Plan and he hoped this would still be the case. He also raised concerns over Minute 80 – Land to the rear of Jack and Jenny, due to there being no specific plans available of the proposed footpaths.

Members thanked Mr Green for his comments and assured him that the Council's view in regards to tree and hedge protection has not changed, and that the footpath issue would be discussed later in the Meeting.

74. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer informed Members that information had been received that the potholes at the Grove and Glebe Crescent would be included in the pothole scheme; and that the recent stakeholder newsletter from National Highways had been distributed to Members.

75. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

To note that there were no part 1 applications.

76. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

22/01921/TPOCON

6 Chipping Hill, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to a tree in a Conservation area.

The Tree Warden had advised that this significant tree should not be felled.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL as it would be inappropriate to fell this significant tree and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

22/01978/HH

127 Highfields Road, Witham

Single storey detached outbuilding.

NO OBJECTION subject to it being single occupancy with the main house.

22/01972/FUL

1 Wheaton Road, Witham

Erection of light industrial building.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

22/01955/HH

27 Powers Hall End, Witham

Two storey side and rear extension with integral garage. Members engaged in discussion as to whether the extension would be overbearing and cause a loss of privacy.

NO OBJECTION Subject to the side extension windows being frosted to ensure the neighbours' privacy would be maintained and that the Historic Buildings Adviser for Braintree South, Laura Johnson be advised of the application.

77. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

78. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decision be received and noted.

79. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that a Neighbourhood Plan initial workshop on-line meeting had been set for the 9th September for the office and Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to attend.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

80. 22/00875/FUL- LAND TO THE REAR OF THE JACK AND JENNY

Information was received from Braintree District Council relating to the reasoning to provide a footpath.

Members discussed how the Council needs confirmation regarding the footpath, such as its exact area and size, as constituents had raised concerns. Members suggested a site meeting with Braintree District Council, so that they can be provided with clarity and raise questions or concerns.

RESOLVED That contact be made with the Planning Officer at Braintree District Council to request a site meeting.

81. 22/01753/DAC- CHIPPING HILL BRIDGE

It was noted that most members would have a non-pecuniary interest.

A request was received from Mr Palombi to remove and preserve the coping stones at Chipping Hill Bridge to preserve the WW1 graffiti.

RESOLVED That contact should be made with Essex County Council for the Council to obtain and preserve the relevant coping stones, and to copy in the Historic Buildings Adviser for Braintree South, Laura Johnson, and ECC Councillor, Ross Playle.

82. REQUEST FOR A PEDSTRIAN BARRIER- SPA ROAD DOWN TO HIGHFIELDS ROAD

A request was received for a safety pedestrian barrier at the bottom of the pathway from Spa Road down to Highfields Road.

Members agreed that this section of road was unsafe and that it was likely to cause a serious accident. Members suggested that could be a project that the Town Council could undertake itself.¹

RESOLVED that this be referred to the Local Highways Panel and to Essex County Councillor Derrick Louis.

¹ It would not be appropriate for the Town Council to undertake this work as the land is not owned by the Council and appropriate safety standards would be required for the barrier.

83. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2022

The Order in relation to District Council car parks was received.

RESOLVED That the Order be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:29pm.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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