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MINUTES

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

Date: **Monday, 28th October 2019**

Present: Councillors

	J.C.	Goodman	(Chairman)
Mrs	A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
	K.L.	Atwill	
	S.E.	Hicks	
	M.C.M.	Lager	
Mrs	S.C.	Lager	
	C.S.	Livermore	
	T.A.	Pleasance	
	P.M.	Ryland	
	J.	Sheehy	(Town Clerk)
Mrs	G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
Miss	N.	Smith	(Assistant RFO)

And one member of the public.

130. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.R. Barlow, Miss C. Jay, R.P. Ramage, Miss M.L. Weeks and R. Williams who had previous engagements; and Mrs S. Ager and J.C. Bayford who were unwell.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

131. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Applications and Transport Sub-Committee held 14th October 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

132. INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

133. QUESTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No comment was made by the member of the public present.

134. CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

135. PLANS

There were no plans.

136. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

137. DECISIONS

Decisions relating to Witham were received.

Members pointed out the decision to permit application 19/00487/PLD – Witham Railway Station decked car park. It was thought that there were two issues in relation to this application, firstly the consultation aspect with the obligation of the District Council to seek comments from the Town Council; and secondly the proposed development which was badly flawed.

Members considered that the decision was arguably wrong as the development was based on the requirement for the movement of traffic by rail. Members had read the decision notice and thought this was an officer's opinion not based on evidence. Traffic chaos would result if there was just the one joint entrance and exit to this multi storey car park off Easton Road.

The suggestion was made that Greater Anglia should be invited back to the Town Council so that the traffic impact could be discussed and a better development proposed.

RESOLVED That a letter be written to Braintree District Council expressing dissatisfaction with the decision and seeking revocation as the decision is open to challenge.

RESOLVED That clarification be requested with Braintree District Council regarding planning consultations and as to what Witham Town Council is consulted upon.

RESOLVED That contact be made with Greater Anglia seeking further discussions in relation to the unacceptable traffic impact on Easton Road.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

138. RIGHT OF WAY – 5 NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM

Councillor Mrs A. Kilmartin had been asked for assistance in regards to a right of way issue off Newland Street.

Members noted that this was private land and considered that the Town Council should not become involved. The Town Clerk said that a number of complaints had been received as members of the public no longer had direct access from Newland Street to the car park.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

139. A12 CHELMSFORD TO A120 WIDENING

Details of the preferred route announcement and public consultation were received.

Members were reminded that the consultation would be held at Spring Lodge on Monday, 11th November 2019 between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and that the Town Council response would be considered at the Planning Applications and Transport Sub-Committee Meeting on 25th November 2019.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

140. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)

Members noted that the above order came into effect on 11th October 2019.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.33 p.m.

Councillor _____

Chairman

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