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MINUTES

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 23rd August 2021

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Goodman	(Chairman)
A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
K.	Atwill	
S.	Hicks	
C.	Jay	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
C.	Livermore	

Also in attendance: Cllr

S.	Rajeev	
J.	Sheehy	(Town Clerk)
N.	Smith	(Deputy Town Clerk)
G.	Kennedy	(Committee Clerk)

And one member of the public.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barlow who had another meeting to attend.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

82. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Applications and Transport Committee held 23rd August 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

83. INTERESTS

At Minute 88 – Revised Plans – 20/02060/OUT – Phase 4 Land North East of Rectory Lane, Rivenhall, Councillor Jay declared a non-pecuniary interest as a resident of Evans Way.

84. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

85. CLERK'S REPORT

The Planning Officer advised that a request had been received for six street names for the new development off Conrad Road. This matter would be discussed at the next Meeting and it might be appropriate in view of the community orchard that had once been established in this location to consider types of apples such as Bramley, Pippin, etc.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

86. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

21/02289/LBC

118 Newland Street, Witham

Installation of log burner and associated flue to main fireplace in living room

NO OBJECTION subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer

21/02453/HH

26 Chelmer Road, Witham

Single storey rear and side extension

NO OBJECTION

87. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

21/02385/HH

42 Blunts Hall Road, Witham

Part ground floor and first floor front extension, first floor side extension over existing garage and extensions, ground floor rear extension over existing extension

Members were mindful for the potential of change of street scene and that the extension could be unsympathetic to the neighbouring property but on balance agreed to offer no objection.

NO OBJECTION

21/02170/FUL

59 Rowan Way, Witham

Demolition of existing single storey side extension, and erection of two storey 2 bedroom dwelling

Members agreed that it would not be appropriate for neighbouring residents' parking to be diminished by this application.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds of affecting neighbouring amenity, i.e. loss of parking provision contrary to RLP 17 and LPP29f of the emerging Local Plan.

21/02473/TPOCON

26 Newland Street, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area

The Tree Warden had advised that whilst the bay tree could be managed as the trees would be replaced as part of the garden renovation, no objections should be offered.

NO OBJECTION subject to the trees being replaced and the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

21/02520/TPO

10 Hollybank, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 6/76 – Cut down to ground level 1 Lime tree

The Tree Warden advised of the importance to manage this tree rather than felling.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that felling the lime tree would be inappropriate and it should be re-pollarded. There would be no objection to the other works contained in the application.

21/02352/FUL

Portakabin Site Accommodation, Freebournes Road, Witham

Erection of single storey workshop building comprising 450sqm of B8 floor space

Members welcomed the proposal.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

88. REVISED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

20/02060/OUT

Phase 43 Land North of Rectory Lane, Rivenhall

Councillor Jay declared a non-pecuniary interest as a resident of Evans Way.

Members reiterated the issues of concern including access issues and in particular medical facilities. It was pointed out that whilst a sum is allocated from the Section 106 agreement to the NHS this would only cover a new building, not the fitting out or staffing costs. North Ward lacks amenities and there was no provision to remedy this situation. Members felt powerless to prevent this application even though there was now a 5.4 year supply of housing stock.

RESOLVED That the original decision to recommend the application for refusal should stand.

20/01916/FUL

Land Rear of 51 – 57 Newland Street, Witham

It was noted that there was just a minor amendment to the position of one of the dwellings.

RESOLVED That the original decision to support the application subject to provisos relating to bin storage, sound proofing, zero carbon approach and archaeological survey stands.

89. PROPOSED 5G TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION FOR H3G UK

A letter was received from WHP Telecoms Ltd regarding the proposed installation of a 15m telecoms monopole.

The Planning Officer explained that this application would be considered at the next Planning Meeting.

RESOLVED That the letter be received and noted.

90. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

91. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOOTPATH 124

Details of the temporary closure of Footpath 124 from the Park to the River Walk were received.

Members were informed that the Gimsons Review Group had recently met and discussed inter alia the closure of the footpath which will cause a problem to residents. It had been agreed that an urgent meeting should be arranged between the Gimsons Review Group and Bellway Homes to discuss the myriad of issues arising from this application.

It was pointed out that contractors on the site had lit bonfires which was unacceptable.

RESOLVED That the details be received and information noted.

92. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

Details of the revised National Planning Policy Framework were received.

RESOLVED That the details of the revised National Planning Policy Framework be received.

93. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

The Notes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held 3rd August 2021 were received.

RESOLVED That the Notes be received and noted.

94. 21/00318/FUL – LAND TO REAR OF 59 BRIDGE STREET, WITHAM

Email correspondence was received regarding the District Council’s decision to approve the above application.

It was noted that whilst planning consent had been given at this location, building regulations in relation to fire brigade access, might prevent a house being built.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.17 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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