



MINUTES

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

Date: **Monday, 11th November 2019**

Present: Councillors:

	J.C.	Goodman	(Chairman)
Mrs	A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
Mrs	S.	Ager	
	K.L.	Atwill	
	P.R.	Barlow	
	J.C.	Bayford	
	S.E.	Hicks	(arrived 6.42 p.m.)
Miss	C.	Jay	(arrived 6.35 p.m.)
	M.C.M.	Lager	
Mrs	S.C.	Lager	
	C.S.	Livermore	(arrived 6.35 p.m.)
	T.A.	Pleasance	
	R.P.	Ramage	
Miss	M.L.	Weeks	
	G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
Mrs	H.	Andrews	(Assistant Proper Officer)
Miss	N.	Smith	(Assistant RFO)

And one member of the public.

140. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Williams who was working.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

141. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th October 2019 were received.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Planning Applications and Transport Sub-Committee Meeting held 28th October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

142. INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

143. QUESTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr John Palombi referred to application 19/01896/OUT – Land North of Woodend Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham. He said that the Witham and Countryside Society was promoting a footpath/cycleway adjacent to the railway line from the new developments to the railway station which would ease congestion and air pollution. He referred to the Draft Local Plan which was promoting footpaths and cycleways in the garden communities and this should likewise apply to developments in the town.

The Chairman thanked Mr Palombi for his comments.

144. CLERK'S REPORT

Members were informed that details of the Temporary Road Closure for the Witham Boxing Day 5 Mile Race had been received. Members had no objections to this request.

It was reported that Essex County Council proposed to carry out carriageway reconstruction of Chess Lane, Witham. The work was programmed to start on Monday, 2nd December 2019 and would last three weeks. Residents have been advised to park elsewhere.

Members were informed that application 19/00953/FUL – 1 Wheaton Road, Witham would be considered by the Planning Committee on 19th December 2019. Councillor Mrs A. Kilmartin said that she would attend to give support to this application on behalf of the Town Council.¹

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

145. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

19/01866/HH

29 BRAIN ROAD, WITHAM

Single storey front extension.

NO OBJECTION

19/01923/HH

27 EBENEZER CLOSE, WITHAM

Single storey rear conservatory extension.

NO OBJECTION

146. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

**19/01879/LBC &
PP/08223504**

GROVE HOUSE, NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM

Repairs to grade II listed boundary wall.

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

¹ Councillor Mrs S.C. Lager will also attend the Meeting.

19/00274/TPOCON

GROVE HOUSE, NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – Crown lift trees that overhang the generator housing unit and fridge unit to 8-10 metres and back to main trunk to allow new units to be put in.

The Tree Warden had advised no objection.

NO OBJECTION subject to the advice of the District Council's Tree Officer.

19/01896/OUT

LAND NORTH OF WOODEND FARM, HATFIELD ROAD, WITHAM

Application for outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved – Up to 450 residential dwellings, commercial floor space, residential care home and day nursery with all associated access, servicing, parking, drainage infrastructure, landscaping, open space and utilities infrastructure.

The Chairman reminded Members that the developers had made a presentation to a Planning Applications & Transport Sub-Committee Meeting on 10th June 2019 as a result of which Members had raised a number of issues. A further meeting with the developers had been held on 19th August 2019 and was attended by the Leader of the Council, the Town Mayor and a Ward Member from Witham South.

Members discussed the implications to this outline planning application and new road layout.

RESOLVED That a letter be sent to Braintree District Council Planning Officers asking that they go back to the developers to negotiate an improved application on the following grounds –

- An assurance that there would be no damage to the trees and hedgerows,
- Clarification regarding the layby for lorries on the slip road,
- Assurance regarding the access to the farm at the bottom of the site,
- Whether there will sufficient capacity at the roundabout once the A12 is triple laned,
- A sustainable footpath/cycleway, not as part of the current road system, linking up the development with both its neighbour and the railway station,
- A logical bus route to go from one estate to the other.

19/101694/HH

8 HAYGREEN ROAD, WITHAM

Retention of single-storey rear extension.

NO OBJECTION

147. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

148. DECISIONS

Decisions on planning applications were received.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

149. APPEAL – 18/01908/FUL – 20 COLLINGWOOD ROAD, WITHAM

Members were informed that an appeal has been made against the District Council's decision to refuse the above application. Members agreed that a letter should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate supporting the decision to refuse the application.

RESOLVED That a letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate supporting the District Council's decision to refuse the application.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest and legal proceedings.

150. CLERK'S REPORT

A report was received.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

151. PUBLIC DOMAIN

It was agreed that the item discussed in Private Session should not be moved into the Public Domain.

RESOLVED That the item discussed in Private Session should not be moved into the Public Domain.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.21 p.m.

Councillor _____
Chairman
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