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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 14th February 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	
S.	Hicks	(arrived 7.02 p.m.)
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
S.	Rajeev	

Also in attendance: Cllr.

S.	Ager	
N.	Smith	(Acting Town Clerk)
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)

And one member of the public.

223. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jay and Livermore who were unwell.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

224. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 31st January 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

225. **INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

Councillor Hicks arrived at the Meeting.

226. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr John Palombi from the Witham and Countryside Society said that they had no concerns regarding the proposed dog walking field but the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England wished the field to remain for food production. He noticed that the redevelopment at Little Elms was going to the District Council's Planning Committee and was anxious that the art work, which was in the style of Louise Nevelson, should be saved.

Councillor Ager spoke about application 21/01307/HH at 31 Armond Road, Witham for erection of a six foot fence to the side garden, which had been recommended for refusal by the Town Council on the grounds of adverse impact on the street scene and unacceptable impact to neighbouring amenity. The Planning Authority had refused the application but it was allowed on Appeal. She said that this would create a precedent to allow all large corner plots to be fenced in.

The Chairman thanked Mr Palombi and Councillor Ager for their comments.

227. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

20/02060/OUT – Phase 4 Land North East off Rectory Lane, Rivenhall

The Planning Officer explained that a letter had been received from the District Council notify that the above planning application would be considered by its Planning Committee on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022 and that the Transport Report commissioned by Rivenhall Parish Council was now on the District Council's Planning Portal.

The Chairman thanked those Members who had responded to the consultation.

Councillor M. Lager said that he would attend the District Council Meeting. He said that District Members, particularly those for North and Central Ward should request to make statements at the Meeting.

The Chairman allowed Mr Palombi to comment as he had not realised this matter was going to be discussed. He said that the Witham and Countryside Society would support a Motts Lane cycle route but alongside the hedge line not across the field where children play. He was also concerned that two hedgerows would be affected and it was important to minimise damage.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

228. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

22/00062/HH

1, Witham Lodge, Witham

First floor extension above existing garage, incorporating 6 dormer windows

NO OBJECTION

229. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

21/03721/FUL

Olivers Farm Nurseries, Maldon Road, Witham

Change of use of agricultural hay field to dog walking field, erection of single-storey field shelter, 1.8m high fencing and associated car parking

Members deliberated on this application and considered that providing the fence was hidden behind the hedgerow no objection should be offered.

NO OBJECTION subject to the fence being hidden behind the hedgerow to minimise impact on the street scene.

22/00293/TPOCON

18 The Avenue, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area – Crown lifting on cherry tree in rear garden, due to overhanging in garden

Members were informed that the Tree Warden had advised that the work seemed reasonable and recommended no objection.

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

230. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans to consider.

231. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.28 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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