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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 28th February 2022**

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Goodman	(Chairman)
A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
P.	Barlow	
S.	Hicks	(arrived 6.37 p.m.)
M.	Lager	

Also in attendance: Cllr

S.	Ager	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)

And one member of the public.

232. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Atwill who was travelling abroad, C. Lager and Livermore who were unwell and Rajeev who had a previous engagement.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

233. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 14th February 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

234. INTERESTS

Councillor Goodman declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 241 – Decisions, application 21/03502/HH – 6 Old Parsonage Court, as he knew the applicant.

Later in the Meeting at Minute 237 – Parking at Luard Way, Councillor Hicks declared a non-pecuniary as he knew Mr Trigg.

235. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Joe Trigg explained that he had lived in Luard Way for the past two and a half years. He said that motorists were parking too close to the end of his drive to allow egress without driving over his grass. There had always been a problem with cars parked during the day whilst motorists worked in the town centre. The Churchill development had exacerbated the situation, but since a complaint this has been monitored. Mr Trigg said that the ideal solution would be to extend his dropped kerb.

The Chairman thanked Mr Trigg for his comments and Members agreed to bring forward the Agenda item relating to parking at Luard Way.

Whilst Mr Trigg was talking, Councillor Hicks arrived at the Meeting.

236. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer explained that she had contacted Braintree District Council about the fencing at Ivy Chimneys which would be discussed at the next Planning and Transport Meeting. The developers had assured BDC Planners that the fencing along Hatfield Road was temporary site hoarding.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

237. PARKING LUARD WAY

Councillor Hicks declared a non-pecuniary interest as he knew Mr Trigg.

An email was received from Mr Trigg concerning parking issues in Luard Way.

Members understood the problems and wished to support Mr Trigg. They explained that a dropped kerb extension would take time to be implemented, likewise yellow lines which would require enforcement. If his drive was obstructed then the police could take action. Mr Trigg was urged to take note of index plates and take photographs of the obstruction to pass to the police.¹

238. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

22/00312/HH

Auckland, Maldon Road, Witham

Single storey front extension with alterations to the existing front roof to form a gable

NO OBJECTION

22/00333/HH

1 Gimson Close, Witham

Erection of single storey side extension

NO OBJECTION

¹ Community Specials arrived early for the following Community Meeting and spoke to Mr Trigg outside of the Planning and Transport Meeting to assist Mr Trigg in preventing his drive being blocked.

239. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

22/00276/FUL

Guithavon House, Guithavon Street, Witham

Conversion of roof space, erection of 3 dormer windows and installation of roof lights in connection with the creation of 3 x 1 bedroom flats, with associated bin and cycle store

Members were divided as to whether it would be appropriate to convert the roof space when there was no parking provision or amenity space but on balance agreed to support the application.

NO OBJECTION

22/00343/HH

42 Blunts Hall Road, Witham

Part ground floor and first floor front extension, first floor side extension over existing garage and extension, ground floor rear extension to replace conservatory, first floor rear extension over existing extension and conservatory

NO OBJECTION

22/00366/TPOCON

46 Collingwood Road, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out work to trees in a Conservation Area.

Members were informed that the Tree Warden had advised no objection.

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

240. REVISED PLANS

21/03680/FUL

14 Rickstones Road, Witham

Erection of 1 x 3 bedroom two-storey detached dwelling house

Members noted that the ridge height had been decreased by making this a two storey dwelling.

NO OBJECTION

241. DECISIONS

Councillor Goodman had declared an interest.

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

242. MINERALS LOCAL PLAN 2014

A letter was received from Essex County Council regarding Policy S6 – Provision for sand gravel extraction, and the need for Policy S6 engagement along with the Call for Sites exercise.

Members were puzzled with the contradictions in the letter explaining that there would be a proposed reduction in the overall amount needed in the future but then calling for additional sites. Members were mindful of the importance of ensuring that aggregate lorries would not be routed through the town and must be properly sheeted.

RESOLVED That a response be made questioning the contradictions and explaining that all aggregate lorries should not be routed through the town and must be properly sheeted.

243. LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

An extract from the Local Highways Panel Meeting held 27th January 2022 was received.

The Planning Officer explained that she had tried to obtain recent speed surveys from the Local Highways Panel but would seek the assistance of the Essex County Councillors in obtaining this information.

RESOLVED That the extract be received and information noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.29 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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