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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: 24th February 2026

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Robertson	(Chairman)
J.C.	Coleman	(Vice Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	
P.	Barlow	
J.M.	Coleman	
L.	Headley	
R.	Playle	
R.	Ramage	
A.	Sloma	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
J.	Brown	(PA to the Council)
N.	Zaviazun	(Finance Assistant & Community Committee Clerk)

And one member of the public.

219. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Williams.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and approved.

220. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 9th February 2026 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

221. INTERESTS

Councillor Playle declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Essex County Council.

222. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was one member of the public present who wished to raise questions regarding the parking charges which North Essex Parking Partnership were planning to introduce in Newland Street, along with issues regarding traffic congestion caused by the right turn from Newland Street into Maldon Road. He believed that the NEPP had not taken into consideration the impact on businesses in the town centre or the convenience of being able to park for a short time without the inconvenience of using an App or a parking meter.

Members gave the assurance that the Town Council was doing everything they could to oppose the parking charges that NEPP were planning to introduce and several Members advised that they would be attending the forthcoming meeting on 19th March 2026 at Clacton Town Hall and that the member of the public was welcome to join them.

With regards to the no right turn from Newland Street into Maldon Road, he was advised that whilst the Town Council supported the no right turn, there was uncertainty if the County Council did. It was understood that the matter was being considered as part of BDC's improvements within the Town Centre. It was felt this could get lost in the upcoming local government restructure and enquiries would be made to push this through.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for attending the Meeting.

223. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer advised that she had received a response with regards to the Enforcement Application for Byfords. BDC have assured that the windows and doors were in fact manufactured timber, as per the planning conditions.

224. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

26/00222/HH

37 Collingwood Road, Witham, Essex

Proposed first-floor rear/side extension, single-storey rear extension, and installation of a new window to the first-floor side elevation

NO OBJECTION

26/00308/FUL

7 Shortridge Court, Witham, Essex

Replacement of six windows.

NO OBJECTION

**26/00276/HH &
PP-14682247**

75 Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex

Proposed rear single-storey flat roof extension.

NO OBJECTION

225. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

26/00231/TPO

3 Hollybank, Witham, Essex

Application to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 6/76

The Tree Warden stated that he had been asked to advise the resident regarding this conifer. He considered that removal of the tree was reasonable on safety grounds, and suggested 'no objection'.

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

26/00217/TPO

10 Hollybank, Witham, Essex

Application to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order

The Tree Warden had been asked to advise and suggested refusal of the felling of the limes as they pre-date the property however, removal of the epicormic growth around the base was reasonable. There was no objection to trimming the yew trees back to previous pruning points.

NO OBJECTION to the reduction of the yew trees, subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL to the felling of the lime trees but removal of the epicormic growth around the base of the tree is reasonable and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

226. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

227. DECISIONS

There were no decisions.

228. TACKLING SPEEDING IN WITHAM/20s PLENTY

Members were asked to consider whether to discuss this item monthly rather than at every Committee meeting.

RESOLVED That this item become a monthly item when data from the Speed Indicator Device be considered.

229. SECTION 106 – GIMSONS

Members were advised that £150,000 supplementary Section 106 money in compensation for the Gimsons development had been offered and Members were then asked to confirm agreement of this sum.

RESOLVED That Members confirmed agreement to the sum of £150,000 supplementary Section 106 that had been offered.

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

Councillor J. Robertson
Chairman

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