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MINUTES

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

Date; **Monday, 28th June 2021**

Present: Councillors J. Goodman (Chairman)
A. Kilmartin (Vice Chairman)
P. Barlow (arrived 6.52 p.m.)
C. Jay
C. Livermore

Also in attendance: Cllr S. Ager
J. Sheehy (Town Clerk)
G. Kennedy (Planning Officer)
N. Smith (Deputy Town Clerk)

And three members of the public.

31. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. Atwill, C. Lager and M. Lager who had previous engagements and Councillor S. Hicks who was working; and Councillor P. Barlow who would be late.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Applications & Transport Committee held 14th June 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

33. INTERESTS

Councillor Kilmartin declared a non-pecuniary interest in 21/01542/FUL – 2 Maldon Road, as she had had dealings with the dental surgery.

34. QUESTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

John Palombi, Witham and Countryside Society, asked about the significant delays in resolving the drainage issues at Gimsons.

The Chairman explained that as this matter was not on the Agenda could Mr Palombi contact the office to seek an update.

35. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report on matters arising was received.

RESOLVED That the Clerk's Report be received and noted.

36. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

21/01669/HH

36 The Avenue, Witham

Erection of single storey rear extension, with internal alterations

NO OBJECTION

21/01710/HH

16 Henderson Way, Witham

Single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

21/01721/HH

16 Bones Croft, Witham

Erection of single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

21/01795/HH

12 Augustus Way, Witham

First floor extension above garage and part conversion of garage to habitable accommodation

NO OBJECTION

21/01781/HH

16 Baker Way, Witham

Replacement of existing windows and external doors

NO OBJECTION

21/01382/HH

26 Mersey Road, Witham

First floor front extension

NO OBJECTION

37. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

21/01854/TPOCON

18 The Paddocks, Witham

Notice of Intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – Remove Cherry tree and Holly bush.

The Tree Warden had made a site visit and recommended that the tree should not be felled but reduced in size by 1.5m and that there would be no objections to the holly bush being removed.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that felling the tree is not justified but would suggest reduction in size by 1.5m, that there would be no objections to removal of the holly bush and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

21/01510/FUL

Land adjacent to Lodge Farm, Hatfield Road, Witham

Temporary Construction Access onto Hatfield Road until 31st December 2026

Members were concerned about the access onto a busy road at this dangerous location.

NO OBJECTION subject to mitigation to ensure road safety.

21/01862/TPOCON

Littlefields, 41 Chipping Hill, Witham

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

The Tree Warden had made a site visit and recommended no objection subject to the replacement tree being planted.

NO OBJECTION subject to the planting of a replacement tree and the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

21/01874/TPOCON

Penhaligon Court, Guithavon Street, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – carry out 2m crown reductions to 2 Ash trees

The Tree Warden had made a site visit and recommended that in view of the size of the trees a 2m size reduction would be excessive and advised that crown reduction should be limited to 1.5m.

NO OBJECTION subject to the crown reduction being limited to 1.5m and the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

Councillor Barlow arrived at the Meeting.

21/01640/HH

41 Howbridge Road, Witham

First floor side extension and first floor rear extension

Members noted the potential for over looking from the rear Juliet balcony.

NO OBJECTION subject to no representations from the neighbours regarding the potential for over looking contrary to RLP 17 and LPP29f.

21/01542/FUL

2 Maldon Road, Witham

Two storey rear extension with internal alterations, replacement windows including new shopfront and external cladding

Councillor Kilmartin had declared an interest.

Members agreed that the proposal for the new shop front, windows and cladding was inappropriate in a Conservation Area.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that the new shop front, windows and cladding would be inappropriate in a Conservation Area contrary to RLP108 and LPP48.

21/01815/HH

9 Duncombe Close, Witham

Single storey rear extension

Members agreed that the proposed extension would be excessive and limit the amenity space available for this property.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that the garden size would be reduced to approximately half the required space as recommended by the Essex Design Guide and contrary to RLP17.

38. REVISED/URGENT PLANS

21/01498/HH

10 Augustus Way, Witham

Erection of 1.8m high boundary fence

Members were concerned that the proposed boundary fence would adversely affect the street scene.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds of adverse impact on the street scene contrary to RLP 25 and LPP43b.

39. DECISIONS

Decisions on planning applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

40. A12 MEETINGS

The Notes from the A12 Meetings held 15th June 2021 were received.

RESOLVED That the Notes be received and information noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.14 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
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