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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 14th March 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	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
C.	Livermore	(arrived at 7 p.m.)
S.	Rajeev	
H.	Andrews	(Deputy Town Clerk)

And two members of the public.

244. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received at the Meeting but later apologies were given from Councillor Hicks who had been working.

245. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 28th February 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

246. INTERESTS

No interests were received.

247. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Jacobs was offered the opportunity to speak in support of his application 22/00501/HH – 10 Augustus Way, but did not elaborate upon the application. Therefore, he was, exceptionally, allowed to comment in greater detail when the application was discussed at Minute 251.

Mr Green spoke about the proposed Gershwin Park development which had been considered previously by this Committee. He was disappointed to note that the Town Council had not recommended that a health centre be included as there were no medical facilities in this part of the town despite the number of new homes. He also reminded Members of the difficulties in getting the NHS to agree to a pharmacy on the site and whether it would be necessary to start negotiations again.

The Chairman thanked Mr Green for his comments and explained that the Clinical Commissioning Group would not permit a stand-alone health centre in this location.

248. FENCE AT IVY CHIMNEYS

An email was received from the District Council Planning Officer concerning the erection of the fence at Ivy Chimneys.

The boundary treatment at Ivy Chimneys had caused a number of complaints by residents who would be carefully monitoring the situation to ensure that the boundary is reinstated in the same place.

Members reiterated the need to ensure hedgerows are protected and future plans would therefore be scrutinised. This issue would also be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

249. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer reported that progress was being made with regard to speed surveys and the matter would be discussed at the following Town Council Meeting.

The Chairman was delighted to note that Phase 4 of the development off Rectory Lane, Rivenhall and the proposed cycleway in Collingwood Road had been refused by Braintree District Council. He also thanked Members who had made representations to the Planning Authority.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

250. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

22/00494/HH

10 The Paddocks, Witham

Two storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

22/00474/HH

Mallards, Pattison Close, Witham

Single storey detached garage

NO OBJECTION

22/00377/ADV

2 Tungsten Park, Eastways, Witham

Installation of non-illuminated signs

NO OBJECTION

22/00477/HH

5 Hadrians Close, Witham
Single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

251. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

22/00472/TPOCON

25 Collingwood Road, Witham

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

Members were advised that the Tree Warden had considered the proposed work as reasonable.

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

22/00385/FUL

95 Newland Street, Witham

Erection of 3 x 3 bedroom two storey terraced and 1 x 2 bedroom two storey detached dwelling houses

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

22/00501/HH

10 Augustus Way, Witham

Erection of 1.8m high boundary fence

Mr Jacobs had asked to speak and circulated photos to Members. He explained that he had four children and wished to enlarge his garden. He said that the proposed fence would not affect sight lines at junctions and would be softened by planting. He said that neighbours had also erected similar fences.

NO OBJECTION

252. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

253. 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 7.05 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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