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AGENDA

WITHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Date: **Tuesday, 5th March 2024** Time: **7:30 p.m.**

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

Members are hereby summoned to attend the above Meeting to transact the following business. Members are respectfully reminded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.

To be present:

Councillors:

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| S. Ager | (Town Mayor) | P. Heath |
| L. Barlow | (Deputy Town Mayor) | T. Hewitt |
| E. Adelaja | | J. Martin |
| P. Barlow | | R. Playle |
| J.C. Coleman | | R. Ramage |
| J.M. Coleman | | A. Sloma |
| B. Fleet | | B. Taylor |
| L. Headley | | E. Williams |

Nikki Smith
Town Clerk

NS/GK/28.2.2024

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Town Council held 5th February 2024 (previously circulated).



3. INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of interest that Members may wish to give notice of on matters pertaining to any item on this agenda.

4. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

An opportunity to enable members of the press and public present to comment.

Order Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is designated for public participation time with no individual speaker exceeding three minutes unless otherwise granted an extension by the Chairman under Standing Order 3(F) & 3(G)

5. ESSEX COUNTY AND BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

To receive reports from Essex County and Braintree District Councillors on matters relating to Witham

6. TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

To receive details of the Town Mayor's engagements attended for period 30th January to 29th February 2024 attached at page 4

7. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To receive a report from the Town Clerk on matters arising attached at page 5

8. RIDE LONDON 2024

To receive details of the Ride London 2024, Stage 2 route which will affect Witham on Saturday, 25th May 2024 attached at page 6

9. ST PETER'S CLOSURE CONSULTATION PUBLIC MEETING

To receive details of the public meeting being held on 11th March 2024 attached at page 7

10. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

To receive a verbal update regarding the Town Centre Regeneration.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Planning and Transport Committee held 5th and 20th February 2024**
Minutes 197 to 221 (inclusive)

To receive a report of the Meetings.

- (b) **Community Committee held 20th February 2024**
Minutes 62 to 76 (inclusive)

To receive a report of the Meeting.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

TO RESOLVE That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A (S3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. COMMITTEE REPORT – CONTINUED

Community Committee held 20th February 2024

Minutes 77 and 78 (inclusive)

To receive a report of those items discussed in private session.

14. FUNDING REPORT

To receive a report.

15. LAND TRANSFER

To receive a report.

16. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

To receive a report and to appoint the Town Council's internal auditor.



**LIST OF MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN
JANUARY 30th TO FEBRUARY 29TH 2024**

The Mayor of Witham's Quiz Night, Saturday 24th February 2024

Hosted a quiz night at the Royal British Legion, which also involved a game of heads and tails and a raffle.



ITEM NO: 7

Officer Report: [Town Clerk's Report](#)

The following matters are for members to note:

James Cooke Wood

The boardwalk installation and first phase of tree management has been completed.

Newland Street Proposed Parking Charge Petition

Currently just under 1000 signatures have been collected.

Pop-Up Stall

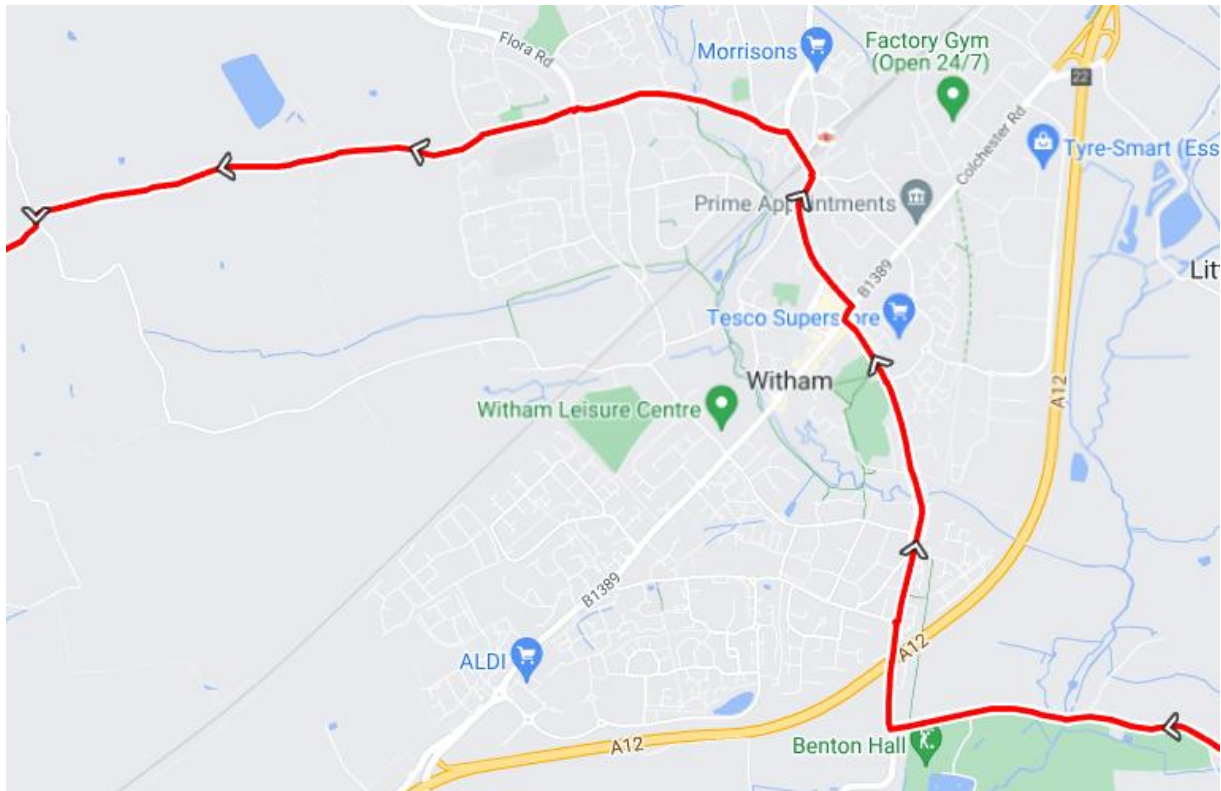
The first Pop-Up Stall will be held on 7th March from 10.00-1.00pm in the town centre.

Advice:

Officer Report: Ride London 2024

The second stage of the Ford RideLondon Classique will begin and end in the historic market town of Maldon, situated on the Backwater estuary on Essex's east coast and will travel through Witham Town Centre. Full timings are not currently available, but will be in the coming weeks on the Ride London official website along with additional information: <https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/community-info/community-info>

The route travelling through Witham will be the 'Stage 2 Race Route' and will enter Witham down Maldon Road, will go up Collingwood Road and will exit through Powers Hall End, which can be seen on the map below:



A full interactive map of the route can be accessed at <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45423273>



ST PETER'S PROPOSED CLOSURE CONSULTATION

A chance to have
your say



New Rickstones
Academy



7pm start



11th March
2024

**This proposed closure
will have serious
implications for
Witham residents**

The 150-year-old hospital building is set to close permanently and its services moved, **as far as Rochford**, under plans to reallocate community inpatient and outpatient services.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation, please visit the Witham Information Centre in the Town Hall, or alternatively call 01376 520627.