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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 9th May 2022

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

Present: Councillors

A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman in the Chair)
P.	Barlow	
S.	Hicks	
C.	Lager	
M.	Lager	
S.	Rajeev	
H.	Andrews	(Deputy Town Clerk)
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)

And one member of the public.

294. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atwill who was travelling abroad, Goodman who had a previous engagement and Jay who was unwell.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

295. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 26th April 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

296. INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

297. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Green gave his condolences to the Town Council on the death of Councillor Livermore. He spoke about application 22/00875/FUL – Land to rear of Jack and Jenny, Hatfield Road,

Witham. He was concerned about the removal of the hedge and the access onto a busy road. He hoped that the Council would reject the application and protect the hedges.

The Chairman thanked Mr Green for his comments.

298. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer had nothing to report.

299. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

22/00945/HH

22 Chippingdell, Witham

Part-single, part two-storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

22/00984/HH

27 Benton Close, Witham

Erection of single-storey link attached side extension to provide store and habitable accommodation

NO OBJECTION

300. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

22/01009/TPO

5 Hewitt Walk, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 5/75

The Tree Warden had made a site visit and recommended that as the tree was in a poor condition no objection should be offered to the felling.

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

22/00875/FUL

Land to Rear of Jack and Jenny, Hatfield Road, Witham

Erection of 1 x 3 bedroom two-storey detached dwelling house and creation of new access

Members recognised that the hedge would need to be removed to allow for a footpath to be built along that side of Hatfield Road and Members were divided as to whether this was justified.

NO OBJECTION subject to the District Council carrying out a careful survey of the trees on site to ensure that those worthy of retention are not felled.

22/01113/TPO

2 Hollybank, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 6/76

Members were informed that the Tree Warden had made a site visit and advised that the lime tree would not be harmed by pollarding.

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

301. REVISED PLANS

22/00664/VAR

Land South of Rickstones Road

Regularisation of provision of a 3 metre wide footpath

Members were informed that this matter had been discussed on 11th April 2022 and recommended for refusal on the grounds that a 3 metre wide cycle path in this location would be unnecessarily wide, lack of connectivity of cycleway and unnecessary destruction of hedgerow. The only change to the plan would appear to be the removal of pathway lighting.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that a 3 metre wide cycle path in this location would be unnecessarily wide, lack of connectivity of cycleway and unnecessary destruction of hedgerow.

302. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

303. NOTICE OF APPEAL – 21/02511/FUL

A Notice of Appeal was received in regard to the above application which was considered at the Planning Meeting on 20th September 2021 and recommended no objection to the retrospective change of use to C3 residential curtilage, demolition of brick wall and erection of fence at 26 Evans Way, Witham.

RESOLVED That the letter be received and noted.

304. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members were informed that a temporary road closure had been sought for Thursday, 2nd June 2022 for Britten Crescent to allow for a street party in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.12 p.m.

Councillor A. Kilmartin
Chairman

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