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## MINUTES

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	(Arrived 19:05)
L.	Headley	
T.	Hewitt	
R.	Ramage	
A.	Sloma	
E.	Williams	(Arrived 18:48)
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
S.	Smith	(PA to the Council)

And one member of the public.

#### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.C. Coleman and J Martin. Councillor J.M. Coleman was absent.

**RESOLVED** That the apologies be received and approved.

#### 2. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. **INTERESTS**

Councillor T. Hewitt declared a non-pecuniary interest at Minute 12 – Tackling Speeding, as he lived in one of the areas included in the speed surveys.

**4. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The member of the public explained that he attended the meeting as he had an interested in Minute 12 - Tackling Speeding in Witham/20s Plenty.

**5. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

24/00849/PL - Application for a Pavement Licence - Edda Coffee & Bistro, 68 Newland Street, Witham, Essex, CM8 1AH

The Planning Officer explained that an urgent application for a Pavement Licence had been received for the above premises. The applicant had requested two options for the siting of three tables and six chairs, outside the front of the café or in the triangle at the corner of Coach House Way. The applicant had stated that this would only be required between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Planning Officer explained that outside the café is a narrow pavement but few pedestrians. The second suggestion would be inappropriate as this is a busy section of Newland Street with lots of street furniture.

**RESOLVED** to raise no objection to the seating outside the premises on the condition they are only in situ between the hours of 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., but recommend refusal to the second suggestion of siting the tables on the triangle of land as this was a busy section of Newland Street with lots of street furniture.

**RESOLVED** to receive and note the Planning Officer's report.

**6. PART 1 APPLICATIONS**

24/01005/HH

**116 Powers Hall End, Witham**

Proposed new driveway with 3 no brick faced retaining walls and permeable paving with Aco Drainage and Soakaway to form a vehicular access crossover and installation of a dropped kerb.

**NO OBJECTION**

24/00962/HH

**The Old Rectory, 19 Guithavon Street, Witham**

Proposed dropped kerb

**NO OBJECTION**

**7. PART 2 APPLICATIONS**

Councillor E. Williams arrived at the meeting.

24/00897/FUL

**Southview College, Conrad Road, Witham**

Erection of 2no detached single-storey buildings to be used as a classroom and shop.

Members agreed that additional facilities were required at Southview and the provision of a shop would forge greater links between South View and the adjacent academy. They did recognise however that there was an existing traffic problem in Conrad Road, but did not think this application would raise any significant issues.

**NO OBJECTION**

**8. REVISED PLANS**

There were no revised plans.

**9. DECISIONS**

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

**RESOLVED** That the decisions be received and noted.

**10. ON-STREET EV CHARGING**

A letter was received from Essex County Council seeking support for its proposed on-street EV charging scheme.

**RESOLVED** That the letter be received and noted.

**RESOLVED** That a letter of support for the scheme be sent to Essex County Council.

**11. NOTES FROM MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR LOUIS**

The Notes from the informal meeting with Essex County Councillor Derrick Louis were received along with his response and HGV routing map which we supplied to him during the last administration.

**RESOLVED** That the report be received and noted.

**12. TACKLING SPEEDING IN WITHAM/20s PLENTY**

Speed surveys for Hatfield Road, Maltings Lane, Flora Road and Humber Road were received.

Councillor T. Hewitt declared a non-pecuniary interest, as he lived in one of the areas included in the speed surveys.

**RESOLVED** That the surveys be received and noted.

**13. THE GREAT GRID UPDATE**

A report was received regarding the recent public consultation and Members were asked to consider the Town Council's response.

Members discussed the advantages of the different options of supplying electricity but agreed that as there was sufficient time this matter would be discussed at the next Meeting.

Councillor E. Adelaja arrived at the Meeting.

**RESOLVED** That the report be received and noted.

**RESOLVED** That this item be included on the next agenda.

**14. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN**

A report was received.

The proposal to send the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Braintree District Council was suggested but after discussion it was agreed to continue the discussion at the next Meeting.

**RESOLVED** That the report be received and noted.

**RESOLVED** That this item be included on the next agenda.

**15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were received.

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:14p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow  
Chairman

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