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## MINUTES

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

GK/10.5.2022