

**MINUTES OF THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF BIRCHWOOD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT  
PARKERS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, DELENTY DRIVE, RISLEY  
ON TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Reeves in the Chair  
Councillors Allman, Atkin, Bowden, Breslin, D. Ellis, J. Ellis, Evans and Fitzsimmons

Clerk – Mrs. F. McDonald  
Deputy Clerk – Mrs C. Caddock  
Business and Finance Officer - Mr. G. Crowe

PCSO Gina Jones

Muhammad Gous and Allison Blakeway – Representatives of the Stakeholder Engagement Team for HS2

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**Apologies:** Councillors M. Hearldon, T. Hearldon and Nelson

110/19-20 **JUNE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Councillor Evans proposed, Councillor Atkin seconded and it was resolved that: The Minutes of the June Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair with one amendment – that the first sentence of Minute 096/19-20 be deleted.**

**Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when the item is reached.

*Councillor Reeves – Birchwood Community High School*

111/19-20 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(a) **Police Report**

PCSO Gina Jones gave a verbal report on recent policing activity in Birchwood.

Members thanked Gina for attending.

(b) **HS2 Presentation**

Muhammad Gous and Allison Blakeway, representatives of the Stakeholder Engagement Team for HS2, attended the meeting to give a brief verbal presentation on the current situation re: HS2 plans within the area, and answered a number of questions asked by Members.

Members thanked them for attending.

(c) **Resident's Planning Application Objection**

A local resident attended tonight's meeting to ask for the Town Council's support in objecting to *Application Number: 2019/35322 Heathfield House, Delenty Drive, Birchwood, Warrington, WA3 6AP. Application to vary Condition 2 to replace plan 77/12/BP with 77/12/BP1 to amend approved car park to 14 spaces; Condition 3 to increase the number of children to 56 children. There shall be no more than 56 children at the Nursery at any one time. Following Planning Appeal APP/M065/A/13/2209344 and Planning Refusal 2013/22163.*

The documents for this planning application had been received after the Clerk's Report had been published and meeting papers circulated to Councillors. It had, therefore been circulated via email and in hard copy around the table, along with some historical information regarding similar applications from the same applicant/establishment.

The resident informed Members that the current request to change condition 3 to increase the number of children from 44 to 56, is just the most recent in a long history of applications to change this same condition.

He added that the very first application for the number of children to be allowed at the nursery was for 20 children, then a condition variation request took it to 32, then 38, then 44 (granted only after appeal) and now 56.

This most recent application has the potential of bringing another 25% plus more vehicles to drop off and pick up children – with the possibility of additional highways issues being added to those already experienced. Vehicles still park on the pavement and double yellow lines to drop off/pick up their children, despite the design and access statement claiming that there have been no 'car parking issues arising from the current use'.

The design and access statement also states that the nursery currently has '*associated off road car parking (10 spaces and cycle parking) – allowed on appeal ref no: (APP/MO655/A/13/2209344)*'.

However, the plan referred to in condition 2 '77/12/BP' already indicates parking for 14 vehicles plus cycle parking. Revised plan '77/12/BP1' still show spaces for 14 vehicles, albeit arranged very slightly differently – there is no increased provision; with the exception of proposed additional parking spaces for motorcycles and bicycles being built in the front garden of the property.

The resident and Members were dismayed by this proposal. The building is a locally listed building, with a wonderful visual impact from the road and footpath. To install motorcycle and bicycle parking within the front garden would completely change the character of the property and the visual amenity of this historically significant property.

Members noted that in the planning appeal APP/MO655/A/13/2209344 'Conditions 17.1' the Planning Inspector stated, "*I have also attached a condition in the interest of the provision of car parking; **the numbers of children are limited in the interests of highway safety and residential amenity;***"

In relation to a previous application for Heathfield House – which also included a proposal to increase the number of children, the Planning Inspectorate commented, "*7. I note that the Council's Environmental Health and Protection Manager had no objection to the proposal. He observed that whilst accepting that there has been an incremental progression in the number of children attending the Heathfield House Day Nursery and it is very unlikely that the additional staff and children will cause a measurable increase in noise levels, **it is likely that there will be an increase in***

*disamenity to the other residents of Delenty Drive. He added that no further increases in the number of children should be permitted.”*

To add 12 more children is not ‘limiting’ numbers and goes directly against previous advice that there should be no further increase in numbers.

Members further discussed the application in detail, noting what appear to be various assumptions being made in the planning application documents.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Town Council wants to submit a strong objection regarding this application.

If Planning Officers are minded to approve the variation of conditions, the Town Council requests that it be considered by the Development Management Committee. Councillor Atkin said that he would be happy to represent the Town Council re: this application at committee, if necessary.

**Action** Clerk’s office to send a letter of objection to the Planning Department, regarding the application above.

#### 112/19-20 **PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE**

*Application No. 2019/34700 3 Delenty Drive, Birchwood, WA3 6AN. Proposed residential development of 11 dwellings.*

There are currently no further updates to report regarding this application.

#### 113/19-20 **UPDATE RE: ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETINGS WITH WBC OFFICERS**

The Clerk stated that all items below remain ongoing; several have already been chased again.

- (a) **Ownership and responsibility for footpaths running from Birchwood Park Avenue onto the business park; to Chadwick House and Hinton House, etc.**

*Update:* The Clerk stated that it appears that some of the land either side of this footpath is the responsibility of the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency.

Councillor Atkin reported that he had been exchanging emails with London & Scotland Property and Investment Management (Ispim) representatives regarding this matter and has received the following information so far: *“I look after the Genesis Centre Birchwood Warrington and we employ the services of a landscaping contractor to attend to the trees ,shrubs etc at the Genesis Centre. The location shown in your link is on the footpath adjacent to the western boundary and is just outside the red lined title boundary shown on the plan below. The property to the west of the Genesis Centre is Stamford House belonging to Warrington BC and it is therefore possible that the area in question form part of the Stamford House title. Some of the original Genesis Centre land was carved out of the Genesis title plan which I think is the wooded area you are referring to but will check the title deed plan again and get back to you.”*

Councillor Atkin reported that some work has been undertaken recently on some of the shrubbery adjacent to the footpath.

- (b) **A list was provided by BTC to WBC in October 2018 re: areas of overhanging shrubbery which need to be cut back to prevent injury to our team when they are mowing. The shrubbery on the list is owned by WBC.**

*Update:* This remains ongoing.

(c) **Planters**

At the March meeting it was resolved that there are too many obstacles in the way to pursue barrier planters further.

*Update:* The Clerk's office will continue to liaise with WBC regarding the possibility of installing additional ground level planters.

(d) **Clayton Road – litter**

*Update:* WBC ordered two new litter bins for Clayton Road; we don't yet have confirmation as to whether or not they have been installed.

(e) **Electricity North West (ENW) Works**

*Update:* The temporary repairs have now been fully repaired. Councillor Atkin reported that the work appears to be of a good standard.

(f) **Damaged Wall – Gorse Covert Shop**

*Update:* We still do not have any information from WBC as to whether additional work could be done to this raised bed which would make it less liable to damage and ongoing repair costs.

(g) **Street Lighting**

*Update:* The Clerk had requested formal feedback from the evening walkabout that took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, covering quite a lot of ground in Oakwood.

The Clerk has still not received a reply.

(h) **Areas that require WBC's large flail**

*Update:* Following the receipt of ongoing complaints about various stretches of road that WBC need the large flail to cut back, we understand that parts of Glover Road, Lords Lane, Locking Stumps Lane and Birchwood Brook Footpath should be cut by the end of the week.

114/19-20 **YOUR HOUSING GROUP (YHG) - UPDATE**

The Chair said that there continue to be ongoing issues with flytipping, landscaping maintenance, etc. on YHG land. He suggested that discussion on these matters requires a separate meeting for them to be considered fully.

**Action** Clerk's office to arrange a meeting with Councillors Reeves, Bowden, Breslin and J. Ellis.

115/19-20 **CHATFIELD DRIVE AND ADMIRALS ROAD SPEED ENFORCEMENT**

The Clerk reminded Members that due to the layout of Chatfield Drive the Police cannot obtain a site code to undertake any speed enforcement operations. However, a site code for Admirals Road has been obtained and speed enforcement operations can now be carried out on certain sections of this road.

The Clerk added that it is expected that the work to install the double yellow lines along the full length of Chatfield Drive and to extend the 20mph speed limit past the high school will be completed by the end of August 2019.

116/19-20 **BMX/PUMP TRACK**

Councillor Reeves attended the official opening of the new BMX/pump track on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

117/19-20 **DUCK SIGNAGE**

At the July meeting, the Clerk reported that further enquiries had been made with WBC following an indication from them that the Borough could assist with some signage in connection with ducks on the highway at various locations throughout Birchwood.

A reply was received, with an apology, stating that the delay had been due to staff resourcing levels and the prioritisation of work.

Councillor Atkin reported that he had seen one triangular sign, red-bordered with a silhouette image of a duck in it, halfway up a lighting column on the approach to Oakwood Gate from the Dog-Bone roundabout.

Councillor D. Ellis said that we were initially informed that the signs would also be placed at both ends of Glover Road and on Garrett Field on the exit from the Birchwood Park Avenue roundabout.

**Action** To continue to liaise with WBC regarding the signage.

118/19-20 **DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE TO THOMAS RISLEY CHURCH**

At the June meeting, an enquiry was received by someone from Thomas Risley Church, about the current directional signage to the church and school.

Members believe that, as the school is also used as a polling station, and is owned by the Borough Council, the signage should be supplied by WBC and should make it clear that it is a local county primary school and not affiliated to another organisation. They resolved that this comment should be made on the polling station questionnaire, recently received.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk reported that she had sent the comments to WBC.

119/19-20 **UPDATES RE: SOME ISSUES RECENTLY REPORTED TO WBC**

We have chased the following:

- Sent – email re: overgrown shrubbery Woolmer Close. We are awaiting a reply. (Case ref: CRM 886966).
- Sent – email re: overgrown shrubbery Woodhouse Close, allegedly preventing a resident from replacing their fencing.

This will be cut back by WBC in the winter.

120/19-20 **JOHN KEENEY PLAY AREA**

The Clerk reported that various incidents of damage to the equipment and play surfaces at John Keeney Play Area have been reported to the Borough Council.

121/19-20 **YHG PLAY AREA ON GREENFINCH GROVE**

The Clerk reminded Members that, as reported at the June meeting, we had received a request for a meeting to resolve comments made by Councillors relating to the Play Area on the Greenfinch Grove development (part of Application No. 2019/34689 Land bounded by Admirals Rd, Linnet Grove & Curlew Grove).

In correspondence sent to YHG, with comments, we had requested a response in writing.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk reported that we have not received any reply regarding this matter, and the Planner has not heard anything further from the applicant either.

122/19-20 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Councillor D. Ellis reported that an initial working party meeting regarding climate change was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Drafts notes had been circulated round the table.

Councillor D. Ellis asked Members who were at the meeting, to let the Clerk know if they had any changes to make to the draft minutes.

The next working party meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Action** Councillor D. Ellis will put together an 'action plan', within a six-month timeframe, for the Council to consider and start working towards.

**NEW ITEMS RAISED UNDER THE CLERK'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

123/19-20 **WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

(a) Sent/received – various emails / online reports following contact from residents regarding flytipping, tree branches overhanging footpaths, trees leaning over footpaths, impassable footpaths, a raised manhole cover, and trees obliterating signage and blocking light from lighting columns.

(b) Sent/received – emails following a request for assistance in finding out who the landowner is of a section of unmaintained wooded area to the rear and side of some properties on Warrington Road, Risley.

A letter has been sent to the resident who initially asked for assistance, to update them with the current steps that have been taken to try to get answers/actions regarding their complaint.

(c) Sent - email asking if WBC could cut some trees that are severely overhanging the footpath on part of Birchwood Park Avenue. A reply from the Tree Foreman stated WBC cannot action any works as it does not own the trees. This has been sent back to WBC with a request for it to be dealt with by Highways, or for WBC to contact the landowner to ask them to maintain their trees as a matter of urgency.

A subsequent email was sent following complaints from other residents about the whole length of the path, from Smithills Close to Warrington Road – bordered by private land.

(d) Received – Poster re: drop-in sessions to preview the draft masterplan for the Warrington Central 6 Area.

- (e) Received/sent – emails re: drainage/gully work WBC had undertaken which was not to a resident’s satisfaction. They asked for contact details in order to ‘take further action’ and were pointed to WBC’s complaints procedure.
- (f) Received/sent – emails re: overgrown shrubbery and speeding on Locking Stumps Lane.
- (g) Received/sent – emails re: a request from a WBC department for BTC to undertake some environmental work ‘on the footpaths around Oakwood’.
- (h) Received/Sent – (ongoing) emails regarding trees/shrubbery/flytipping issues on WBC land.

124/19-20 **YOUR HOUSING GROUP**

- (a) To note that the Clerk met with Mr. Redford on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019, to discuss a number of ongoing issues.
- (b) Sent/received – various emails re: flytipping, overgrown shrubbery, trees and rats. The BTC office is receiving daily telephone calls asking when various YHG areas will be maintained – many callers are worried about sightlines being impeded. The Town Council does not have a specific schedule from YHG to offer updates to residents.
- (c) To note that the Clerk has emailed and spoken on a number of occasions to several YHG representatives re: ongoing complaints being received by BTC regarding landscaping complaints from YHG tenants.
- (d) Received Environmental Crime statistics for Birchwood. These do not appear to truly reflect the number of complaints we receive over the phone.
- (e) To note that the Clerk met with a representative of the YHG Tenant’s Association to discuss how best to coordinate various complaints and issues being raised by YHG tenants – including reports of environmental crime; as sometimes these are raised on a local social media site, but not reported to the relevant organisations to be recorded within the official statistics. A way forward was agreed.

125/19-20 **BIRCHWOOD FORUM**

Received – Newsletter from Transport for the North.

126/19-20 **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Received – Various update/information emails from Warrington Voluntary Action.
- (b) Received – Latest newsletter from the Information Commissioner’s Office.
- (c) Received/ sent – letters re: ownership of a wooded area of land to the rear of some properties on Warrington Road, Risley. We have also made enquiries with WBC to ask if they have any information.
- (d) Received – email from the Clerk to Stockton Heath Parish Council, Lara Jacob, asking for information re: trimmers. The Clerk sent a detailed, informative reply and we have received a report from Lara of the information gathered from various parishes.
- (e) Received – email from the Clerk to Stockton Heath Parish Council, Lara Jacob, asking for information re: speed indicator devices.
- (f) Received – leaflets regarding the Eat Community Café (displayed on our notice boards and published on our Facebook page).

- (g) Received – Warrington East Phases 2 and 3 project news updates.
- (h) Received/sent emails re: request to advertise a local business on a notice board (refused on the grounds of potentially setting a precedent – but pointed to other options).
- (i) Sent – email to the high school re: overgrown shrubbery intruding into the multi-use games area to the rear of the school that the Town Council litter picks daily (Mon – Fri).
- (j) Received – email thanking the Town Council for shrub cutting work.
- (k) Received – a request for a tree branch to be taken down in an area of Locking Stumps woodland. We are currently trying to confirm where the tree is, as the team could not locate it – in order to report it on to the relevant landowner.
- l) Received/sent – emails re: Climate Change Emergency Resolution – following the receipt of an email from the United States of America.

127/19-20 **CESHIRE POLICE**

- (a) Received – June 2019 Police Report
- (b) Received – copies of various Police Alerts.
- (c) Sent – email asking where the Town Council’s speed indicator sign is currently (as the Police have moved/are moving their base to the fire station) and enquiring if it has been deployed recently.
- (d) Sent – email to PCSO Jones asking if she can collect a wallet that had been found and take it to Arpley Police Station.
- (e) Received – Stakeholder Bulletin – June 2019

128/19-20 **CESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CHALC), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC), SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC)**

- (a) Received – ChALC weekly e-bulletins with various attachments.
- (b) Received - NALC Chief Executive Bulletins, Blogs and Newsletters.
- (c) Received – SLCC – various News bulletins and details of Branch meetings, conferences, etc.

129/19-20 **PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Various LGC magazines & e-mail Briefings  
 The Clerk – July 2019  
 Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2019

130/19-20 **MEMBERS’ REFERRALS MADE VIA THE CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillor Atkin – Proposed Risley Moss Observation Tower – disabled access.

Councillor Atkin asked Members to consider whether an objection should be put to the Planning Department regarding recently received: **Planning Application 2019/35380 Risley Moss Local Nature Reserve, Moss Gate, Birchwood, WA3 6QX. Full Planning – proposed construction of an observation tower, steel structure, primary function to provide views of this nature reserve.**

Councillor Atkin raised concerns that the proposals do not include provision of disability access, which the Town Council had initially thought would be part of any new design for the new observation tower. He had circulated information to Members relating to DDA, the Equality Act 2010 and Building Regulations.

Members discussed the application in detail.

Whilst Birchwood Town Council Members understand the desire of the community for a replacement to be delivered following the destruction of the original observation tower by means of an arson attack, there were some queries and serious concerns raised during the discussions, primarily because of a failure in the design for provision of disability access.

The Town Council is very mindful that the local community is extremely passionate about a replacement being delivered; and as soon as possible. A lot of fundraising has taken place and local residents and local organisations have made generous donations towards the new tower.

Councillors also appreciate that WREN awarded a £250,000 (time-limited) grant and that Warrington Borough Council is providing £275,000 towards funding the new tower.

The relevant key disability issues which concerned the Council are as follows:

Members were extremely disappointed with the absence of DDA compliant accessibility features, with no provision in the formal planning application of a fully accessible ramp.

It was noted that there are inconsistencies within the submitted documentation relating to the proposed new observation tower regarding accessibility.

In the Consent of Natural England document – under ‘Details of proposed operations:’ it states, *“This proposal aims to reinstate a new iconic symbol of the moss, but to also improve it by providing DDA compliant access.”* And, in item 2 it states, *“The new Observation structure will have a 60m long access ramp that will run parallel with the existing mossland hide pathway.”* There is also a diagram within the consent document showing the location of the proposed ramp.

However, in the actual planning application submitted by the Borough Council, the Design and Access Statement states that, *“The tower does not have full DDA access. To allow a compliant ramp to be installed we would need to take out around 150m<sup>2</sup> of the habitat in the area and significantly increase the amount of piling in the area. We do not believe this to be suitable development for the site.”*

As Natural England had previously consented to the building of the new observation tower, including the installation of the long (60m) access ramp, with ‘*compensation*’ for the loss of woodland to be by *‘the planting of new woodland habitat at the location of the former tower’*, a question was asked regarding whether Natural England have been made aware of the removal of the ramp from the plans and, if so, does their consent still stand?

Members asked for further clarification as to why the tower cannot be made fully accessible, especially as it is being ‘built from scratch’. There have been suggestions that there may be financial and time constraints, but this has not been explained within any of the documentation. There is some confusion as to whether it is a ‘technical’ issue (maybe illustrated within the very technically detailed Ground Investigation Report) or is it a time/finance related issue (or both)?

The Equality Act 2010 states that it is the duty for the provider to make ‘reasonable adjustments’ for people with disabilities. These comprise of three requirements; the details of which can be viewed at [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/20](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/20) (3), (4) and (5).

In addition, the Building Regulations 2010 Approved Document M Volume 2 states that, *“People, regardless of disability, age or gender, should be able to gain access to buildings and to gain access within buildings and use their facilities, both as visitors and as people who live or work in them.”*

Members wondered whether there is a *legal* obligation with the building of any new attraction or building to make it fully accessible, or not. As this is a new build, ideally there should be no need to make ‘reasonable adjustments’ – these could be included within the initial design.

If there is not a legal obligation and there are valid reasons, acceptable within the terms of the Equality Act 2010 and Building Regulations, Members wanted to know if these could be explained in more detail for clarity and understanding.

There is some mention in the Design and Access Statement of ways in which the installation may include some accessibility provisions; although part of the language is somewhat vague:

*“It is also **the intention** to incorporate 2 viewing slots, one at a height for wheelchairs users and one at an able body height, into the access gate to allow for uninterrupted views across the Mossland from Ground Floor.”*

*“Underneath the external platform and hide, **it is intended to** lay a golden grit gravel bed, to allow for a semi hardstanding suitable for wheelchairs.”*

*“To allow users with mobility issues to enjoy elevated views of the moss **we are looking to** install webcams or periscopes at two different points on the site.”*

It was accepted by Members that these may comply with the Equality Act 2010 duty for the provider to make ‘reasonable adjustments’ regarding the installation of the new tower.

Apart from the viewing slots and the laying of the grit gravel bed, there is nothing in the formal plans to show that the webcams or periscopes will definitely be installed; which, at present, would seem to be the only possible way that people with disabilities or conditions which prevent them from climbing steps could access the same views as people with no such physical disabilities.

Councillors requested that a condition of the planning application, if it is to be approved, be attached; for the webcams (and a power source for them) and periscopes to be included in the formal plans; not to be considered as an afterthought, or a ‘nice to have’ at some stage.

Members also wondered whether there is any option, at this stage, to add a lower, small viewing platform, with a much shorter or zig-zagging ramp to the plans.

Following further discussion, Members were asked to vote on whether they wish a formal objection to be made regarding this application, or whether they would like proposals to be taken forward (following clarification of the questions and consideration of the concerns raised by the Town Council as detailed above).

Two Members voted in favour of a formal objection being made regarding the planning application. Six Members voted against a formal objection but requested that a letter be sent asking for clarification of the various points raised and detailing the Town Council’s concerns.

As the majority voted against a formal objection it was **resolved** that the Borough Council Planning Department be contacted to ask for answers/explanations regarding the queries/comments raised above.

**Action** Clerk’s office to contact WBC regarding the above.

131/19-20 **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT AND OBSERVATION AND OTHER RELATED PLANNING ISSUES**

(a) **Warrington Borough Council**

A Development Management Committee meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019. There were no items specific to Birchwood on the main agenda for discussion at the meeting:

(b) **Enforcement Cases**

Lists of enforcement cases recently opened/closed have been received.

With regard to ENF/19/07475 Prospect Farm, Prospect Lane, Rixton-with-Glazebrook Alleged problem - Breach of Conditions – Noise, Councillor Bowden has advised that this is with regard to recent noise complaints from residents about the gun club; and that WBC is in the process of reviewing compliance with the planning conditions, specifically time and volume.

(c) **Planning Decisions**

- (i) Application No. 2019/34800 10 Keyes Close, Birchwood, WA3 6RU. Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension. **Approved with conditions**
- (ii) Application No. 2019/35022 91 McCarthy Close, Birchwood, WA3 6RS. Proposed single storey extension to rear and side. **Approved with conditions**
- (iii) Application No. 2019/34958 22 Carden Close, Birchwood, WA3 6LT. Proposed single storey front extension. **Approved with conditions**
- (iv) Application No. 2019/34557 Eastern Edge of Birchwood Park, Plots 107, 300, 501-502, 611-612, 701-702 and Quadrant, WA3 6AE. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5, 9, 11 and 17. **Part discharged/ part not discharged**
- (v) Application No. 2019/34396 12<sup>th</sup> Warrington East Scout Centre, Locking Stumps. Proposed removal of condition 3 (opening hours) on previously approved application 2006/08185. **Refused**
- (vi) Application No. 2019/34909 Wilson House, Kelburn Court, Birchwood, WA3 6UT. Advertisements – proposed illuminated company name sign fascia. **Approved with conditions**

(d) **Planning Applications**

All plans can be viewed via:

[http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport\\_planning\\_and\\_environment/Planning/Se arch\\_planning\\_applications/](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport_planning_and_environment/Planning/Se arch_planning_applications/)

Certain applications are not Planning Applications; therefore there is no statutory opportunity to allow 21 days for comments, e.g: Non material amendment applications, Lawful development certificates (S192) and 28 day prior approval/determination applications. These types of applications are received for information only.

- (i) Application No. 2019/35285 24 Hazelborough Close, Birchwood, WA3 6UL. Resubmission of refused application 2018/32986. Proposed two storey side extension above existing garage, single storey rear extension.

- (ii) Application No. 2019/35305 15 Mansfield Close, Birchwood, WA3 6QN. 42 day householder prior approval – single extension to rear to extend beyond the rear wall of the dwelling 4.0 metres, maximum height 3.675 metres and height at the eaves 2.625 metres.
- (iii) Application No. 2019/35075 3 Kelburn Court, Birchwood, WA3 6JA. Advertisements – proposed 2 non illuminated fascia signs.

*Members did not have any comments and/or objections to make to the above applications at the present time.*

- (iv) Received – Application Number: 2019/35322 Heathfield House, Delenty Drive, Birchwood, Warrington, WA3 6AP. Application to vary Condition 2 to replace plan 77/12/BP with 77/12/BP1 to amend approved car park to 14 spaces; Condition 3 to Increase the number of children to 56 children. There shall be no more than 56 children at the Nursery at any one time. Following Planning Appeal APP/M065/A/13/2209344 and Planning Refusal 2013/22163.

*See Minute 111/19-20 (c) above – the Town Council **resolved** to send a letter to the Planning Department, to object to this application.*

- (v) Received - Application reference: 2019/35380 Risley Moss Local Nature Reserve, Moss Gate, Birchwood, Warrington, WA3 6QX. Full Planning - Proposed construction of an Observation Tower, steel structure primary function to provide views of this nature reserve.

*See Minute 130/19-20 above – the Town Council **resolved** to send a letter to the Planning Department, to ask for answers/explanations regarding the queries/comments made during discussions relating to this application.*

## 132/19-20 **STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Councillor D. Ellis said that he had been able to gain access to the original Birchwood.org.uk website that was initially set up as a community resource to offer an interactive guide to all communal facilities, organisations, and voluntary services within Birchwood It was previously managed by The Birchwood Partnership.

Councillor Ellis stated that in order to revitalise the site and bring it back into use as a community resource would take a great deal of time and work, some specialist, that would require funding.

This is something that could potentially be possible if the Birchwood BID comes to fruition – but this remains delayed at the present time.

**This part of the meeting concluded at 7pm.**