

WITHAM LOCAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday 1st May 2008

Time: 7.15pm.

Venue: Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham (see location map on page 3)

Members of the public and representatives from local organisations are encouraged to come to the meeting, ask questions or raise matters of relevance to Witham and the surrounding area.

Local Chairman: Cllr T J W Foster

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Membership:

Councillor J E Abbott	Councillor P J Hughes
Councillor Miss L Barlow	Councillor M C M Lager
Councillor D L Bebb	Councillor S J Lambourne
Councillor J G J Elliott	Councillor A M Meyer
Councillor Dr R L Evans	Councillor R G S Mitchell
Councillor T J W Foster	Councillor Mrs J M Money
Councillor Mrs M E Galione	Councillor R Ramage
Councillor J E B Gyford	Councillor W Rose
Councillor Mrs S A Howell	

1. **Opening Items:**

1.1 **Apologies for Absence.**

1.2 **Declarations of Interest.**

To declare any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 5 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.

1.3 **Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2008.**

Copy previously circulated. Minutes are also available on the Council's web site.

1.4 **Question Time.**

Immediately after the Minutes of the previous meeting have been approved there will be a period of up to 30 minutes when members of the public can speak about Council business or other matters of local concern. People wishing to speak should contact the Locality Co-ordinator on (01376) 552525 or email david.triggs@braintree.gov.uk prior to the meeting. The Council's "Question Time" leaflet explains the procedure and copies of this may be obtained at the Council's offices at Braintree, Witham and Halstead.

2. **Local Decisions:**

2.1 **Rickstones Pavilion/Forest Road Community Hall**

- (a) **Rickstones Pavilion/Forest Road Community Hall.** To receive a verbal progress report from the Cabinet Member for Community and Housing.
- (b) **Petition from Little Elms Pre-School.** To receive a petition from the Pre-School expressing concerns about its relocation to Spring Lodge. A copy of the petition is attached at page 1. The original will be available at the meeting. Also attached for information is a copy of the petition sent to the local Member of Parliament - page 2.

2.2 **Blackwater Rail Trail.** To receive a report on the Proposed Improvements to Blackwater Rail Trail – page 3

2.3 **Homelessness Review and Strategy 2008 – 2013.** To consider the report attached at page 11.

2.4 **Parish Plans.** To consider the attached report from Jan Cole following the presentation given to the Committee at its meeting on 10th January 2008 – page 14.

2.5 **Maltings Lane Section 106 Agreement.** To receive details of the Section 106 Agreement prior to consideration by the Planning Committee on 13th May 2008 – report attached at page 21.

2.6 **Proposed Changes to Airspace Affecting the Braintree District.** To consider details of the consultation document issued by NATS Ltd – report attached at page 30.

2.7 **Traffic Management Act 2004 Part 6 – Civil Parking Enforcement.** To note the attached report – page 33.

2.8 **Community & Housing Investment Partnership Fund.** To receive a verbal report from Chris Fleetham, Corporate Director.

2.9 **Appointment of Representatives.** To consider appointments to the list of organisations attached at page 40.

3 **Local Committee Budgets.**

3.1 **Bids for grants from the Witham Local Committee.** To consider applications for grant from the following – report attached at page 41.

- (a) Kelvedon Parish Council for the **Springwatch Youth Festival, Kelvedon** – supported by Councillor Foster.
- (b) Feering Parish Council for **Outdoor Event Weather Protection, Feering** – supported by Councillor Mitchell;
- (c) Witham in Bloom Conservation Group for **Witham in Bloom** – supported by Councillor Mrs Money.

- 3.2 (a) Local Committee Budgets in 2007/08 and 2008/09. To receive a verbal report on the current budget position.
- (b) Application Forms and Guidance. To note details sent out to Councillors and to note the presentations offered to Councillors, town/parish councils and community groups.

4. **Witham Local Committee Action Plan and Priorities**

- 4.1 **Action Plan.** To note the updated Local Committee Action Plan – copy to follow.
- 4.2 **Anti-Social Behaviour Sub Group.** To receive a verbal update from the Sub Group.
- 4.3 **Roads and Traffic Action Group.** To receive a verbal update from the Action Group
- 4.4 **Witham Local Committee Priorities.** To consider the Committee's priorities last reviewed in September 2007.

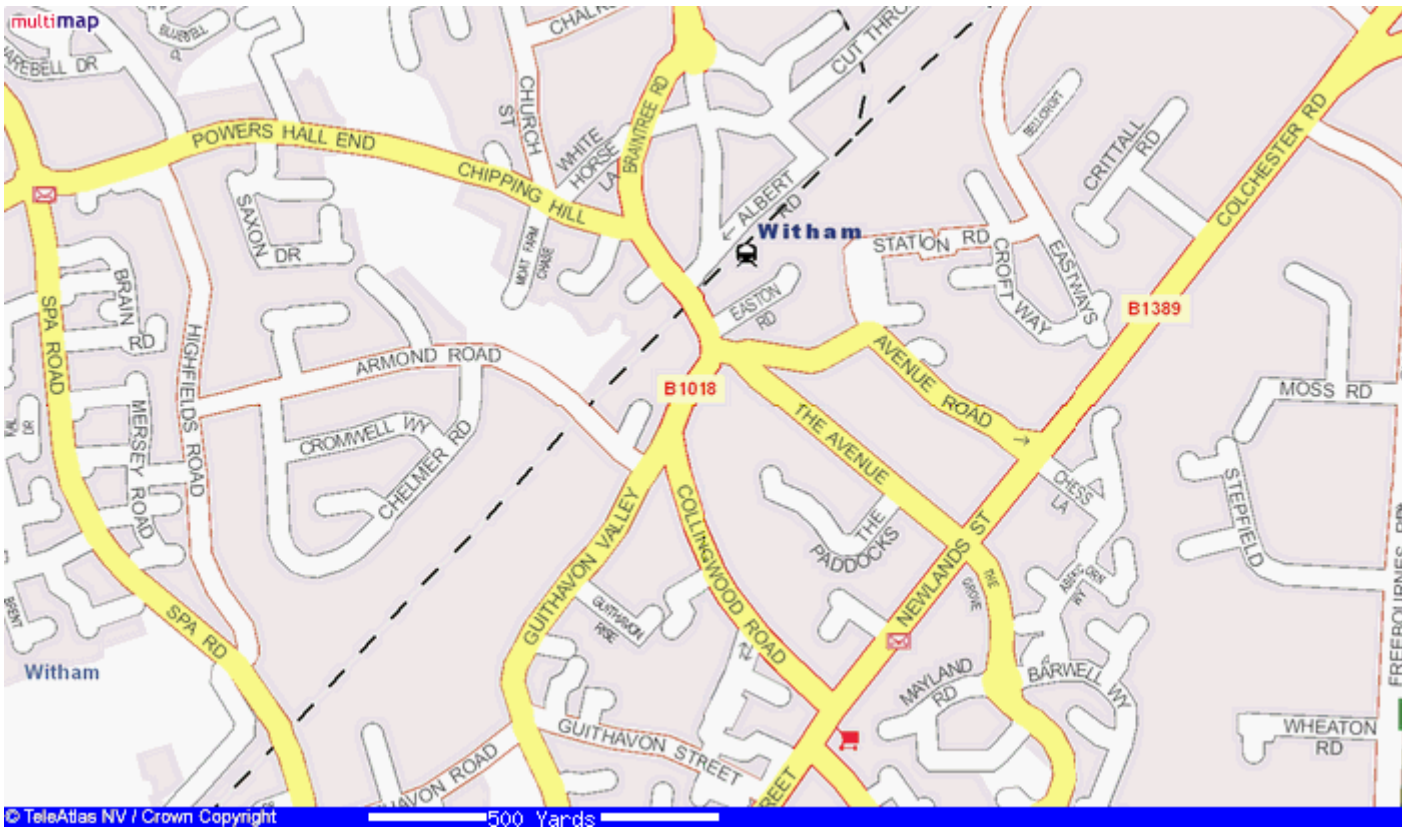
5 **Future Items:**

To note the forthcoming items for the Witham Local Committee: -

- 5.1 Review of Parking Charges. – July 2008 (Paul Partridge)
- 5.2 Bids for funding to include the skateboard park -
- 5.3 Housing Strategy - 23rd September 2008
- 5.4 LDF Consultation - 23rd September 2008

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Meeting Attended

Date of Meeting

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