

**MINUTES OF THE PART I EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**  
**OF BIRCHWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT PARKERS FARM, DELENTY DRIVE**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024 AT 6.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillor Ellis in the Chair  
Councillors Allman, Atkin, Evans, Price, Reeves, Sheridan and Simcock.  
Clerk – Mrs. F. McDonald  
RFO / Deputy Clerk – Mrs. C. Caddock

**Apologies:** Councillors Ball and Brereton

**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.

143/23-24 **PLANNING APPLICATION, HEATHFIELD HOUSE DAY NURSERY – TIME SENSITIVE**

The Chair welcomed Members to this Extraordinary Meeting, which had been called to discuss a recently received, time sensitive planning application, as the Council does not have a ‘normal’ meeting arranged in August 2024:

Application No: 2024/00897/VARC:

Application Type: Variation of Conditions

Location: Heathfield House Day Nursery, Heathfield House, Delenty Drive, Birchwood, Warrington, WA3 6AP

Proposal: Variation of Conditions 1(Alteration to building and amended parking layout), 2(Increase to 68 Children), 4(Revised parking) on previous 2019/35322 application on appeal.

Councillor Atkin gave Members a brief overview of Birchwood Town Council’s previous involvement in the planning processes, and the outcomes of previous applications and appeals regarding this nursery.

Members discussed both the current and previous applications relating to the Heathfield House Day Nursery, and they are, in principle, supportive of the additional supply of nursery places within the Birchwood area.

Councillors made some comments that they would like to be taken into consideration by planners whilst this application is being deliberated:

- They ask for there to be high quality, suitable and sufficient screening in place to ensure that vehicles parking to the front of the property cannot be seen from Delenty Drive, preserving the visual amenity of the area and that no vehicles will park directly in front of the nursery building.

- They would like confirmation that the additional parking spaces will definitely be created using an environmentally friendly option which allows for drainage and is sympathetic to the aesthetic of the building.
- If the nursery holds an open day or event, that will see many people visiting the nursery at the same time, that arrangements for parking are sufficiently 'managed' to ensure that local residents are not inconvenienced and that vehicles are not parked in an unsafe manner.

Members **unanimously resolved** for the above comments to be sent to WBC Development Control regarding this application.

**Action:** Clerk's office to send the above comments to WBC Development Control prior to the comments deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked Members for attending.

**The meeting concluded at 6.30pm.**