

## Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

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## Planning and Property Committee Meeting

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7:30 p.m.**

**Witnesham Village Hall**

### Minutes

**Present: Jerry Hindle (Chair), Paul Sharples, David Roots, Tim Burrows, Andy Dungey**

58. **Chair's welcome and to accept Councillors' apologies for absence**  
– Chair opened meeting, apologies received from Kim Shaw, Chris Collings absent without consent.

59. **To receive Councillors' declarations of interest** – none received.

60. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 as a true record.** Minutes agreed, Chair to sign.

61. **To note East Suffolk Council (ESC) planning decisions received since 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.**

DC/25/3988/FUL - 15 Coopers Close – permitted, district decision  
22/01/2026

DC/25/4950/FUL – Low Farm, Kirby Lane – permitted district decision  
16/02/2026

62. **Planning Applications for consideration:**

a, **DC/26/0726/FUL**

**Proposal:** Construction of two storey extension

**Site address:** Elm Cottage, Mow Hill, Witnesham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9HG

**Consultation letter expiry date:** 15 April 2026

After consideration, **no objection** – however the committee recognises and is concerned that this is another large extension to this property, reducing the diversity of house sizes in the village to the detriment of balanced community.

The committee is also concerned about the proximity of the extension to the retaining wall beside the foot way and B1077.

63. **ESC Call for Sites** –

ESC has published a map showing the submissions received during the Call for Sites. These sites have no planning status at present; at this stage the map is for information purposes only.

The following sites in Swilland and Witnesham were noted which have been put to ESC for consideration for allocation in the proposed new Local Plan:

Site 56; Agricultural site next to Swilland Mill; Submitted for Housing  
Site 320; Land behind telephone exchange opposite Burwash; Submitted for Housing

Site 48; Land at the rear of previous Saw Mill; Submitted for Housing  
Site 49; Wittens Way extension; Submitted for Housing and Green Infrastructure

Site 71; Land north of Three Corners, opposite the golf club; Submitted for Housing and Green Infrastructure

64. **Land for possible additional parking Swilland** – following visit to site by Chair, he reported that its overgrown with bushes, brambles and will require substantial clearance and not suitable for parking on a regular basis. It could be used for 28 days in a year without planning permission. Clerk to reply with thanks for offer of use, present condition of site would only allow us 28 days use.

65. **Witten's Way, Compliance of Conditions** – Parish Council is continuing to pursue ESC regarding enforcement for the matters outstanding at this development.

66. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council Planning Committee.**

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision-making.**

Reminder of ESPA meeting Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April, several interesting items on agenda regarding call for sites and what will local government changes mean for the parish planning matters – Chair will attend.

**Meeting closed 20.55**