

Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

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Planning and Property Committee Meeting

Thursday 18th June 2026 7:30 p.m.

Witnesham Village Hall

Minutes

Cllrs present: Jerry Hindle, Paul Sharples, Tim Burrows, Kim Shaw, David Roots, Chris Collings, Andy Dungey

Members of Public present: none

67. Chair's welcome and to accept Councillors' apologies for absence.

Chair opened meeting, all committee members present.

68. To receive Councillors' declarations of interest. – none received.

69. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 13th April 2026 as a true record.

All agreed with minutes which had been circulated prior to the meeting, chair to sign.

70. To note East Suffolk Council (ESC) planning decisions received since 13th April 2026.

DC/26/0726/FUL - Elm Cottage, Mow Hill, Witnesham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9HG
– **Application permitted** 2nd June 2026

DC/22/0998/FUL - Discharge of Condition No.32 - Residential development of 32 dwellings, together with areas of new public open space and the provision of a new access to the site from the B1077 - SuDS Verification Report to address drainage related condition. (Wittens Way) - **Application Refused**

71. Planning Applications for consideration:

a) **SCC/0093/25SC** – Re Consultation of Regulation 25 Application
Land East of Westerfield/Witnesham Road (B1077) Westerfield, IP6 9AJ
Consultation end date - 22nd June 2026

Jerry Hindle circulated draft response prior to meeting, following discussion all Cllrs agreed with a reply **Objecting to the Application**– included as Annex A to these minutes – Clerk to submit response to SCC Planning Dept.

SCC have a planning committee on 1st September 2026; this application is likely to be considered then.

b) **DC/26/1733/FUL** - 15 Coopers Close Winesham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9ES

Proposal - Conversion of existing detached garage to ancillary home office/workshop accommodation including replacement glazed doors and installation of a pyramid rooflight, together with replacement 1.8m (6ft) high featheredge timber fencing and gates set back from the highway along the side driveway boundary.

Consultation end date – 23rd June 2026

Following consideration, **no objection**

c) **DC/26/1925/CLE** - Three Corners Rose Hill Winesham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9HZ

Proposal - Certificate of Lawful use (Existing) - Material change of use of land for use as a residential garden associated with the dwellinghouse known as Three Corners

Consultation end date – 24th June 2026

Following consideration, change of use from agricultural land to garden - **no objection**

d) **DC/26/1935/FUL** - 42-48 Weyland Road Winesham Ipswich Suffolk

Proposal - Replacement store

Consultation end date – 29th June 2026

Following consideration – **no objection**

72. Witten's Way, Compliance

Matter of Compliance with approved plans - most issues raised over 18 months have been rectified. 2 items remain to be addressed:

- A) The status of the post and rail fence along the southeast side of the Public Open Space; although in the original plans, the fence was removed at the request of ESC and was not provided in the approved plans.
Now that the hoggin path south of Plot 5 has been installed, the fence presents an obstruction for pedestrians to link to Public Right Of Way Foot Path 26, as was agreed in the plans 4 yrs ago. A gap should be provided in the fence to allow access to the right of way, or the whole fence removed in accordance with the approved plans
- B) Confirmation that the attenuation basin forms part of an area of Public Open Space as given in the approved plans and will in future be managed as such including the removal of notices prohibiting public access. "Be Aware Water Attenuation Basin. KEEP OUT"

Clerk to chase ESC to address these matters.

73. Playing Field Lease and Freehold – review and agree documents from SCC.

Details circulated prior to meeting, plans show area of playing field which will be leased from SCC for 25ys, along with agreed accessways across leasehold land to the area which will be transferred to the Parish Council as Freehold. The freehold land includes part of playing field, current play area and car park.

Following consideration of all the information - All Cllrs agreed to proceed. To be included on agenda for PC meeting in July – with recommendations from this committee to proceed.

Quote received from Birketts - Clerk is sourcing two further quotes for solicitors and will put before PC meeting in July.

74. 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.**

Thank you to David Roots for clearing the playing field corner of undergrowth.

Thanks, were also given to David for repainting the village sign and re-erecting in the Lower Recreation Ground and Car Park.

Thanks to Tim Burrows, repairs to the Play area equipment and fence are in hand.

Noted that hedges at end of Church Lane are obscuring line of sight - – Clerk to write to home owners to request hedges cut back.

Meeting closed at: 20:30