

Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

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Minutes

Planning Committee Meeting Tuesday 4th February 2025 7:30 p.m. in the School Room, Witnesham Baptist Church

Councillors present: Jerry Hindle (Chair), Tim Burrows, Chris Collings

- Chair's welcome and to accept Councillors' apologies for absence.**
Chair opened meeting, apologies from Cllrs Andy Dungey, Kim Shaw and David Roots.
- To receive Councillors' declarations of interest** – none.
- To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 18th December 2024 as a true record** – minutes confirmed by all and signed by chair.
- To note ESC decisions received since 23rd September 2024** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated details of the ESC decisions to Planning Committee (portal checked 29/01/2025) – no further comments to these.

Application number	Address	ESC decision	Date of decision
DC/24/3909/VOC	Fynn Valley Golf Club Rose Hill Witnesham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9JA	Application permitted	27/01/2025
DC/24/3560/FUL	Burnside, Hall Lane, Witnesham IP6 9HN	Application permitted	19/12/2024
DC/24/0267/FUL	Hillbrow	Application permitted	23/12/2024
DC/24/0266/FUL	Hillbrow	Application permitted	23/12/2024
DC/24/2880/FUL	Toad Hall Newton Hall Lane Swilland	Application permitted	23/10/2024
DC/24/2881/LBC	Toad Hall Newton Hall Lane Swilland	Application permitted	23/10/2024
DC/24/2596/FUL	Fynn Valley Golf Club Rose Hill Witnesham	Refused	23/09/2024

5. Planning Applications for consideration:

a) DC/24/4482/OUT

Site Address - Wells Farm, Ipswich Road, Witnesham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9HT

Proposal - Proposed machinery/parts store, seasonal crop store and workshop (to replace agricultural machinery/parts store, seasonal crop store and workshop recently destroyed/damaged by fire). Remains of existing building to be demolished.

Expiry date – 6 February 2025

Following discussion and consideration of the application there were **no objections** to the application – Clerk to update ESC Planning Portal.

b) DC/25/0090/VOC

Site Address - Low Farm, Kirby Lane, Swilland, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9FD

Proposal - Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2592/FUL (Single and two storey extensions to front and rear, together with conversion of existing garage and construction of new accommodation over. Application of render to the existing dwelling) - Design of the proposal.

Expiry date - 10 February 2025

Following discussion of the Variation of Condition - there were **no objections** to the application - clerk to update ESC Planning Portal.

Considerations were - no major changes to the original application, the variation would not have an impact on neighbours, the variation is for a minor change to the rear of the property.

- c) *Additional item for consideration regarding a previous Planning Application by Fynn Valley Golf Club - It was noted by Chair on the ESC Planning Portal that a discharge of condition re Fynn Valley application was submitted 28th January 2025 - to date no email from ESC received by Clerk - Following discussion by Cllrs, if we are notified, no objection to the discharge.*

6. Westerfield Quarry Proposal Update -

Chair advised that local representatives, ESC and SCC Cllrs, have been invited to a meeting 10th February 2025 by TRU Group at Westerfield Hall.

PC requested invite to meeting - this was declined by TRU group.

Suggest PC write to Charlotte Brinkley SCC planning case officer - to inform her that the PC is disappointed that it has not been included on the invite to local representatives meeting on 10th February. It is felt that they should have been invited as representatives of the local community.

TRU Group are holding a Public Exhibition on 21st February 2025 at Westerfield Village Hall, Chair encourages all Cllrs to attend and to enquire about the route of the lorries and transport plan.

PC Links to STQ at Westerfield, Richard Nicol is on the funding committee and will be contact whilst Chair is away.

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.**

- I. Whilst Chair is away on leave, Tim will act as Chair of Planning Committee - consult with him for any applications received.
- II. On 3rd February 2025 Chair attended ESC Planning Forum, consulted Ben Woolnough re Street Farm, an appeal has been made to the Inspectorate, who has decided it will be dealt with by written response, timescale unknown. Clerk to note this to all PC Cllrs regarding the appeal by written representation.
PC Planning Committee will have the opportunity for a written response.
- III. Playing field - response to lease and freehold, PC decision to go ahead, copy to all Cllrs.
- IV. Clerk to follow up with School regarding the location of the bins in car park, public footpath over growth by school fence, reply about uneven path.

Meeting closed at 20.45