

## **Swilland and Witnesham Grouped Parish Council**

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Planning Committee Meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm

The School Room, Witnesham Baptist Church

1. **Present:** Mr Hindle (Chair), Mr Burrows, Dr Nicol, Mrs Shaw and Mr Roots  
**Apologies for absence:** Mr Collings and Mr Barlow
2. **Councillors' declarations of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **ESC decisions received since the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023:**
  - a) DC/23/1721/FUL Fynnbridge The Street Witnesham PC "No Objections" **ESC decision: Permitted.**
  - b) DC/23/0457/FUL Poplar Farm Poplar Farm Lane Swilland. PC "No Objections". **ESC decision: Application withdrawn**
  - c) DC/22/0998/FUL Land East of B1077 Mow Hill Witnesham. PC "Objected". **ESC decision: Permitted.**
5. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
  - a) DC/23/2866/FUL **Greenacres Ashbocking Road B1078 Witnesham**  
Permanent siting of a 40ft former shipping container with adjacent lean-to metal roofing. The container is required to provide secure storage of tools and equipment associated with the growing of fruit and vegetables on site. The lean-to roofing is to harvest rainwater for irrigation as there is no mains supply to the site. The plans and elevations were shared. Concerns were raised over the lack of detail and the proposed location which was on the East side of the site close to the B1077. **The PC objects to the permanent siting of a former shipping container in the proposed location which is in an open field and would be clearly visible from the B1077 road. Siting the building in the proposed location would extend the proliferation of unsightly storage materials and disused machinery that blight this site. The PC considers that the container building should be located in close proximity to the existing farm barn and caravan on the west side of the small holding. The container should be timber clad to lessen the visual impact of this permanent building. It is observed that the plans show no structures to store the collected rainwater nor the provision and location of the compost toilet as proposed in the application. The PC also feels that attempts should be made to improve the overall visual amenity of the site.**

**6. To consider potential street naming for the Mow Hill development.**

ESC had contacted the PC requesting road name suggestions for the Mow Hill development. It was noted that there were two roads to be named on the plan and it was agreed to question this with ESC as one road had only three properties and a single road name would seem to be adequate. Various ideas for names were discussed and the preferred names to be considered were as follows: Road 1 "Wittens Way". Road 2 (if necessary) "Avarice Close".

**7. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee.**


Dr Nicol informed the meeting that a resident in Hall Lane had visited him in regard to the highway boundary with their property following a visit by SCC Highways. The resident had shown the title deeds with the property extending to the road. SCC stated that it owned the subsoil up to a metre from the edge of the highway but inferred that no further action was required.

Mr Burrows noted that the Woodyard site on Mow Hill had been cleared. **Mrs Shaw would check who the new owner of the site was and report back.**

It was confirmed that the date for the PFMC meeting at the School had been agreed for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. **Clerk would send an invitation to the Pre-School for this.**

Mr Hindle asked if there had been any contact from the ESPA recently and Clerk reported that none had been received and would check by contacting the ESPA. Street Farm determination was now estimated for September. It was noted that no reply had been received from ESC regarding the PC request for a copy of their viability report on affordable housing. **Clerk would progress and check with Dan Clery.**

Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

  
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