

## Swilland and Witnesham Grouped Parish Council

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### MINUTES

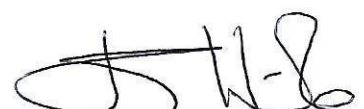
#### Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm

The School Room, Witnesham Baptist Church

1. **Present:** Mr Hindle (Chair), Mr Burrows, Dr Nicol, Mrs Shaw, Mr Barlow, Mr Collings and Mr Roots  
**Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Councillors' declarations of interest:** Dr Nicol lives in Hall Lane (item 7).  
Mr Collings lives in Hall Lane (item 7).
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **ESC decisions received since the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023:**
  - a) DC/23/1156/FUL Warrens Barn, Jacks Field, The Street, Witnesham.  
PC "No Objections" **ESC decision: Permitted.**
  - b) DC/23/0566/FUL **The Red Barn Jacks Field Witnesham.** PC did not comment. **ESC decision: Permitted**
5. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
  - a) DC/23/1721/FUL **Fynnbridge The Street Witnesham** Single storey part side/part rear extension and alterations. The plans were shared and discussed. It was observed that the site was in a Flood Zone and this had possible implications for displacement of flood water. **The PC agreed a "No Objection" response, with concern over the possible impact on the neighbouring property, due to the close proximity and juxtaposition of an extensive large extension.**
  - b) DC/23/2313/OUT **Browngates Ashbocking Road Swilland** Outline Application (with some Matters Reserved) - Construction of 3 Bungalows and Garages on land to the south and west of Browngates. Chair explained the location and the recent planning application and planning enforcement history close to the site. It was added that this application seemed to fit the ESC Housing Clusters Policy. It was observed that a previous planning application neighbouring the site, also had a proposed separate access onto the B1078. **The PC agreed "No Objection" The application seems to meet the criteria of ESC Planning Policy SCLP 5.4 Housing Clusters and improve the amenity of the area. The PC wished to encourage the thought that consideration of a joint application including the adjacent property with one common access onto the B1078 would be preferable.**

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- 6. Update on planning matters with ESC and briefing ESC Cllrs and decide any appropriate actions.** There had been an online meeting between members of the Planning Committee and ESC planning officers to discuss issues the PC had with ESC Planning. Chair reported that it was felt that none of the issues raised by the PC were addressed at the meeting and the outcome was disappointing, leaving the PC still dissatisfied with the attitude and service provided. The view was expressed that the ESPA seemed to have "gone quiet" and the recently issued joint statement between SALC and planners was not seen as good. Dr Nicol had drafted a letter to newly elected ESC Councillor Dan Clery, outlining all the concerns the PC had with ESC planners and shared this prior to the meeting. **The draft letter was approved by the meeting.**
- 7. The development of roadside structures alongside Hall Lane and possible encroachment.**  
SCC Highways case response regarding the highway boundary in Hall Lane had been received and shared prior to the meeting. **It was agreed that Clerk should contact SCC Highways acknowledging the boundary information and asking them to check for any incursion.**
- 8. To consider concerns raised about possible planning infringement in the field opposite the garage at Ashbocking Crossroads.** Contact had been received from the Ashbocking Parish Clerk regarding Ashbocking residents' concerns about possible planning breaches on the Greenacres site, Ashbocking Road in Witnesham. A marquee had been observed and possible residential occupancy was one concern raised. It was reported that the Marquee was used to shelter school children on visits. **The PC agreed that they don't see a current issue and will monitor the site going forward.**
- 9. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee.**  
Mr Barlow reported that he had written to Denbury Homes regarding the recent flooding near the Mow Hill development site and had received an acknowledgement but nothing since. **Clerk would check emails received for any responses sent to the PC email address.**

Meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

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