

Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

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Minutes

Planning and Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 7:30 p.m.

in the School Room, Witnesham Baptist Church

Councillors present: Tim Burrows (Chair), David Roots, Chris Collings, Andy Dungey

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

Apologies received from Jerry Hindle, Paul Sharples and Kim Shaw

35. To receive Councillors' declarations of interest:

Tim Burrows is a neighbour living opposite to The Forge, see agenda item 38a.

36. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 9th June 2025 as a true record:

minutes confirmed by all present, signed by Chair.

37. To note ESC decisions received since 28th April 2025:

- DC/25/0664/FUL - Sunnybrow 5 Acre Close Witnesham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9EU – Application permitted, decision date 20/06/2025

38. Planning Applications for consideration:

a) DC/25/2289/FUL

Site Address - The Forge, Jacks Field, Witnesham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9FA

Proposal - Single storey side extension

Expiry date - 10 July 2025

After consideration and review of plans, all Cllrs agreed 'no objection'.

39. Wittens Meadow

Jerry Hindle circulated the following comments prior to the meeting for Cllrs consideration:

This development is nearing completion but there are several areas where the development does not seem to conform to the agreed plans. One of these is the fencing off of the Public Open Space which I have taken up with Denbury (Nick Holmes) but he refuses to do anything and suggests this should be referred to ESC.

I suggest the Committee agrees to formally ask ESC to look into and check the near completed development for conformity to the approved plans including;

- i) the unapproved installation of the low fencing that prevents access to the Public Open Space at the south end of the site
- ii) No provision of the hoggin surfaced path from the access road to the site boundary, south of Plot 5. This is currently blocked by the perimeter fence.
- iii) No provision of the improved footpath access to the Public Open Space and link to Public Footpath No 26 near the entrance to the site. And no provision of the improved ramped access to FP26 and removal of stile.
- iv) Inadequate density of planting along the eastern boundary where a widened belt of planting was required by ESC. Current planting is hedging and a few standard trees as per original plans.

After consideration, all Cllrs in agreement with the above comments, Clerk to draft an email to ESC, to be sent following approval by Chair.

40. Question to SCC Full council in connection with Quarry Proposal:

Jerry Hindle will be submitting a question to the SCC Full Council on 10 July re the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Plan in connection with the quarry proposal.

41. Update on current PC Property matters:

- **War Memorial** – Clerk visited stone mason's showroom, he confirmed work should be completed week of 11th August 2025.
- **Village Hall Car Park** – no change, waiting for registration of the land.
- **Lower Recreation Ground** – no date for scheduled works to begin as yet.
- **Playing Field** – Clerk has chased SCC for current position and quote for legal fees, SCC reply states that the instruction has been sent to their legal team, however due to resource issues the case has not yet been assigned. As soon as a solicitor is assigned, they will send an estimate of legal costs.
- **Play equipment repairs** – REJB cannot complete repairs until September – clerk to try other companies.
- **Wasps sign** – all agreed sign is ok other than confirmation of where sign to be sited – Clerk to confirm this and report at PC meeting 16th July.

42. 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.**

16th July – Town and Parish Forum at East Suffolk House – Jerry Hindle will be attending, no other Cllrs available to attend, Clerk will see if any spaces left.

Meeting closed 7.55pm