

## WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the additional Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

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**Present:** M Housden (Chairman), J Bibby, L Elbourne, J Lucas

*In attendance* Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)

### No members of public present during meeting

17/138 **Apologies for Absence** were accepted from K Mackender (holiday), J Herbert (previous family commitment) Action

17/139 **Declaration of Interest:**  
 The following declarations of interests were made:  
 Pecuniary interests - none  
 Personal interests – J Bibby (neighbouring consultee) Item 17/142: 17/01361/FUL  
 Prejudicial interests - none

17/140 **Dispensations:**  
 To note Dispensations: Nil

17/141 **Public Participation:** None

### 17/142 PLANNING

The order of consideration of the planning applications was amended and taken as follows.  
 Proposed by L Elbourne, seconded by Chair and agreed.

17/01404/OUT land south west 1 Market Way, bungalow, garaging, parking turning and associated site works

**Resolved** that the Council objects to this application and requests outright refusal of permission due to concerns:

1. The Council upholds previous statements and the wishes of Witcham community expressed during consultation procedures for the Local Plan, namely Witcham Parish Council does not support any development outside of the development envelope.
2. Access to Market Way is down a narrow country lane (Headleys Lane). Market Way itself is a public right of way which is, of course, not metalled highway and thus unsuitable for serving any additional traffic. The public right of way is enjoyed by walkers and horseriders.
3. Environmental Impact: Apart from the existing two dwellings (built in recent years to replace two old dwellings) this is on the fringe of the village and a natural wildlife habitat for a wide and varied range of creatures. Further housing development would be out of character with the surrounding green area and compromise the bio-diversity of this corner of our beautiful rural village.
4. Further, the Council is deeply concerned that this application could start a pattern of planning applications which would change the whole character in this quarter of our quiet picturesque rural village.

Proposed L Elbourne, seconded J Lucas

*Clerk*

17/142 **PLANNING**

17/01326/OUT land adj 2 Market Way, outline application for 2-storey dwelling, single carport, parking, access, turning and associated works

**Resolved** that the Council objects to this application and requests outright refusal of permission due to concerns:

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Proposed J Bibby, seconded Chairman

*Clerk*

J Bibby had declared an interest as a consultee and did not participate in the following item:

17/01361/FUL High Point Hive Road 4-bed 2-storey detached dwelling

**Resolved** that Witcham Parish Council had some concerns regarding access, ie the proposed access is too near to the bend/junction with Mepal Rd/Martins Lane. Otherwise it had no objection, subject to the design remaining as shown on the proposed plan, ie no windows overlooking neighbour's property. Proposed Chairman, seconded J Lucas

*Clerk*

17/01378/FUL Hillcrest 2-storey side extension and single storey rear extension as previously approved under 10/0043/FUL

**Resolved** that Witcham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application. Proposed J Lucas, seconded Chairman

*Clerk*

17/143 **FINANCE**

The following receipts and payments had been checked by L Elbourne.

Proposed L Elbourne, seconded Chairman and unanimously resolved to approve the following receipts and payments

		£	£	£
Receipts	HMRC VAT refund		330.80	330.80
	Chatteris Funerals – Co-operative	116.00		116.00
Payments	001655 Truelink July	366.00	73.20	439.20
	001656 Clerks Aug salary	224.26		224.26
	001657 CCC LGSS Aug	115.44		115.44
	d/d 1&1 website	32.97	6.59	39.56
	Confirmation of payment made after last meeting:			
	001654 Well Heeled - BKG shields s.142	94.62		94.62

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed ..... Dated .....