

## WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 December 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

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**Present:** M Housden (Chairman), K Mackender (Vice-Chairman), J Bibby, L Holdaway, J Lucas

*In attendance* Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)

4 members of public present

19/234 **Apologies for absence** received from County and District Councillor L Dupré

19/235 **To receive any declarations of interest**

Councillors to declare any pecuniary interests in any items on the agenda - none  
Councillors to declare any personal interests in any items on the agenda: 19/238 M Housden, consultee

Councillors to declare any prejudicial interests in any items on the agenda and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation - none

19/236 **Dispensations:**

To note any new Dispensations granted: Nil

19/237 **Public Participation**

Chair welcomed the 4 members of the public and asked if they wished to speak on any item on the agenda. None wished to speak.

19/238 **Planning applications**

M Housden had declared an interest as a consultee and left the room for the following application. K Mackender, Vice Chairman, took the Chair.

**19/01592/FUL Slade Farm** – change of use from grass paddocks to field for caravan and camping

7.43pm The plans were examined by the Councillors and the meeting opened to the public to allow them to ask questions of the applicant, one of the members of the public present. Noted the application was increasing the number of permitted caravans from 5 to a maximum of 20. Vice-Chair closed the meeting to the public to make decision.

**Resolved** that the Council had no concerns. Proposed K Mackender, seconded J Lucas

*Clerk*

7.48pm M Housden returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

**19/01086/FUL Oneway Headleys Lane Witcham** 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension over garage

Plans examined by Councillors.

**Resolved** that the Council had no concerns. Proposed K Mackender, seconded J Lucas

*Clerk*

**19/01587/VAR rear 9 High Street** – vary condition 1 (approved plans) of previously approved 18/00326/RMA for Reserved matters for low energy sustainable home, located within the northern boundary of No9 High Street

Plans examined by Councillors. Clerk advised she had made enquiries with the planning authority to establish why the building had been slightly moved towards the East and why there had been elevational changes to some windows, doors and the porch. She had been advised that the planning authority was in touch with the applicant's agent seeking further clarification and would advise during the current week.

**Planning applications** (cont)

Chair opened the meeting to ask if there were any comments from the public and the meeting resumed.

**Resolved** that the Council had no concerns although curious as to why the building and some of the windows, doors and porch had been moved. Proposed M Housden, seconded J Bibby

Clerk

7.51pm One member of the public left

The following ECDC decisions were noted:

**19/00125/VAR Kings of Witcham, The Slade** To vary condition 1 (approved plans) of decision notice dated 7 June 2018 for demolition of existing motor vehicle garage and construction of 6No four bed dwellings, 2No three bed dwellings, garaging, access road and associated works. Approved subject to 21 conditions

19/239 **Cemetery**

K Mackender on behalf of the working party reported that the agent had been advised to re-draw the plans for a smaller residential development on the land at 15 Martins Lane, adj the cemetery. They had suggested a further meeting with the agent to try to secure land to extend the existing cemetery. There had been no further opportunity to start exploratory work on the site, eg survey works.

**Resolved** that the Council accept the working party's verbal report and the Clerk contact the agent to request he attend the January meeting when the new plan for development of additional six homes on the site would be considered. Proposed K Mackender, seconded M Housden.

Clerk

8.07pm, the three remaining members of the public left the meeting.

19/240 **Finance**

Receipts and payments for December, previously circulated, had been checked by J Bibby and confirmed as correct.

**Resolved** to approve the receipts and payments as listed at the end of these Minutes. Proposed J Bibby, seconded MH

Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

**December Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

|          |   | £      | £      | £      |
|----------|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Receipt  | Nil                                     |        |        |        |
| Payments |   |        |        |        |
|          | 001818 Glasdon Dog bins etc (confirmed) | 523.76 | 104.76 | 628.52 |
|          | 001819 Truelink Nov                     | 61.20  | 12.24  | 73.44  |
|          | 001820/1 Admin costs                    | 363.95 |        | 363.95 |
|          | 001822 HMRC                             | 175.00 |        | 175.00 |
|          | d/d 1&1                                 | 32.97  | 6.59   | 39.56  |

Signed .....

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