

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 February 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D J Saberton (Vice Chairman), (In the Chair)
A Berry, J Bibby, C Watson

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)

Public question time opened at 7.00 pm – 12 members of the public present
Full Council business was delayed and commenced at 7.50pm
No members of public present during meeting

Action

10/036 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr A Bamforth and Mr K Mackender

10/037 **Declaration of Interest:** Mr Watson declared a personal interest as a neighbour and opted to leave the meeting.

10/038 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

10/00067/FUL two 3-bed houses land adjacent 19 Westway Place

Clerk presented plans and comments made at the public session were reviewed. Mr Bamforth and Mr Mackender had previously examined the plans and held concerns, especially regarding carparking problems. Clerk advised that developer had offered to prepare and submit plans for extension of existing carpark into the grassed area free of charge if this would help the situation.

The Council objected to the proposals and requested that the application be submitted to full Planning Committee with a site visit. Issues of concern were:

1. Proposed houses not in-keeping with existing dwellings and over-development of site, only room for one.
2. Overlooks existing houses all round
3. Very strong concerns re: parking – currently congested and this proposal exacerbates, ie: –
 - a) more parking by visitors and if more than 2 car family, as is likely for larger houses;
 - b) loss of existing space used for current parking around sides of site when new entrances made. Currently already overspill into The Orchards.
3. Will be access problems for emergency services, medical attendants, deliveries. Already sometimes problem for refuse and recycling collection vehicles, operatives will not pick up if problems manoeuvring. Affects Westway Place and The Orchards.
4. Sewer/drainage capacity – existing demands high and residents experience problems from time to time.

Proposed Mrs J Bibby, seconded Mr D Saberton and agreed unanimously.

Clerk

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.05pm

Signed Dated