

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 March 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D A Bamforth (Chairman), P Chambers (Vice-Chairman) D J Saberton, C Watson

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

Full Council business commenced at 7.30 pm

Action

510. **Apologies for Absence** were received from. D K Saberton

511. **Declaration of Interest:** There were none

512. **RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL FACILITIES**

Chairman gave an up-date and presented figures from the valuers in respect of land at rear of 2 and 2a Martins Lane and strip of land beside village hall roadway. The builder had now decided against making connection to sewerage system serving Village Hall but would like easement for electricity connection and had agreed to pay the Council's legal costs. He had also said he would like to erect a boarded fence around the property. Discussion ensued.

The Council wished to accept the opportunity of being able to acquire land at rear of 2 and 2a Martins Lane for the purpose of facilitating development and car parking at the Village Hall, and release 10 feet wide strip of land beside village hall roadway. The house, 2a, is already built and almost ready to be marketed. This to be subject to inclusion of a covenant stating that if the 10 feet strip of land should be built on at some future date the Parish Council would receive a fee on the granting of planning application based on the increase in the value of the property. Proposed Chairman, seconded Mr C Watson and agreed unanimously. Agreed Chairman contact builder with proposal and to request builder prepare land at rear 2 and 2a Martins Lane and lay materials for car park so that it is usable. He would also prepare note to be circulated with next What's On for each householder inviting comments and attendance at a future meeting.

513. **2006/7 ANNUAL REPORT**

Content reviewed. Chairman to prepare summary report. Clerk to continue with draft ready for Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April 2007.

514. **PLANNING APPLICATION**

07/00278/FUL 2 Martins Lane. New crossover and driveway. No objections

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

Signed

Dated