

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2 April 2007 at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

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

In attendance 17 members of the public

Action

515. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr Don Saberton (ill-health), Mr M Wilkin and Mrs S J Bell (Clerk) (Annual leave)

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

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

Proposed that the Parish Council enter into an agreement with builder, Mr Peter Johnson, to exchange the two parcels of land as discussed at the public meeting –

1. The two pieces of land are of approximately the same area. The Parish Council will retain the full width of the verge at the Martins Road junction to accommodate the Village Hall sign. No money will be exchanged in this transfer at the present time.
2. Both areas are currently garden land.
3. There are no plans to build on the land acquired from the Parish Council at present but the Parish Council will include a covenant stipulating that if the land should be built upon a sum of money will be payable to the Parish Council.
4. ~~Two~~³ of the ~~three~~⁴ trees will remain; the central birch tree will be removed and replaced by a new tree within the boundary of the property. Understood the ECDC tree officer has no objections to this course of action.
5. The builder will provide labour, free of charge to make hard standing on the land acquired from the builder, for the use of Village Hall patrons. The Parish Council will provide the cost of materials (under £500).
6. The builder will meet all legal costs incurred by himself and the Parish Council in this transfer.
7. The Parish Council will grant an easement to the builder to allow him to connect the electricity for the house across the verge to the pole in the Village Hall Road.
8. The Parish Council will be retaining sufficient width of verge to accommodate the seats and continue to provide a green boundary to the recreation ground.
9. The builder will erect a close-boarded fence around the site of the new house.

Proposed Mr Ashley Bamforth, seconded Mr Paul Chambers and agreed unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed Dated