

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 26 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D A Bamforth (Chairman), D J Saberton (Vice Chairman), A Berry, J Bibby, M Housden, K Mackender,

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)
Mr Brendan Troy – Planning Department ECDC

**Public question time opened at 7.30 pm – nil members of the public
No members of public present during meeting**

11/187 **Apologies for Absence** were received from

Action

11/188 **Declaration of Interest:** There were none

11/189 **Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present

11/190 **ECDC VILLAGE VISIONS – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF WITCHAM**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Troy who presented the details for the next round of public consultation with parishioners for small scale housing growth (up to 10 homes) for a mix of private and affordable (Sanctuary Hereward type) housing. The maps and questionnaire were reviewed and discussed. All landowners would be contacted prior to the documents being circulated to householders. Councillors raised concerns about control over type and density of any proposed development outside the current village envelope and sought consent that the wording of the policy will be subject to Parish Council agreement. Mr Troy confirmed that the District Council would work with the Parish Council in setting up agreed policies which would then become material considerations when applications were submitted by developers.

Mr Troy to forward copy of revised questionnaire to Clerk before printing. Copy to be distributed to each householder and available on ECDC website. Consultation period provisionally, 14 November to 2 December 2011. Comments by post or online to ECDC. Other consultees include Natural England, CCC Highways, Biodiversity etc. New policies to be put together by October 2012 for adoption January 2013.

Clerk

The Chairman thanked Mr Troy who then left the meeting.

11/191 **PLANNING**

11/00851/FUL 11 Martins Lane. Single storey extension and replacement garage. No comments

11/00894/FUL Glebe Lodge, 18 High Street, 4kWp fixed ground mounted photovoltaic array to the south of the property within the garden curtilage. No comments

11/192 **REPLACEMENT FOOTBALL GOAL NETS**

Mr Mackender proposed purchase of new nets from Stadia at £41.00 plus VAT. Seconded Mr M Housden and agreed unanimously. Chairman offered to collect nets so as to save carriage.

Clerk

Signed Dated