

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 July, 2010 at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D A Bamforth (Chairman), J Bibby, K Mackender, C Watson

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)

Public question time opened at 8.00 pm – applicant (Mrs Smith) and agent, and 2 others
Full Council business commenced at 8.25pm. Applicant and agent and 2 others present

Public Question Time: Chairman stated concerns of Council and residents with particular reference to the exacerbation of parking problems in Westway Place created by the proposed development. Mr Watson confirmed the concerns including the implication for access by emergency services etc. The agent and applicant pointed out that the proposals included parking provision for the site over and above local planning policy. Agent advised he understood from Sanctuary Hereward (Worcester) that they had no objections to letting residents use the grass to make a carpark.

Action

10/125 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr A Berry.

10/126 **Declaration of Interest:** Mr C Watson (Minute 127).

10/127 **PLANNING APPLICATION**

10/00324/FUL Land adj 19 Westway Place. Proposed erection of two 3bed houses and associated works. Amendment – reposition car parking space at front of 19 Westway Place and lower proposed wall around plot 1 to 1200mm with native species hedge to be planted behind.

The Chairman invited comments. Mr Watson was pleased the wall height had been reduced and the kerb dropped, and first carparking space protected. Mr Mackender commented that given the circumstances the parties had done as much as they could to try to resolve concerns.

Mr Watson left the meeting whilst the Council discussed the issues further and came to a decision.

In view of the fact that the planning authority and the County Council were satisfied with the parking arrangements in terms of planning and highways respectively, the Council agreed arrangements for improving carparking would need to be dealt with as a separate issue involving the local residents.

The Chairman proposed the following response be sent to the planning authority:

The Parish Council is content with the application in principle. It is still concerned over carparking in the surrounding area. It is pleased that the applicants have done their best to address the problems raised. Seconded by Mr K Mackender and agreed unanimously.

Chairman confirmed he would attend the site meeting of the Planning Committee, and also the Planning Committee meeting to set out the Council’s concerns on 6 July.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed Dated