

Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council
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Minutes of Planning meeting held on Monday 11th February 2008 at Witnesham Baptist Church.

Present: Messrs.Lightfoot,.Rush,Laughlin,Noble. No members of public

1. Apologies: Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Shaw
2. Declarations of interest: none.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. Decisions noted. C07/2071 The Granary approved. C07/2051 Laurel House refused
5. Applications. C08/0138 Part side garden Hope Cottage, Upper St. Witnesham – Erection of one one and a half storey dwelling (existing garage to be incorporated/demolished). Supported in principle but requested that the off-road parking issue be investigated.
CO8/0139 Deben Cottage High Road, Swilland.
Erection of single storey extension. Supported.
6. No further applications
7. SCDC LDF Consultation paper discussed at length. Parish not directly affected by core proposals for major development east of Ipswich and at Trimley; but we needed to be aware as to the possible longterm knock-on of the former. Therefore there were no major comments to the questions posed; and the Clerk would draft answers to the questionnaire and circulate, for return in early March. It was agreed that Mr.Lightfoot would make sure that all SWgPC councillors received the information and be invited to comment.
8. Infill. “Recent SCDC Consents: Infill limits” (bf from SWgPC meeting 16th January, 2008). As requested at the last SWgPC meeting, the meeting discussed concerns that too much infill building was being permitted in the two villages and of the danger of inappropriate building. Bearing in mind the quite restrictive current envelopes, development was bound to be infill, particularly as precedents had been set over many decades. The Committee feels that its prime role was to comment on issues of scale, design, finish etc, and noted that SCDC had not always taken these on board in the past. It did not see a need to consider applying for an enlargement of the envelopes.
9. There was a discussion of the proposed planning reforms as reported in the “Local Councillor” issue 1, 2008.
10. Training courses were considered and all councillors were encouraged to engage in these.
11. Parish planning terms of reference circulated by JL were approved and would now be tabled at the SWgPC meeting on 19th March 2008. “ IAPP : Consultation on Proposed Guidance on the Validation of Planning Applications” was noted.
12. Affordable Housing. No further news.
13. Next meeting 25/2/08