

# Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

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## Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 held in the School Room at Witnesham Baptist Church

**Present:** Mr. J. Lightfoot (Chair) Mr. C. Rush  
Mr. P. Laughlin Mrs. K. Shaw

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Apologies:** the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies from Mrs. J. Reynolds.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were confirmed as a true record.
4. **Decisions received since last meeting:** no decisions had been received.

### 5. Applications:

**C/10/0461** Greenway,  
Hall Lane,  
Witnesham,  
Ipswich IP6 9HN

Erection of extensions to dwelling

**Decision: Supported**

6. **Any further applications received prior to the meeting:**

**C/10/0783** 2 Mill Cottages,  
High Road,  
Swilland,  
Suffolk IP6 9LW

Erection of single-storey garden room (existing conservatory to be demolished).

**Decision: Supported**

7. **To receive an update on current SALC planning guidelines from Councillors Rush and Shaw.** It was reported that in order to prevent protracted planning procedures and subsequent inquiries developers are being encouraged to consult with those likely to be affected prior to applying for Planning Permission.

Councillors reported good practice in SWgPC Planning Committee procedures:

- Meetings are public;
- Meetings are advertised by the publishing of Notices;
- When discussing applications Councillors consider only facts and do not take into account hearsay.

It was noted that SALC are advising Parish Councils to take a 'common sense approach' to the Declarations of Interest. If Councillors are in any doubt then they should sign the Declarations of Interest record book.

**Non-Agenda Item**

**Talitha Koum:** The Chairman reported that on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March he had met with representatives of Talitha Koum. They had said that a planning application for the proposed development at White House Farm, Witnesham, was likely to be lodged with SCDC by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010. If this was the case the Planning Committee was likely to have to meet in early May to discuss the application. It was thought that this meeting would be well attended and that Witnesham Village Hall should be used as the venue.

**The meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** to be arranged.