

## WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

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**Present:** M Housden (Chairman), G Byrne, L Holdaway, J Lucas.

*In attendance* M Inskip – District Councillor  
Parish Clerk/RFO

**25/052 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from K Mackender (hols) and S Wilkin (work)  
Apologies also received from County and District Councillor L Dupré.

**25/053 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on any items on the agenda**

Pecuniary interests - none  
Personal interests: - none  
Prejudicial interests (and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation) – none

**25/054 Dispensations**

To note any new Dispensations granted: Nil

**25/055 Public Participation** There were no members of the public present.

**25/056 Neighbourhood Plan**

Since the Council meeting on 12 March, (Minute 25/045) the Consultant had dealt with the comments received from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group following their meeting on 13 March which had been held to examine the submission document with Consultee comments. Minutes of that same meeting had also been circulated to Councillors on 14 March. The Consultant had reissued the revised version back to the Working Group members and Councillors on 17 March 2025.

Councillors examined the revised Plan and further points were raised to go back to the Consultant as follows:

**Items 2.6 and 3.3** No dedicated Neighbourhood Plan page on Council's website – amend text to 'News' page.

<https://www.witchamparishcouncil.gov.uk/news>

*Clerk*

**Survey response Question 27 Cemetery space**

'support for both of these community actions.'  
Amend to 'support for this community action.'

*Clerk*

**Survey response Question 29 Community Speedwatch**

'support for both of these community actions.'  
Amend to 'support for this community action.'

*Clerk*

**Appendix 6 Chapters 1, 2 and 3** – respondent column first entry Mackinder should read Mackender

*Clerk*

**Community action 7 – improving footpaths.**

After discussion it was **Resolved** that the column should state ‘The Parish Council currently works with the relevant authorities to maximise access to public right of way footpaths and byways during the winter months, and will continue to do so in future.’ Proposed G Byrne, seconded L Holdaway.

*Clerk*

In addition to the points raised above, it was:

**Resolved** to note the comments submitted on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. (Consultees). Proposed L Holdaway, seconded G Byrne.

**Resolved** to approve the proposed modifications to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (as now included in latest Draft). Proposed J Lucas, seconded L Holdaway.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council approves the submission of the Draft Plan to East Cambridgeshire District Council as soon as possible, subject to latest identified corrections (above) being completed. Proposed G Byrne, seconded J Lucas.

**Resolved** to approve cheque 002200 for Places4People (Consultant fees) £3003.00 incl VAT. Proposed L Holdaway, seconded J Lucas.

*Clerk*

Meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed..... Dated .....