

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL *NEWSLETTER*

September 2026

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer months.

Mepal-Witcham Road Speed Reduction

Our application under the Cambs County Council Local Highways Initiative scheme to reduce speed on the Witcham-Mepal road is still being assessed. We should hear if we have been successful next month.

It would be helpful to have more information about accidents/near misses on this road.

If you have any information to share with us from the past or more currently, please contact the Council – George Byrne, Mick Housden or the Clerk.

Any data we can get would be very helpful. (see contact details over the page)

Speedwatch Sessions

More volunteers are needed please! You would just need to offer an hour/session, once a month. The MVAS equipment which we rotate on Martins Lane and The Slade shows that speeding has reduced so Speedwatch sessions are well worth the effort. The Speedwatch volunteers send in their reports of each session to the Police and a few letters to those caught speeding through the village have been sent!

Witcham Neighbourhood Plan

We are currently investigating the **Community Actions** put forward in the recently adopted Witcham Neighbourhood Plan. See pages 19, 28, 32, 33 and 35, includes

- Wildlife and Nature Conservation Group and Greening Witcham,
- Footpaths/links to villages
- Neighbourhood Watch,
- Community Speedwatch,
- Cemetery spaces

All residents are warmly invited to contact any of the Councillors with any concerns they may have so that we can get a better grasp of what is required to meet the needs of the village now and in the future.

In your search engine, search East Cambs District Council Witcham Neighbourhood Plan.

Mick Housden

Chairman Witcham Parish Council

Horseriders – Be Seen !

A reminder for all riders – be seen by motor vehicles emerging from entrances and on our roads and lanes. Please be sure to wear your Hi-Viz clothing - all seasons!!



Traffic Issues

Concerns have been raised over the last year in respect of several areas in the village regarding parking and obstructions at junctions. We do urge residents and their visitors to give consideration to fellow residents and road/path users when parking their vehicles. There is a particular problem with delivery vehicles, service vehicles, emergency services having space for access and to safely turn etc.

There has also been concern expressed by residents about vehicles speeding in High Street. This is both delivery vehicles and private vehicles going to and from homes in this quarter of the village. Whilst the Parish Council has no powers over speeding, members would be happy to receive dates, vehicle details and registrations for passing on to the Police for checks. We are sure everyone is concerned for the safety of fellow residents, pets, other road users.

ECDC Order – Elean Business Park

The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), effective from 24 August 2026, gives powers to tackle vehicle-related anti-social behaviour across the East Cambs District, including the Elean Business Park. Contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary [website](#) [Webchat on the force website](#) or call **101**. Emergencies only, **999**.

Local Government Review

The Government was expected to announce a decision in July. This has been delayed and announcement now expected by October 2026 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

Shadow Elections are still planned for May 2027 to elect councillors for the new structures.

Vesting Day is scheduled for 1 April 2028, when the new unitary authorities take full control of services.

Volunteer required for Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network

<https://www.ccan.co.uk/>

We urgently need someone to keep the Witcham page updated. If you can help please contact the Parish Council Chairman

Anglian Water

We know there has been issues regarding low pressure water supply at various times. We have engaged with Anglian Water and they have investigated. They would like to hear from residents experiencing problems as and when they occur. Please report on 03457 145 145. Also, let us know so we can log for evidence in future.

Neighbourhood Policing

You can contact your PC either on-line or by phoning 101 and leaving a message. Visit Cambs Police website:

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/area/your-area/cambridgeshire/east-cambridgeshire/about-us/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

[Report antisocial behaviour | Cambridgeshire Constabulary](#)

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice a faulty street light please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or any member of the Council quoting street light number and name of street.

County Council owned lights maintained by Balfour Beatty should be reported direct to the County Council

Also, if you have concerns about Cambridgeshire roads, paths, potholes, verges etc please do report to Cambs County Council direct.

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

DOG FOULING

Please report all incidents of dog fouling on the footways immediately to
ECDC 01353 665555

They will cleanse and visit the dog owners!
Fines may be issued

In the interests of health and hygiene for users of the recreation ground playing sport and children using the equipment, dogs are not permitted on our Recreation Ground/Village Green whatsoever.

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE FOOTBALL GOALPOSTS

FOOTBALLERS

Please be aware the goalposts on the recreation ground must only be moved by the Parish Council.

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FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

14 October 2026

11 November 2026

13 January 2027

10 February 2027

10 March 2027

All items for the agenda must be received by the Clerk at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

The meetings start at 7.30pm. There is an opportunity for the electorate to attend these meetings and provision is made for public participation/question time, (15 minutes) at each meeting.

Please contact the Clerk prior to the meeting for details.

Visit our website

www.witchamparishcouncil.gov.uk to view agendas and approved minutes, news and updates on Parish Council activities.

Notices and Draft minutes are also posted on the noticeboards at the bus shelter and corner of Silver Street/The Slade.