

## Swilland and Witnesham Grouped Parish Council

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### Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting

Weds 7th August 2019, 9.05pm at Witnesham Village Hall

#### MINUTES

1. Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.  
Present: Mr Rush (Chair), Mr Collings, Mr Stanley, Mr Everett, Mrs Shaw, Dr Williams, Mr Henley and Mr Hindle.
2. The Code of Conduct Declarations of Interest – None
3. Apologies: Mr Hill, Mr Templeman and Dr Nicol
4. To approve Minutes from the meeting held on 17th July 2019 - These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
5. To reaffirm this Parish Council's opposition to all three Ipswich Northern Bypass routes and to formally sign up to the "Stop!" Campaign –  
**Council unanimously agreed to reaffirm this Parish Council's opposition to all three Ipswich Northern Bypass routes and to formally sign up to the "Stop!" Campaign.**  
It was also agreed that Council should respond to the public consultation on the basis of the mandate unanimously given by the electors present at the public meeting held in Witnesham on 7th August 2019 with any meeting notes from the Parliamentary Secretary taken at that meeting to add potential detail.

**The mandate given on 7th August was that this council should take forward the following resolutions:**

- a) ***Oppose the principle of an Ipswich Northern Route as it does not consider that a Business case exists that proves to be viable nor have the alternative options been fully evidenced or costed.***
- b) ***Oppose the building of any Ipswich Northern Route due to the loss of country side and the impact on Suffolk Rural life and all the associated environmental issues***
- c) ***Supports the objectives of the Stop Group in opposing the principle and the building of an Ipswich Northern route***
- d) ***Donates funds from its reserves to the Stop campaign***
- e) ***Supports its councillors attending Stop events and undertaking such other activities as appropriate in the Stop campaigns activities***

  
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- f) *Calls upon the leader of Suffolk County Council Mathew Hicks to confirm that the **majority of the Carlford Ward constituents are opposed to the Ipswich Northern By Pass routes and to ensure this is recorded as part of the consultation given the current Ward Council representative is not available or prepared to recognise or represent what we feel is the majority of his constituents in opposing the proposals.***
- g) *Will formulate the views of residents by way of **our own petitions** which will be included in the Parish Councils formal response to the Consultation and passed onto the leaders of East Suffolk and all the District Councils supporting the Consultation and to include this in the Parishes formal response to the Consultation exercise.*
- h) ***Urge all residents** in each household in the Parish to at the very least respond to the Suffolk County Council Consultation including all family members from our 800 or so electoral role members as a no response will be assumed as support.*

- 6. To agree expenditure of up to £5,000.00p from reserves for funding of this Council's Ipswich Northern Bypass opposition –  
**It was proposed, seconded and agreed that expenditure of up to £5,000.00p from reserves, for funding of this Council's Ipswich Northern Bypass opposition be added to the budget.** Clerk would issue amended budget to the Finance Committee. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that 10 "Stop!" Campaign banners be purchased at a cost of £37.50p each.
- 7. To agree a Parish Council donation amount to the "Stop!" Campaign  
**After discussion, it was proposed seconded and agreed that a donation of £2,500.00p be made to the "Stop!" campaign.** SALC advice on precautionary checks would be adhered to by the Clerk.
- 8. To consider a press release from this council relating to the Ipswich Northern By-pass -  
**It was agreed that a joint press release via MP Dr Dan Poulter's office and Mr Rush would be made ASAP along with any relevant photographs.**
- 9. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council –  
All councillors thanked Mr Rush for planning and managing the Public Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

  
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