

## **Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council**

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### **MINUTES**

Planning Committee Meeting  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm  
in the School Room at Witnesham Baptist Church

1. Chairman's welcome and to accept Councillors' apologies for absence.  
In attendance Mrs Shaw, Mr Hindle, Mr Wilks, Mr Lightfoot, Mr Everett, Mr Laughlin, Mr Rush apologies.  
The Kemps?  
Speed Style Garage representative
2. To receive Councillors' declarations of interest. None
3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 as a true record. Signed off
4. To note SCDC decisions received since the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. 2 applications permitted.
5. Application: **DC/15/3668/LBC and DC/15/3451/FUL** Moat Farm, High Road, Swilland. Barn conversion requiring listed building consent and also planning permission. Convert into single story, 3 bedroom dwelling. Swilland is designated as countryside outside settlement boundary. Chairman went through the plans. Existing farmhouse is grade II listed. Materials will be red brick plinth wall and black weather boarding above. Frame of barn will be retained in new structure. No real plans to construct an additional barn at a later date. The new building will have a traditional look.  
Decision: Supported.

6. Application: **DC/15/3534/VOC** Speed Style Autocentre, The Crossroads, Witnesham. Ray Connors of Speed Style explained that Currently restricted as to number of cars they can have on sale and the timings for car sales. Would like to convert customer car parking to car sales space and extend opening hours to include Sundays and Bank Holidays 10-4 (car sales only). Maximum of 30 cars on the site if they are small cars and for some customer parking. Mr Hindle concern would be that there is no impact on junction in terms of visibility. Mr Hindle would also want there to be adequate access in and out for people coming to look at cars and no parking on the highway. Mr Lightfoot would not want parking on any green areas.

**Decision:** Supported

7. To consider any further applications received prior to the meeting.
8. Other business
- a) East Anglia THREE Offshore Windfarm – Letter received confirming that Strugglers Lane will no longer be considered as access. Cabelling will come through ducts in the ground.
  - b) Suffolk Coastal will be consulting in the Autumm on site allocations document.
  - c) Baptist Church Trees – Mr Hindle mentioned the issue around the pollarding of trees at Baptist Church. Opened up impact of existing power lines, poor asthetic. There are no plans to replant at present. Liklihood given that they are limes that they will grow again. Chairman agrees that the asthetic is now less attractive.  
Action: Response to letter needs to be written.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm