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# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MASTERPLAN GROUP MEETING NOTES

Held virtually on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 7.00pm

### Present:

Kevin Cuffley	Alan Poole
Jayne Merrick	Jo Keeler
Ian Reeves	Alan Lamb
Brian Milnes	
Kieran Cooper	
Anand Pillai	
Colin Groves	
Sue Whitney	
Paul Smith	

- 1: Welcome
- 2: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Neil Reid and Councillor David Bard
- 3: The notes from the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were noted.
- 4: To discuss S106 reference H1/C – This was discussed and agreed that the parish council need to produce a 'shopping list' of how/where we would like to see the S106 money for this site spent. Options were discussed.  
Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained this is an opportunity to develop Lynton Way pavilion and maybe we should allocate all the money towards that. Another option would be to install tennis courts at Lynton Way.

Councillor Sue Whitney has had some feedback regarding what is needed within the village and we are still broadly lacking things for the teenage groups.

We need to put our list together and send to SCDC.

- 5: High Street Update - Councillor Brian Milnes has spoken to people about funding and there are many we could apply for like the High Street Restart funding which he is looking into. There is a grand scheme of possibilities to present to the parish council to see what they want the High Street to look like then we can look into funding.
- 6: Potential house allocation – Councillor Jayne Merrick explained that she and Councillor Sue Whitney have looked into the parish council owning and renting houses and there are two options.  
Councillor Jayne Merrick feels we should have more long-term affordable housing for residents with Sawston connections.

## Community Land Trust

Two models can be used by the Parish Council

The houses are bought outright by the CLT who own the property, collect all the rent which pays off the loan to purchase the properties, but CLT is then responsible for all the maintenance and ongoing costs.

The houses are purchased by South Cambs DC who then own the properties, they grant the leasehold under a 250 lease to the CLT, the freehold then being transferred after that time to the CLT. CLT can draw ground rent annually from the tenants, (small amount) to cover the costs of allocating the tenancies. The CLT is not responsible for the maintenance costs.

The second option was preferred by the Councillors, as this has less ongoing costs and the CLT would have complete control over the allocation of the tenancies to local people/people with strong links to the village. The length of the tenancies could be determined by the CLT, not necessarily short tenancies, preferable longer to provide stability to the tenants.

A meeting will be set up between Jayne Merrick, Sue Whitley, Brian Milnes, Kevin Cuffley and Kieran Cooper to discuss how to progress this further.

Councillor Kieran Cooper explained we should look into how much rent etc we would need to maintain the houses if we went down that route. If we had a freehold then we would only be responsible for allocating the properties so these options need to be considered. Councillor Sue Whitney and Councillor Jayne Merrick will investigate more.

There was no time to discuss the other items.

**Meeting Closed 7.45pm**