

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

23 November 2010

**PRESENT:** Chairman: Mrs S A Hatton

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

W A Fell

Ms B Laxton

E C Murray

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

D J Roberts

N Thomas

+ 2 members of the public  
Mr R Smith and Mr E Smith

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J G A Smith.

## 2 PRESENTATION BY MR R SMITH – PLANS AT DERNFORD FARM

Mr R Smith gave a presentation to the Parish Council about their proposal at Dernford Farm.

The proposal is called Cambridge Waterside and is an accommodation and leisure facility that is totally unique to this area. Based around a 35 acre lake, they are looking to develop a number of holiday homes to encourage both leisure and business based tourists to visit and stay in the Cambridge area.

They propose to incorporate a farm shop, an education facility and a nature trail into the scheme, with dipping ponds and interactive features, helping people to enjoy and learn about nature and conservation. The site will be rich in a wide variety of flora and fauna.

The development will incorporate various leisure facilities, such as sailing and windsurfing, a gymnasium and spa, a brasserie, tennis courts, an adventure playground for children, a separate lake with swimming and beach facilities, all of which can be enjoyed by both lodge guests and local people. They are also considering conference facilities for local businesses.

The Parish Council asked how many people they expect to visit and also the traffic movements as the entrance/exit will be onto the busy dual carriage way which has always been a concern of the Parish Council especially with cyclists. The traffic will obviously increase and the Parish Council would like something to be put in place for this before considering taking the proposal to the public for their views.

R and E smith left 8.25pm

## 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

## 4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2010 were read, confirmed and signed. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** these minutes with the following amendments:

**4 - Queen's Head:** 'A local supplier of these tiles'(not the word bricks)  
The Parish Council also wanted it minutes that their concern is not with the Builder but with SCDC as the Parish Council feel SCDC has not enforced the rules correctly

**8 – Double yellow lines:** Vote had not been minuted  
**Vote: 9 For : (unanimous)**

**VOTE: 11 FOR : UNANIMOUS**

## 5 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

### 5 - Queen's head (Former Public House)

Clerk confirmed no response from letter that was about the roof tiles. Councillor W A Fell asked the Clerk to obtain a definitive list of rules that should be followed when working on a listed building, a general list of what should be complied to.

### Bellbird School Fence/Boundary

The Clerk confirmed that the plans in the Office showed the boundary right up to the foot path. Councillor Mrs S A Hatton to look at the original plans held at SCDC and check with Land Registry.

## 6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/1565/10 Signage at 48 High Street for The For information only  
Children's Society

S/1825/10 Change of Use from Shop (A1) to Offices **SPC Comment: Not to**  
(B1a) or Shop (A1) in the Alternative **Support**  
(Amended) at 80 High Street for Mr S **Vote: 8 For :**  
Taylor of Towerview Properties **1 Abstention**  
**2 no votes**  
**(DRB:SAH)**

**Proposed Not to Support** by Cllr N Thomas and **Seconded** by Cllr E C Murray - same objections as previously sent, adding the Parish Council is very concerned that all works seem to have been carried out already and the mezzanine floor has been done when their original plans stated this would not be touched, and staff have already moved into the premises. The other concern is the Parish Council does not feel that the mezzanine floor is secure/safe from

previous residents of the building

**7 PLANNING DECISIONS**

These were accepted by the Committee

**8 BUDGET SETTING FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012**

Clerk to review the costings for the Christmas lights and the grass cutting as the 3 year contracts with the current suppliers has now expired.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor N Thomas to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council a budget of £19,050.00

**VOTE: 11 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

**9 CAR WASH – COMMON LANE**

Clerk to write to South Cambridgeshire District Council to complain that the Parish Council has not seen any plans for the new car wash which is open in Common Lane at weekends.

Clerk to also ask the Enforcement Officer to pay them a visit when they are open at weekends.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY**

Councillor Miss S E Clarke explained that the Parish Council had been in touch with the Probation Office and on Tuesday 30 November they will be sending a team out to Sawston to clear the footpath along Mill Lane and also to trim back the hedges/verges along Mill Lane opposite the pavilion.

**12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**