

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

26 April 2011

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

Ms B Laxton

E C Murray

W N Reid

D J Roberts

Mrs J G A Smith

+ Mr & Mrs H Kent

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor W A Fell and J W D Reynolds

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

It was PROPOSED by Councillor E C Murray and Seconded by Councillor Dr D R Bard to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow Mr Kent to speak

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Mr H Kent wanted the Parish Council to confirm they had refused the Application for Spring Close S/1637/10 as the minutes were not yet on the website. The Parish Council confirmed they did vote against the Application for the same reasons as before. Mr Kent was advised that any professional advice they required, they would need to speak to SCDC.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and SECONDED by Dr D R Bard to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2011 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Dr D R bard to ***ACCEPT*** these minutes.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION : 1 no vote (SAH)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/2130/10 Alterations to replace existing rear door and window with proposed folding doors at 115 High Street for Mrs G Ellis **SPC Comment: Support**
Vote:
7 For
2 no votes (DRB : SAH)

Proposed to Support by Cllr D J Roberts and *Seconded* by Cllr Dr D R Bard

S/0591/11 Retention of post and rail fence upon north/east boundary at Spring Close, Church Lane for Mr & Mrs H Kent **SPC Comment: Support**
Vote:
7 For
2 no votes (DRB : SAH)

Proposed to Support by Cllr D J Roberts and *Seconded* by Cllr Mrs J G A Smith

S/0561/11 Alterations at Telephone Exchange, Shingay Lane for Mr S Crawford, British Telecom PLC. **SPC Comment: Support**
Vote:
7 For
2 no votes (DRB : SAH)

Cllr Mrs S A Hatton read out an email received from a nearby resident voicing his concern with this application and the additional noise and traffic there may be and the saleability of their house.

It was discussed and explained to the Parish Council that the only amendment on this application is the addition of louvre doors so the structure itself is not being changed. The Parish Council cannot see how that would affect the saleability of his house. BT has also carried out a noise survey and this is all being done so BT can improve the broadband service within the village.

The parishioner is going to arrange a meeting on site with BT and has asked that a member of the Parish Council also attends. Cllrs Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell, Mrs S A Hatton and Dr D R Bard have all said they would be more than happy to attend a meeting providing they are available on the date and time chosen.

Proposed to Support by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and *Seconded* by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell, but would like to bring to SCDC attention that some residents have concerns regarding movement of vehicles using the lane as one of the residents houses has already been hit several times.

ASSOCIATED MATTERS:

Land at Orchard Road

SCDC had received a request from the owner of 7 Paddock Way to purchase a small area of Council land at the rear of their property, in order to extend the rear garden. Currently the area is part of the landscaped border to a parking area and is directly overlooked by one property only.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell that the Parish Council do not support this request as the Parish Council do not want to set a precedence on selling council land. The Parish Council is concerned it would allow development of the site. It is also a green area and the Parish Council would like to remain as such.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 2 no votes (DRB : SAH)

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee

7 BENCH IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS J LING

It was agreed that a bench would be a nice idea in memory of Mrs Ling who was a member of the Parish Council for many years but the Parish Council needed to decide where to put it. It was also discussed that if/next time there is a development in the village a road could be named after her.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton that we place a green metal bench outside the Parish Council Office on the green area with a plaque on it in memory of Mrs Ling.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 CCC – STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AND ENERGY

The Parish Council had received a letter from CCC regarding the street lighting in the village. (see copy of letter attached to signed minutes)

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell that the Parish Council chooses Option 1 as the Parish Council will get all the lamps changed every three years at a cost of £20.05 per lamp. The Parish Council is currently responsible for 109 lamps in the village.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 CORRESPONDENCE

None received

10 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Councillor D J Roberts would like the following items on the next agenda:

- **Bus shelter**

Councillor D J Roberts has seen a bus shelter at Freestones Corner in Gt Shelford which he would like to see in the village as the Parish Council has some money for this. Dr D R Bard asked Councillors if they would go and have a look at this one in time for the next Planning & Environment Committee Meeting.

Clerk to check costs and manufacturer with Gt Shelford Parish Council.

- **Bench on the new Cycleway to Whittlesford**

Several parishioners had also asked about having a bench on the new cycleway to Whittlesford. Councillor E C Murray explained that he has already spoken to Councillor A G Orgee about this who said he is looking into whether the CCC will provide one and will report back when he has some more information

Travellers – Mill Lane Recreation Ground

Councillor Mrs J G A Smith reported that some travellers had been seen trying to access Mill Lane recreation field. Clerk to speak to Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, about keeping the bollards up and the gates locked. If this causes a problem for the football teams they will be provided with keys.

11 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Bus Shelter
- Bench on new cycleway to Whittlesford

Meeting closed at 8.20pm