

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

24 January 2012

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

E C Murray

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

D J Roberts

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2 MR C SWAIN – SCDC PRINCIPAL PLANNING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton welcomed Mr C Swain to the meeting. He gave an update on several past issues:

Turntable at former Fire Engine Site, High Street

This had been reviewed and as far as they were concerned, unless there are any ongoing issues with accidents or near misses this would not be investigated further. The residents have confirmed the turntable does work. Mr C Swain explained there is not a lot else the Council can do for now but the owner has been asked to provide the SCDC with an updated drawing to the underground pipe work, so there will be a further application.

Car Wash, Common Lane

Mr C Swain spoke to the Planning Officer who is awaiting a report from Anglia Water and the Environment Agency. He will send the Clerk details once he has them. It was not sure if they had Planning Permission for the sign they have on the High Street so Mr C Swain said he would contact the Case Officer and let the Clerk know the outcome.

Black Bull Public House

Mr C Swain explained the Black Bull Public House has been asked to remove the decking to the rear of the property as it is too high allowing visibility into the neighbours garden.

The Sawston Business Park signage

This will be removed within the next two weeks until permission has been received. The small Spicers sign will be left in place for the time being.

There are two large signs further up the bypass where the two Jet garages used to be advertising units to let. Mr C Swain was not aware of these and said he will report them.

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton thanked Mr C Swain for attending the meeting.

Mr C Swain left the meeting at 7.55pm

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

5 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

9 – Litter/dog bin on cycleway

Councillor Ms B Laxton asked if a litter and/or dog bin could be provided on Footpath 9. Clerk will ask CCC.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

There were no plans to discuss.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 BUS SHELTER

The Clerk explained she had received three quotations for a bus shelter but the companies all stated that there could be extra charges dependant on the ground surface etc. The Clerk has asked all three to come out to do a site visit so the Parish Council will know the exact cost. Clerk to ask Mr A R Poole to clear back the site as there may be a concrete base from the previous bus shelter. It was **AGREED** to defer this matter to the next Planning & Environment Committee Meeting,

9 SALT BIN PROVISION FOR TANNERY ROAD

The Parish Council had received a letter from a resident in Tannery Road asking if the Parish Council could provide one or more salt bins in Tannery Road as the road does not currently get gritted. The nearby residents are more than happy to spread salt along the roads and pavements if some was made available.

This was discussed and has been discussed at length in the past and it was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor W N Reid and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Clerk replies to the resident to explain that even though the Parish Council fully understands their concerns, the salt bins are under consideration throughout the village and many requests for salt bins have been received which the Parish Council is are looking into.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Plans

Councillor E C Murray explained he is concerned the Parish Councillors do not look at plans enough before decisions are made and suggested a projection system it put in place so they can be looked at and discussed more professionally. Councillor Dr D R Bard agreed to bring his projector to the next Planning & Environment Committee Meeting for a trial run.

Councillor Ms B Laxton also said it would help if the Parish Council had a professional person in to explain what the Parish Councillors should be looking for when discussing plans. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr R Cullum to see if he could attend the next Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting.

Jubilee Hedgerow Pack

Councillor W N Reid asked if the Diamond Jubilee Hedgerow pack that has been donated could be on the next Recreation & Open Spaces Committee Meeting Agenda as it will be delivered on 9 March 2012 and needs to be discussed where it is to be planted.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm