

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

28 February 2012

**PRESENT:** Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

W A Fell

Ms B Laxton

E C Murray

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S A Hatton.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

None were declared.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

**4 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.**

None

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

S/0271/11	Erection of garage following demolition of existing outbuilding/store (revised re-submission of S/2015/11) at Spring Close, Church Lane for Mr & Mrs Kent.  <i>Proposed</i> to support by Cllr W N Reid and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Ms B Laxton	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 7 For 1 No vote (DRB)
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## 6 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## 7 BUS SHELTER

The Clerk had received 4 quotes for a new bus shelter on London Road opposite Bircham House.

Bailey Streetscene	3.1m x 2.3m	Supply, deliver and install Dudley shelter 5mm PET cladding (plastic), perch seating	£6,590.00	Ex vat
Garrick	3.2m x 1.3m	Supply, deliver and install shelter PET glazing OR toughened safety glass perch seating	£5,936.51	Ex vat
Queensbury	3m x 1.38m	Supply, deliver and install Arun bus shelter 8mm toughened glass, perch seating	£4,449.00	Ex vat
Queensbury	3m x 1.38m	Supply, deliver and install Arun bus shelter 6mm polycarbonate sides, perch seating	£4,867.00	Ex vat

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish and **SECONDED** by Councillor W A Fell that the order is placed with the Queensbury shelter, 3m x 1.38m with the polycarbonate sides at a cost of £4,867.00 ex vat. If this is **AGREED** at Full Parish then the Clerk will contact the bus company to ask if the shelter can have an interactive bus sign/time table.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## 8 TREE – TOWER CLOSE

A tree was felled the end of last year in Tower Close due to its poor condition and decline. The Trees Officer at SCDC felt this tree was deliberately targeted and consider it to be an act of vandalism.

This was discussed and agreed that the tree should be replaced with a substantial tree, not a sapling.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk writes to the Housing Department at SCDC to explain that the Parish Council felt strongly that the tree should be replaced in this planting season (before the end of April) and would like the species of tree to match the surrounding trees but be of substantial size so it cannot be driven over. This will be an Agenda item for the next Full Parish meeting in March.

**VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## **9 RAILWAY CROSSING ON FOOTPATH 9**

As there has been some concern recently over the railway crossing on Footpath 9 the Parish Council had hoped that some of the concerned users of this footpath would have attended the meeting but this was not the case.

Councillor E C Murray explained that he had spoken to Councillor Mrs S A Hatton who has contacted Network Rail and explained the concerns. They will respond within 20 days so this will be added as an Agenda item on the March Planning & Environment Committee Meeting.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES**

Councillor E C Murray explained the Parish Council had received an email regarding the Barbraham Road Crossing.

All the applications received will now be considered by a panel of County Councillors from the South Cambridgeshire area who will prioritise schemes for implementation. It is anticipated that the Member Panel will meet during March to consider the applications. As part of the assessment process the applicant will be able to attend the Members' Panel to present their application. With over 50 applications to consider it will be necessary to limit the time available for applicants to present their scheme. It is envisaged that 3 minutes will be allocated to each applicant to make a presentation.

Councillors E C Murray, Dr D R Bard and Miss S E Clarke agreed to attend providing they were available. The Clerk to contact the CCC to advise the names of the attendees

Councillor E C Murray explained that the Parish Council need to have the lamp posts in the High Street structurally tested before the Christmas lights can be fixed to them. Back in November the Clerk received a quote from Balfour Beatty to structurally test the lamp posts at a cost of £1,026.83 which the Parish Council budgeted for.

The Clerk has since asked them to confirm the price to arrange for the work to be done but received another quote for £3,110.96 and has been told that the company they use is the only company which complies with TR22 which is required.

Councillor E C Murray proposed the Clerk writes to the County Council to advise that the Parish Council is not happy with this and find it unacceptable. It will be an Agenda item for the next Full Parish Meeting in March when hopefully a response will have been received.

**Meeting closed 8.45pm**