

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

22 May 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

Ms B Laxton

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

+ Members of the public:
Mr P O’Keeffe : Mr I Bailey and Mr J Hopkins

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor J W D Reynolds

2 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard for the position of Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Mrs S A Hatton was elected Chairman.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

3 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard for the position of Vice Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell was elected Vice Chairman.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 AGAINST

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and Seconded by Councillor Dr D R Bard to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow Mr O’Keeffe to speak

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 AGAINST

Mr O’Keeffe explained all about his proposal for 6 small starter buildings to be built at Sawston Storage Depot, A1301 Mill Lane. He wanted to direct these for new small businesses and hoped they would promote local economy and growth. The units are the size of a double garage and they would be owner occupied units and low impact to the environment.

They envisaged 10-15 cars per day at the 6 units and are looking at moving the entrance to make it safer.

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton thanked them for coming and they left at 8pm.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Dr D R Bard and SECONDED by Councillor Ms B Laxton to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 10FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

6 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/0840/12/FL	Proposed 6 No. B1 small business support units with associated car and cycle parking at Sawston Storage Depot, A1301 Mill Lane for Mr P O’Keeffe, Conrad Bay Ltd	SPC Comment: Support Although concerns were expressed over the traffic/bypass Vote: 4 For 3 Against 3 no votes (DRB : SAH : RMM)
	Proposed by Cllr Ms B Laxton and Seconded by Cllr W A Fell to Support	

Garage Site Falkner Road/Huntingdon Road

The Parish Council had not received any plans for this but has been asked by SCDC for any comments regarding their proposal.

After some discussion the general view was that this would be a great improvement to the site if 2 bungalows were built as long as the residents were consulted. The Parish Council believe the site was under used and needed to be looked at but any housing built should be used for council housing as there was a shortage.

Members of the Parish Council have been round this site with the Environment Officers on several occasions to see if anything can be done about the site as the Parish Council has had many reports of people congregating around the garages and also breaking in to them.

The Parish Council would want to see enough garages left for those who do use them and finally would not want to see the site sold to a Developer to make money. Clerk to reply to SCDC with the Parish Council comments.

8 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee

9 DIRECTION SIGN TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Pastoral Committee for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Sawston would like to have a road sign to indicate the entrance as it has proved difficult sometimes for visitors to locate and has asked if the Parish Council would support their request to the County Council

It was noted that they have their address as London Road when it is in fact in the High Street.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton that the Clerk writes to the CCC with a letter of support copying in our County Councillors. The Parish Councillors believe in principle it is a good idea and are supporting the Catholic Church's request to the CCC.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None received

11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Footpath by Henry Morris Road

Councillor Dr D R Bard had received a complaint about the footpath by Henry Morris Road adjacent to the field. The field is overgrown and covering the footpath. Clerk to contact the land owner as ask them to cut it back

Bradshaws Sign

Councillor Miss S E Clarke reported the large sign at Bradshaws had been erected again but no Planning Application had been received by the Parish Council. It was removed before because they did not have Planning Permission. Clerk to report this to Mr C Swain at SCDC.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm