

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

26 June 2012

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

J W D Reynolds

R M Richmond

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs S A Hatton and Ms B Laxton

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

Cllr R M Matthews : Item 5 S/1119/12/FL 16 Holme Way

3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Matthews to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

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

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

7 - Garage site, Falkner Road/Huntingdon Road

Councillor Miss S E Clarke gave an update on the above received from Ms J Clark, Lands Officer at SCDC that there have been further discussions regarding all the garage sites that were to be proposed to be sold for redevelopment and she had been informed by Mr S Hills (Corporate Manager, Affordable Homes) that instead, these sites are now to be subject to investigation as to their suitability and viability for new Council housing.

11 – Bradshaws Sign

Councillor Miss S E Clarke gave an update that the new replacement sign conformed to regulations and did not need Planning Permission.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/1119/12/FL	Conversion of existing house to two dwellings at 16 Holme Way for Mr R Milner <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr R M Richmond and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr W N Reid to <i>Support</i>	SPC Comment: Support Providing the smaller dwelling is affordable housing and that a S106 Agreement applies Vote: 7 For 1 declared interest (RMM)
S1186/12/FL	First floor side extension over existing garage/store at 32 Queensway for Mrs N Seaman <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr E C Murray and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr R M Richmond to <i>Support</i>	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 8 For
S/1206/12/FL	Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at 12 Tower Road for Mrs Milner <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr R M Richmond to <i>Support</i>	SPC Comment: Support Although would have been helpful to have full application when voting Vote: 8 For
S/1202/12/FL	Change of use from Restaurant/Cafe (A3 use) to Non-Residential Tuition Centre (D1 Use) and Restaurant/Cafe (A3 use) at 5 Morleys Place, High street for Mr J Hamblin <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr E C Murray and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr R M Matthews Not to Support	SPC Comment: Do not Support Loss of amenity (shop) and car parking problems Vote: 8 For

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee

7 SCDC (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 18, SAWSTON) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2012

Noted

8 LOCAL PLAN ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION

This was discussed at length by the Committee and it was confirmed that Councillors Miss S E Clarke and R M Richmond would attend the Workshop on Monday 16 July at Cambourne as part of the Consultation which runs from 13 July – 28 September 2012. Councillor E C

Murray (Chairman) would not be able to attend due to holiday commitments but would investigate the possibility of attending another Workshop on his return.

Concern was expressed that possible growth of 890 houses in various locations in and around the village would increase the population by approximately 30% pushing the status from a village to a town. It would also put extreme pressure on all present amenities i.e. transport, medical, schools and infra structure.

Concern was also expressed on the type of housing and whether the Parish Council would be prepared to accept any decisions that were made by SCDC.

It was **AGREED** that this should be made an Agenda item for the July Full Parish meeting to discuss and to possibly call Extra Full Parish Meetings to discuss this in depth as to what action the Parish Council needs to take.

9 FRIENDS OF SAWSTON LIBRARY – REQUEST FOR NEW SIGN

After discussing this matter it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Parish Council would not be supporting the request for a new sign as the Committee felt there was already sufficient signage within the vicinity of the Library to clearly show directions. At this point Councillor Dr D R Bard passed on apologies for non attendance by Ms Y Emerson.

VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

10 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr P O’Keeffe – Sawston Storage Depot

This was read out to the Committee by the Chairman. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk writes to Mr O’Keeffe to thank him and advise his comments were noted.

11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Conifer – corner of Link Road

Councillor W N Reid asked why the large conifer had been removed from the corner of Link Road. Councillor E C Murray advised that the conifer was removed by SCDC contractors as the tree was deemed in poor condition and was recommended to be felled by Ms R Richardson, Trees Officer of SCDC.

Car Park

It was reported that the condition of the car park, leased to Gravelles/Budgens by SCDC, had deteriorated and was untidy with weeds everywhere and rubbish bin not being emptied regularly.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk writes to SCDC to advise the situation and ask that action is taken to rectify the problem.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm