

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

27 November 2012

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs S A Hatton

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard (arrived 7.35pm)

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

W A Fell

Ms B Laxton (arrived 7.35pm)

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

+ A G Orgee : Cambridgeshire County Councillor

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

Councillor A G Orgee had come to the meeting to give an update on the Library/Community Hub and to obtain the views of the Parish Council before the next Community Hub meeting on 29 November 2012.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor R M Richmond and Seconded by Councillor W N Reid to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow this update to take place

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor A G Orgee explained that Cambridgeshire County Council wanted to update the Parish Council on the Library. The Mobile Library would stay at Mill Lane but there may be a couple of weeks over Christmas when it would not be there.

Councillors Ms B Laxton and Dr D R Bard arrived 7.35pm

They planned to put a temporary building on the College site which would need Planning Permission from County Council and the Parish Council should receive the application before Christmas. It was hoped if this was accepted it would be put on site at the College within the first two months of 2013.

It was hoped that if a new Community Hub was built in Sawston, this would house the Library. The Parish Council was asked if they owned any suitable land to build the

Community Hub on but the Parish Council did not know what size the Community Hub would be so could not comment and asked the question. Councillor A G Orgee explained it would be approximately 650 sq meters if it was a single storey building but this did not take into account the outside area, including car parking. Councillor A G Orgee asked what possible sites were in Sawston and would the Parish Council make any piece of land available for a building of this size.

The Councillors believed the ideal position would be against the fence/road side of the Bellbird School as there was space. It is very central, there would be enough separation from the school and the school would gain an extra couple of rooms they would be able to use. There were also two bus stops opposite.

The Community Hub Committee is meeting on 29 November 2012 to discuss the options and Councillor A G Orgee asked for some indication from the Parish Council so he could report.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke that the Parish Council asks Councillor A G Orgee to pass on their comments that the Parish Council does not believe there was land suitable for this size of building.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that the Clerk writes to Mrs C May of the Library Service, with a copy to Mr J Culpin of Sawston Village College, to ask the County Council to guarantee that if they do not find another permanent place for the Library it would definitely be reinstated into the Village College, which Councillor A G Orgee had explained would be the case.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton thanked Councillor A G Orgee for attending and he left at 8.00pm

It was PROPOSED by Councillor R M Richmond and SECONDED by W N Reid to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

There were no plans for this meeting

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee

7 LITTER BINS

It was discussed at the last Planning & Environment Committee Meeting that there were 11 bins that needed replacing in the High Street due to their deteriorated condition. The Clerk had spoken to the litter picker to ask if he thought there were any more that needed replacing and another 2 were added to the list.

The Parish Council had already replaced a couple of bins with Green Ranger style bins; one outside the Police Station and one on Mill lane recreation Ground. It was confirmed that there was money in the budget for this.

After much discussion it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W A Fell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that all 13 bins were changed to the same Green Ranger bins, with suitable fixings, and were purchased.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 AGAINST (BL)

8 LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS 2013/2014

The Parish Council has been asked if they had any minor scheme to submit a bid for funding from the Local highway Improvements Scheme.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that the Parish Council puts in a minor bid for a crossing in Link Road outside the Bellbird School. This had been discussed several times by the Parish Council who felt a crossing was needed as it was outside the school. There were also elderly people living nearby who needed to cross this road to get to the village and there were also two bus stops in the vicinity.

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton asked Councillor Dr D R Bard to complete the form for funding and send it in.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION (RMM)

9 LIGHTING – GRAVELLES/BUDGENS CAR PARK

Councillor Dr D R Bard explained that the lighting in Gravelles/Budgens car park was the responsibility of Sawston Parish Council even though the car park was now leased by Gravelles/Budgens. When the lease was taken over by Gravelles/Budgens, Sawston Parish Council was not consulted with regards to the lighting and felt that the responsibility for the provision of power should have been transferred to the lessee.

Councillor Dr D R Bard also explained that he was still waiting for a response from the Legal Department at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor W A Fell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that the Parish Council consults with their Solicitor on their legal position regarding the lights.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION (DRB)

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

11 BUDGET SETTING FOR THE YEAR 2012/2014

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Ms B Laxton to recommend to Finance & General Purposes Committee the following

Total Expenditure	:	£24,700.00
Income	:	£3,000.00

Total budget for 2013/14	:	£21,700.00
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VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

12 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Parking in Church Lane

Councillor W N Reid brought up the parking again down Church lane explaining how bad it was getting when there was a function on at the Church Hall. The Clerk would speak to the PCSO's again asking them to visit when there is a function on as people are illegally parked.

Tree in Tower Road

Councillor W A Fell asked for an update on the replacement tree in Tower Road. Councillor Mrs S A Hatton confirmed it would be replaced but did not have a date.

Meeting closed 9.10pm