

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

28 January 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

Ms B Laxton

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W A Fell (Holiday)

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllrs W N Reid and Dr D R Bard : Item 5 S/2307/13/FL 20 St Mary's Road

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2013 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Matthews and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2014 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Matthews and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/2651/13/FL Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions to dwelling at 89 Old Forge Way for Mr & Mrs Dellar **SPC Comment: Support**
Vote: 9 For (Unanimous)

Proposed by Cllr Dr D R Bard and
Seconded by Cllr Miss S E Clarke to
Support

- S/2652/13/FL Erection of front and rear single storey extensions at 75 Old Forge Way for Mr & Mrs Dellar **SPC Comment: Support**
 Vote: 9 For (Unanimous)
Proposed by Cllr E C Murray and *Seconded* by Cllr Miss S E Clarke to *Support*
- S/2307/13/FL Rear and side extension, including Dormer Windows at 20 St Mary's Road for Mrs Angela Buckley **SPC Comment: Support**
 Vote: 7 For
 2 declared interest
 (DRB : WNR)
Proposed by Cllr E C Murray and *Seconded* by Cllr R M Richmond to *Support*
- S/2583/13/FL Erection of dwelling at land adj to 21 Sunderlands Avenue for Nelcol Developments **SPC Comment: Support**
 Vote: 9 For (Unanimous)
Proposed by Cllr E C Murray and *Seconded* by Cllr R M Richmond to *Support*

ASSOCIATED MATTERS

- C/11/40/081 **Conservation Area** – Tree work at 14 The Baulks for Mrs Page **SPC Comment: Support**
 Vote: 9 For (Unanimous)
Proposed by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and *Seconded* by Cllr Dr D R Bard to *Support*
- C/11/17/081/02 **Tree Preservation Order** – Tree work at 14 The Baulks for Mrs Page **SPC Comment: Support**
 Vote: 9 For (Unanimous)
Proposed by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and *Seconded* by Cllr Dr D R Bard to *Support*

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted

7 CCC: PROPOSED COMPULSORY 'AHEAD ONLY' ORDER, A1301 SAWSTON BYPASS

CCC is proposing to make an order to introduce a compulsory 'Ahead Only' manoeuvre on the A1301 southbound carriageway at the new signal controlled junction on the Sawston Bypass, effectively banning left turns and U-turns at this point.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Parish Council supports this order, but requests that the signage outside Stapleford Grange is always visible which, at present, is not. It is overgrown and cannot be seen now.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 TREE WORK AT BRICKHOUSE COFFEE SHOP

On 24 December 2013 Sawston Parish Council employees came into work to find the tree had fallen at the Brickhouse Coffee Shop making the public footpath impassable and causing damage to the pipes on the nearby gas station. As the owners could not be contacted and it was a Health & Safety issue the Groundsmen removed the fallen branches and disposed of them whilst the Clerk organised the Gas Board to inspect the damage. As this took up time of the Staff, it was felt the owners should be asked to pay a nominal fee for the work carried out.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Clerk writes to the owners of the Coffee Shop asking them to contribute £100.00 towards the costs. Invoice to be sent enclosing photographs of the incident.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 CCC: BUS FACILITY GRANT (RTI DISPLAYS)

Last year CCC invited the Parish Council to make a bid for RTI (Real Time Information) displays at bus stops in the village to improve facilities for bus users.

Back in October it was confirmed that the installation of RTI will commence at the beginning of this year at Cambridge Road, Church Lane and the High Street opposite Tannery Road, at no cost to the Parish Council.

Sawston Parish Council has now been offered RTI at two more stops but has been asked for a donation towards the cost of installing them of £1k each. The displays cost up to £6k each.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray that the Parish Council offers £2k for two more RTI displays and ask for them to be installed at:

- Outside Russells Estate Agents in the High Street
- Bottom of Tannery Road, Southbound

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 LETTER FROM RESIDENT – OLD FORGE WAY

The Parish Council received a letter from a resident asking if the speed limit in Old Forge Way could be reduced from 30mph to 20mph due to the problem with motorists speeding.

This was discussed and had been looked into before for other sites which concluded that it was very expensive to do and unenforceable. There are new Anti-social driving regulations now and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor

Ms B Laxton that the Clerk writes to the resident advising her to obtain number plates of offenders and report incidents to the Police.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING - CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

It was reported that a resident fell off their mobility scooter on the footpath from Link Road to Vicarage Avenue/Paddock Way because of the tree roots. It was at the junction of the footpath which goes to Vicarage Avenue or right to Paddock Way. Clerk to report to CCC.

Pot holes in Vicarage Avenue were also reported. There have been many pot holes reported and the Parish Council felt that repairs were not lasting very long. Clerk to write to CCC Highways about the pot holes to say the Parish Council has concerns about the quality of the work and the standard of the finish. Many that have been repaired need repairing again. Is the work being checked and is CCC getting value for money from the Contractors?

The quality of the footpath from Catley's Walk to Whittlesford was also discussed. The surface of the tarmac has broken up and making it difficult for wheelchair/pushchair users. As this is in Whittlesford Parish the Clerk to write to the Clerk at Whittlesford to say this has been brought to our attention and that we would support them in getting this repaired. Clerk to also ask Councillor A G Orgee if this could be added to CCC list when there is funding for cycleways.

Councillor R M Matthews went to the CCC to present the Parish Council application for a new crossing on Babraham Road. He said the Parish Council should know if we have been successful by 11 February 2014.

It was reported that a parishioner fell off her bike and broke her leg after falling in a pot hole at The Baulks recently. Clerk to ask CCC to re-inspect this area.

Councillor E C Murray explained that the High Street is looking tidy now that all the bins and seats have been replaced but the area next to the Kings head, where the tree was is looking untidy. No one seems to have taken ownership of this and Councillor E C Murray thought it would be nice if the Parish Council take it over and look after it. Clerk to approach Greene King and ask if they would like to make a contribution towards this.

Councillor E C Murray would also like to see a new bench and bin on the green area/corner of Link Road/Churchfield Avenue. This to be made an Agenda item for February P & E Committee Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm