

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

25 March 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

E C Murray

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:

W A Fell	:	absent without apologies
Ms B Laxton	:	another engagement
R M Richmond	:	illness
R M Matthews	:	illness
W N Reid	:	holiday

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

None

3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2014 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: **5 FOR** : **(UNANIMOUS)**

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

None

5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

S/0356/14/FL	Single storey front extension at 91 Old Forge Way for Mr C Stead	SPC Comment: Support
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Vote: 8 For (Unanimous)

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

S/0414/14/DC	Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 4(contamination), 10 (contractors access), 12 (foul water drainage), 13 (surface water drainage) and 14 (pollution control)	For information only
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of planning permission reference
S/0289/13/FL at A Henry & Co, Hide
Building, Portobello Lane (**for
information only**)

S/0258/14/FL

Erection of detached annexe to rear of
dwelling and relocation of existing
garage/store at 16 Princess Drive for Mr
& Mrs S Hannah

Proposed by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and
Seconded by Cllr Dr D R Bard **NOT**
to **Support**

**SPC Comment: Do not
Support:**

Overdevelopment of plot,
detrimental to neighbours
outlook and loss of amenity
to existing house and
neighbour. Clerk to ask for
a Committee site visit.

Vote: 5 For (Unanimous)

ASSOCIATED MATTERS

C/11/17/081/02

Tree Work at Tudor House, London
Road for Mr Lindsell

SPC Comment: Support

Vote: 5 For (Unanimous)

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

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Parish Council was concerned that the Applications for the conservatory at 119 High Street had been granted when the Parish Council did not support because it was in the Conservation Area and wanted to ask why this did not go to Committee. The Clerk to write to SCDC regarding this issue.

7 LYNTON WAY RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council had been asked by a resident on Babraham Road if they could have permission to dig a 1 metre square hole in the north-east corner of the Lynton Way Recreation Ground, on the border with their property as they want to build a first floor extension and have been told the footings/foundations would need to be looked at first under the wall of their garage.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Parish Council had no objection as long as the resident took on the responsibility of the liability and reinstated the ground.

VOTE: 5 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Councillor Dr D R Bard explained about Barclays bank closing in Sawston and thought a letter should be written to Barclays to explain that the Parish Council was not very happy about this and what impact it will have on the village.

The Council is deeply concerned that this decision has been taken without any consultation with the Bank's customers, the Parish Council, District and County councillors or the wider public. The Bank did not even see fit to inform the Parish Council or Local representatives once the decision had been taken, leaving the news to spread by word of mouth. The way in which this episode has been handled shows a total contempt for the local community.

Sawston is the largest village in South Cambridgeshire and is listed in the emerging Local Plan as a major rural centre. It has been identified for expansion by 540 dwellings in the Local Plan and has recently been listed amongst the 30 best places to live in the countryside (The Times, 25/03/2014). The closure of this, the last bank in the village, will create real problems for small retailers who are unable to obtain cash on business accounts from the Post Office. A number of small retailers in Sawston are already under pressure and the absence of a bank in the village is therefore likely to have a significant adverse effect on the viability of the High Street. The closure will also discriminate against elderly and disabled residents of the village who do not use the internet and may not be able to travel to other banks.

Councillor Dr D R Bard also has concerns about the new traffic lights on the bypass. When you are using the pedestrian/cycle crossing on the bypass you do not travel straight across but have to wait in the centre for the lights to change. The concern is children may think it is safe to cross as you do with most crossings travel to the other side of the road. Clerk to ask for the CCC to meet to discuss Parish Council concerns.

Also the Sawston sign just before the slip road into Sawston from Stapleford has still not been cleared which the Parish Council has asked that this sign is kept visible. Clerk to chase.

Meeting closed 8.20pm