

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

27 May 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

W A Fell

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

- + Councillor A G Orgee
- + 14 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor R M Matthews : illness

2 PRESENTATION BY CHRIS ANDERSON LAND AGENT – DEVELOPMENT COMMON LANE

Mr Chris Anderson, Land Agent, gave a presentation for a development of retirement bungalows in Common Lane. The proposal is for 11 bungalows in total ranging from 1 -3 bedrooms. The bungalows will be sited not only within easy distance of the village centre but are also designed to comply with the Lifetime Homes Design Criteria and high levels of sustainability as promoted within the government's HAPPI (Housing our ageing population) document.

The design and layout includes many bespoke and sustainable features like mobility scooter store with charging point and wheelchair accessible accommodation to all properties, security entry system with 24 hour emergency call system and intruder alarm and low energy use under floor heating systems and condensing boilers.

After the presentation Councillor E C Murray asked if there were any questions from the Committee and members of public:

- There were concerns regarding flooding which he did address but will also take up with his Clients.
- Why 3 bedroom retirement property? – this is to allow visitors to stay and even carers, also to have a mix of dwellings.
- There is concern about the additional traffic down Common Lane and there is not the space for an additional footpath. Again this will be taken up with his Clients.
- There is also concern that as there are four fields in this area and if this one is built on then a precedent has been set for the other fields leading to increased traffic and congestion.

Councillor E C Murray thanked Mr Chris Anderson for coming who then left the meeting together Councillor A G Orgee and members of the public at 8.05pm

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

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

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

VOTE: 7 FOR : 1 no vote (PAM)

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

Councillor Dr D R Bard was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond for the position of Vice Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Dr D R Bard was elected Vice Chairman.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell then asked if any members of the public wanted to speak, which they did.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor W N Reid and Seconded by Councillor R M Richmond to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak

As the resident wanted to speak about an item further down on the Agenda it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to discuss the issue at this point.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

The resident in Babraham Road explained his shock on returning home to find a 5ft green BT box next to his fence outside his front door. This is an eyesore and is the first thing seen when opening the front door and it was felt it could have been put somewhere else.

As far as he was aware BT has not consulted anyone as to where these boxes go, and understand that as BT is a statutory undertaker they have a legal right and do not have to ask permission, but when he spoke to one of the BT workers they said they have to put it within a 20ft range and they decided to put it where they have. He asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do to help.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K Cuffley and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Clerk writes to BT asking for it to be moved and also request that the Parish Council is informed where future boxes are installed. The Parish Council would like to know all the locations and time scale for installing these before they are put in place. Another area of particular concern is where the box will be installed between Shingay Lane and the Medical Centre in Sawston.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Dr D R Bard and SECONDED by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

5 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr W N Reid : Item 8 - S/0976/14/FL 24 Hillside

6 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 1 no vote

7 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/0976/14/FL	Replace existing rooflights on Front Roof with a gable-ended roof extension at 24 Hillside for Mr I Williamson	SPC Comment: Do not Support The proposal is out of keeping with the property. The design proposed for this dormer roof extension on the front elevation of the house would be very prominent in the street scene and would have a severe impact on the appearance and character of Hillside. This would also set a precedence for the other house in the street
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Proposed by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and **Seconded** by Cllr Dr D R Bard **NOT to Support**

Vote: 7 For

1 declared interest
(WNR)

S/0795/14/VC	Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission S/2619/12/FL to allow the provision of an addition single storey plant room attached to the main building at Deal Farm Cambridge Road for Miss R Ward, Fisher German LLP
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Proposed by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and **Seconded** by Cllr Dr D R Bard **NOT to Support**

SPC Comment: Do not Support

The building is large enough now and the Parish Council feel they should have built the plant room within the existing building

Vote: 8 For (Unanimous)

9 PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted

10 DOG BINS, SEATS AND CYCLE RACKS

The Clerk explained that there are many bins and seats that need replacing within the village and some have been proposed through the Recreation & Open Space Committee and there are some more that are to be proposed through the Planning & Environment Committee.

- Replacement bins – corner of Paddock Way, Outside St Mary's church hall, Town Close, top of Sunderlands Avenue, Link Road and Princess Drive
- Replacement seat – Church Lane by bus stop, Babraham Road by bus stop and tops of Sunderlands Avenue
- Replacement Dog bins – junction of Queensway/Princess Drive, Wakelin Avenue opposite 44 Wakelin Ave and one spare for future requests

Councillor W A Fell asked if the bench outside number 1 Cambridge Road could be sanded down and re-stained by our groundsmen instead of being replaced as there is nothing wrong with the bench.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor W A Fell and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray to **ACCEPT** the above.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

11 BT BOX BABRAHAM ROAD

Already discussed

12 PARKING IN CHURCH LANE

Councillor Dr D R Bard reported a problem with parking in Church Lane. If all the cars were to park on one side of Church Lane it would help so would it be possible to have double yellow lines on one side. Councillor E C Murray explained that the Parish Council has been approached for double yellow lines in several places which have been refused in the past due to the costs, policing it etc.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Clerk writes to CCC Highways and look into the possibility of parking restrictions on Church Lane. Clerk also to write to the U3A, who often have trips where members are collected by coach at the Memorial and who leave their cars down Church Lane, to ask that they either park at the Catholic Church or park on one side down Church Lane to ease congestion.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 3 AGAINST

13 CAMBRIDGDE TO HUNTINGDON IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (A14)

The Parish Council received some questionnaires regarding the A14 Improvement Scheme. Clerk to email this to all the Councillors so that they can each complete the survey by 15 June 2014.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley to also write as a Parish Council to strongly support the scheme.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Bowers Terrace

Footpath needs cutting – clerk to contact SCDC

Former John Falkner School site

Clerk to contact the new owners of the former John Falkner school site about the footpath that is badly overgrown. Copy in CCC Highways.

Overhanging Trees – Church Lane

Overhanging trees on the footpath in Church Lane by the bus stop to Sawston Hall gates - Clerk to write to the owners of Sawston Hall.

Lynton Way

Overgrown parking area down Lynton Way onto Lynton way recreation ground - This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. Clerk to look into.

Overhanging trees by the Free Church

Clerk to write to residents.

Brick Wall – Hall Crescent

Councillor K Cuffley explained he had a resident contact him regarding the Parish Council's decision to remove the brick wall in Hall Crescent. The Parish Council had two professional people look at the wall who both agreed the wall was not safe. With the information the Parish Council had, the decision to remove the wall was made. Removing the wall would also open up a very narrow footpath.

Some neighbours do not want the wall removed as this prevents balls going into their gardens.

This was discussed and option suggested is to get a Structural Engineer to look at the wall before proceeding. Councillor E C Murray agreed to look into what the Parish Council can do.

Local Plan

Councillor Dr D R Bard asked if the Parish Council should consider professional representation for the Local Plan. This would be made an agenda item for the next Full Parish Meeting in June.

Meeting closed 9.25pm