

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

26 May 2015

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell Snr Assistant Clerk: Mrs G A Pack

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

W A Fell

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

1 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)

2 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 Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell 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)

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R M Richmond : Livestock issues

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell: Item 6 - S/1228/154/FL 3 Meadowfield Road

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2015 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: 7 FOR : 1 no vote

6 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

Councillor W N Reid expressed concern regarding the travellers who have settled on the piece of land adjacent to the new traffic lights at the northern end of Sawston bypass.

Councillor Dr D R Bard explained that this was a Cambridgeshire County Council issue and the law was taking its course. Dr D R Bard agreed to contact County Councillor A G Orgee for an update.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/1120/15/FL Erection of a Steel Canopy in Playground to Provide a Covered Area for Pupil Dining at Sawston Village College, New Road for Mr B Croft **SPC Comment: Support**
Vote: 8 For (Unanimous)

Proposed by Cllr Dr D R Bard and
Seconded by Cllr W N Reid to
Support

S/1072/15/FL Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 2 Glover Close for Mr & Mrs P Jenkins **SPC Comment: Support**
Vote: 8 For (Unanimous)

Proposed by Cllr W N Reid and
Seconded by Cllr E C Murray to
Support

S/1228/15/FL Erection of two storey rear extension, installation of new windows in side elevations of dwelling and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at 3 Meadowfield Road for Mr & Mrs J Johnson **SPC Comment: Support**
But with concerns over the amount of parking
Vote: 7 For
1 declared interest
(PAM)

Proposed by Cllr Dr D R Bard and
Seconded by Cllr W N Reid to
Support

8 PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted

9 CYCLEWAYS IN SAWSTON

Councillor E C Murray explained that the Clerk has written to Mr M Davies, Team Leader – Cycling Projects at CCC regarding Sawston cycleways. The reply received was at the present time there is no appropriate funding stream to develop any improvements in the Sawston area but will add Sawston Parish Council's suggestions to the list.

This was discussed at length and the following are suggestions for new/upgraded cycleways in order of importance:

1) **Upgrade cycleway from by pass down Huckeridge Hill**

This path is very narrow and needs to be widened due to probability of more usage as school transport from nearby villages to Sawston Village College is being reduced

2) **Make into new cycleway from High Street, opposite Prince William Way/Catley's Walk over railway line (Footpath 9)**

Very narrow and lined with large tree roots pushing up the surface making walking/cycling from Whittlesford at night extremely dangerous

3) **New cycleway - Babraham Road**

Take verge to create a new cycleway to continue from Lynton Way down to zebra crossing

4) **New cycleway from by pass down to the former Spicers site**

Create a new cycleway for people wishing to walk or cycle to the new development on former Spicers site

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to send these suggestions to Mr M Davies at Cambridgeshire County Council and ask him to add them to the list to be actioned as and when funding has been appropriated to Sawston

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Cambridge City Local Plan Examination and SCDC Local Plan Examination

Councillor Dr D R Bard expressed concern about the Local Plan in view of the paperwork received regarding:

- Housing numbers
- Green Belt issues (Sector 8)
- Local Plan (new settlements)

Sawston Parish Council should be thinking about what facilities are wanted from S106 Agreements, looking at a Neighbourhood Plan and gathering evidence to stop extra housing being developed within the village. This needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

Tree – Catley's Walk

Councillor W N Reid asked if Mr A R Poole could look at the fallen tree down Catley's Walk. Clerk to write to Mr Vindis to ask if the hedge could be trimmed back from the footpath.

Mill Lane Development

Councillor E C Murray asked if anything was happening concerning the Mill Lane development. Councillor Dr D R Bard replied that no planning application had been received as yet but would possibly be later in the year.

Meeting closed 8.45pm