

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

23 June 2015

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

A G Orgee : Cambridgeshire County Council

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr W A Fell : Holiday

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2015 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

There were no plans for this meeting

ASSOCIATED MATTERS:

Councillor Miss S E Clarke reported that there is an increasing amount of Tucker Gardner signs around the village advertising school fetes. Clerk to write to ask them not to put these signs on verges or street furniture.

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor W N Reid that the Parish Council make it a policy that as soon as these signs start appearing the Clerk writes to them asking them to be removed.

6 VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)
PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has been asked by Stapleford Parish Council if they would like to work together with surrounding parishes to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Matthews that if the Parish Council is going to do a Neighbourhood Plan it should be for Sawston only. Councillors Dr D R Bard and K Cuffley said they would be happy to meet with the other Parish Councils to discuss.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 CYCLEWAY SAWSTON – STAPLEFORD

Councillor K Cuffley explained that the County Council is reducing the school bus service to Sawston Village College and that this service will not be available for those children who live within a 3 mile radius.

The local members, parents and the MP walked this route from Stapleford to Sawston recently and felt that the cycle/footpath by the bridge to the new traffic lights is very narrow and unsafe for children on cycles or walking. Councillor K Cuffley said that the parents want to see this cycle/footpath made safer for their children to use to get to and from school.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor K Cuffley and SECONDED by Councillor Dr D R Bard to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow Councillor A G Orgee to speak

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor A G Orgee explained that there is an appeal on Wednesday 8 July at Shire Hall and he feels that Sawston Parish Council should write in and support the parents to get the cycleway made safer.

Councillor Dr D R Bard proposed the Clerk writes supporting the parents. This area is prone to flooding and when it is flooded the only alternative is to use the main road. The area is poorly lit and the width of the path is not wide enough. The 50mph speed limit makes it even more dangerous.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Dr D R Bard and SECONDED by Councillor R M Richmond to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray to write to Cambridgeshire County Council supporting the parents.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

9 SEATS AND BINS

Councillor E C Murray explained that there are a number of bins and seats that need replacing around the village and that a list should be compiled so that they can be ordered all at once to save money. There are also some areas that need a bin that do not already have one.

This was discussed and it was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Parish by Councillor E C Murray and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Clerk and Vice Chairman walk around the village to see where these are needed and spend up to £6k from the Planning & Environment budget to do so.

VOTE: 8 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

Meeting closed 8.30pm