



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 23 MAY 2017

At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Assistant Parish Clerk Anne Rudge

Councillors

David Bard

Beck Laxton

Kevin Cuffley (7.30 – 7.40 pm)

Brian Milnes

Tony Fell

Neil Reid (Vice Chairman)

Public:

Ms J Merrick

Mr H Williamson

Ms K Draper

Mr R Richmond (7.30 – 8.20 pm)

Mr C Groves

The Howard Group representatives: Mr W Jewson)
Mr E Saunders) 7.30 – 8.20 pm
Mr C Brown)

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Janet Martin was ***proposed*** by Councillor Neil Reid and ***seconded*** by Councillor David Bard for the position of Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Janet Martin was elected Chairman.

VOTE: 4 FOR : 2 ABSTENTIONS

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Neil Reid was ***proposed*** by Councillor David Bard and ***seconded*** by Councillor Tony Fell for the position of Vice-Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Neil Reid was elected Vice-Chairman.

VOTE: 4 FOR : 2 ABSTENTIONS

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Ray Matthews – illness

Councillor Rob Grayston – meeting

Councillor Janet Martin (Chairman) – family bereavement

Councillor Rajni Padia – holiday

Councillor Kevin Cuffley left the meeting.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Brian Milnes raised that he lives very close to the former John Falkner site Item 8 S/1523/17/PO.

Councillor Neil Reid – Application S/1623/17/FL. Relatives regularly use the Halo salon.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Neil Reid and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to bring forward Planning Application S/1623/17/FL as representatives of Halo salon were present.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/1623/17/FL	<p>Change of use from B1 office to A1 retail use in the alternative at 6 Mill Lane for Mr Harry Williamson at Halo Salon</p> <p>Councillor Neil Reid asked Mr Williamson for his input. He explained that after 6 years in the village he wanted to expand the business extending the services offered. He would be increasing the number of staff.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Brian Milne and seconded by Councillor Beck Laxton to support this application.</p>	<p>Support – no objection</p> <p>Vote 3 For 1 Abstention 1 no vote</p>

Mr Williamson and Ms Draper left the meeting.

5 PRESENTATION BY THE HOWARD GROUP REGARDING THE ICONIX PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Neil Reid welcomed the three representatives of the Howard Group to the meeting.

Mr Ed Saunders gave a presentation based on the information provided on the display boards used at the recent public exhibition. Mr William Jewson agreed to supply an electronic copy of the exhibition boards for circulation to all Councillors.

Mr Saunders told the Committee that the Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from the access from the A1301 will be submitted in the next two to three weeks. Access from the A1301 was 'almost exclusively' thought to be a good idea at the recent public exhibition with an approval rating of around 87% for the whole development – from 101 attendees.

He also informed members that the Group is working with the current occupiers to find acceptable alternative accommodation.

Councillors questioned Mr Saunders about infrastructure and Councillor Brian Milnes specifically asked about the timescale for the development and was informed 5 to 15 years to completion.

Councillor Neil Reid thanked Mr Saunders and his colleagues for attending and they left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

6 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on **25 April** were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Fell and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to **accept** the minutes with the exception of Item 11 Land at Broadmeadow which was dealt with in camera.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

7 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

Item relating to the Vindis group. The new information provided by Councillor Brian Milnes is that Vindis are not moving out. Councillor Brian Milnes informed the meeting that Vindis customers have been sent a letter informing them of their plans. The Council has not received any communication. The meeting asked that the Clerk establishes the terms of the break clause; specifically when the break clause can be invoked. This information to be passed to Committee members.

ACTION: The Clerk

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to ask the Clerk to write to the Vindis Group requesting information about what they intend to do with the High Street frontage of the premises and to express the Council's concern about the premises lying vacant.

VOTE: 4 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

ACTION: The Clerk

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/1462/17/FL	Two storey side and rear extension at 80 Woodland Road for Mr & Mrs Roughley It was proposed by Councillor Brian Milnes and seconded by Councillor Beck Laxton to support this application.	Support – no objection Vote 4 For 1 no vote
S/0125/17/VC	Variation of Condition 2 of planning consent S/0441/00/F at 1 St Mary's Road for Mr & Mrs Poulter It was proposed by Councillor Brian Milnes and seconded by Councillor Tony Fell not to support this application	Do Not Support Due to the same reasons it was rejected previously i.e. lack of parking provision and inadequate amenity area. Vote 3 For 1 abstention 1 no vote
S/1523/17/PO	Obligation to make a commuted sum payment for Affordable Housing in accordance with Schedule 2 Part 1 of the S106 agreement dated 14 June 2013 between the Council and the applicants at the former John Faulkener School, Mill Lane for Mr Hassan Fani	Support but with qualifying comments The documentation provided was inadequate for decision making purposes. The Council was only able to make a decision with the input from a Councillor with in-depth knowledge and

	It was proposed by Councillor Brian Milnes and seconded by Councillor Tony Fell to support this application	experience of the planning process. Vote 4 For 1 no vote
S/1684/17/FL	Part first floor part single storey rear extension and single storey side extension at 23 Babraham Road for Mr & Mrs Harrodine It was proposed by Councillor Tony Fell and seconded by Councillor Brian Milne to support this application	Support – no objection Vote 4 For 1 no vote

Tree applications

[S/1604/17/TC](#) Remove trees at 118 High Street

It was proposed by Councillor Brian Milne and seconded by Councillor Tony Fell to support this application with the proviso that replacement trees are planted.

VOTE: 3 FOR : 1 AGAINST 1 no vote

[S/1734/17/TP](#) Remove a dead/dying Horse Chestnut Tree in front of shops at 83-85 High Street

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Fell and seconded by Councillor Brian Milne to support this application with the proviso that a replacement tree is planted.

VOTE: 4 FOR : 0 AGAINST 1 no vote

[S/1242/17/PA](#) Prior approval for a proposed single storey rear extension at 42 Evans Way – Noted

9 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF A TREE IN EDINBURGH AVENUE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TREE OFFICER

Councillor Beck Laxton expressed concern that the information from the Tree Officer was ambiguous and requested that the Clerk check that the felling of the tree has been agreed at a Council meeting.

The Assistant Clerk presented the three quotations for the work as follows:

£290.00

£430.00

£910.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Fell and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to **recommend** to Full Parish to accept the lowest quote subject to the query presented by Councillor Beck Laxton being satisfied.

ACTION: The Clerk

10 PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: CONCERNING P & E ONLY

Councillor David Bard raised the issue of Speedwatch. Councillor Colin Groves, present as a member of the public, responded that he had quotes for the speedwatch equipment and asked for it to be placed as an item on the next Planning agenda.

Councillor Beck Laxton expressed the view that the Council would need more information about the aims and objectives of the project before it could agree to such significant expenditure. Councillor David Bard commented that the Council would also have to consider the budget implications.

Councillor Beck Laxton also wanted to know what evidence Highways would require to agree to put in traffic calming measures. She suggested that Councillor Colin Groves approaches our new County Councillors to get more information.

It was agreed that it should be an item on the next Planning agenda and Councillor Colin Groves should bring information as detailed above for the Committee to consider.

The public were asked to leave the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 – it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are asked to leave the meeting during consideration of the sensitive items in reserved matters

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Meeting closed 9.20 pm