



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 27 MARCH 2018
At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Janet Martin (Chairman)

Neil Reid (Vice Chairman)

Brian Milnes

Rajni Padia

David Bard

Kevin Cuffley

Tony Fell

Councillor Colin Groves as member of public
Mr James Blacow – CCC - Transport Officer working on behalf of Greater
Cambridge Partnership
Mrs Siobhan Mellon – SCDC Development Officer, South East
+ 1 member of public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Beck Laxton

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Neil Reid and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to **accept** the minutes

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 PRESENTATION ON THE RURAL TRAVEL HUBS AND GREENWAYS PROJECTS BY GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP OFFICER

Councillor Janet Martin invited James Blacow and Siobhan Mellon to give their presentation.

Greenways Project – the proposed routes for cycle/pedestrian routes linking with the hubs along the A1307 were described. These were proposed only at this stage.

In summary, the feasibility study report recommends developing pilot studies for Rural Travel Hubs at three locations: Oakington, Sawston and Whittlesford. The feasibility report ranks the sites by nine criteria and taking all factors into consideration, the top two sites were identified as Oakington and Whittlesford. Due to the nature of planning regulations at both these sites, it was recommended to progress a further third pilot at Sawston, also taking into account the potential improvements to the South Eastern Corridor (A1307).

The feasibility study report was taken to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Executive Board on 8 February where officers recommended that the three sites are progressed to phase two of the project, which will include developing full business cases for Oakington and Sawston working with the local community. It was confirmed that phase two will include Oakington and Sawston. Phase two will also include addressing any environmental and heritage concerns and refining the outline costs for the construction of the hubs. It is envisaged that updated business cases will be presented back to the Assembly and Board in late 2018, after full engagement with local communities.

The Parish Council raised a number of concerns including the cycle/pedestrian route along Cambridge Road to Stapleford and from Sawston to Whittlesford Station, security and maintenance was also raised and James confirmed this is something they are looking at improving.

Councillor Janet Martin thanked them for coming to our meeting.

More information can be found on the below website.

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/rural-travel-hubs/>

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/0748/18/FL	Proposed conversion and extension from detached store to family annexe at 17, Babraham Road, Sawston.	Support: With the condition it is not rented or let as a separate dwelling. Vote 5 For 2 No Votes
S/0771/18/FL	Proposed rear single storey extension at 13, London Road, Sawston.	Support: Vote 5 For 2 No Votes
S/0888/18/VC	Variation of conditions 16 (A full suite of bat emergency survey) of planning permission S/1515/15/OL at Land adjacent to 43, Mill Lane, Sawston.	Support: Vote 7 For
S/0766/18/FL	New Single storey 2 bedroom bungalow, Garage, Carport Driveway & Vehicle turning area at Land to the rear of 5 Babraham Road, Sawston.	Do Not Support: Comments attached Vote 5 For 2 No Votes

For information only:

[S/0783/18/DC](#) Discharge of conditions 10 (Boundary treatment), 11 (Hard and soft landscaping), 20 (Contamination) of planning permission S/2993/17/RM at Land adjacent to 43, Mill Lane, Sawston.

[S/3408/17/FL](#) Discharge of conditions 27 (Renewable energy) and 28 (Precise Water conservation strategy) of planning permission S/2993/17/RM at Land adjacent to 43, Mill Lane, Sawston.

[S/2286/16/OL](#) Outline of planning application with all matters reserved except for access for the construction of up to ten residential dwellings (to not exceed 999m² Gross Internal

Floor Area) and associated works, including access, Car parking and landscaping at Land between 66 and 68, Common Lane, Sawston.

7 PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted

8 UPDATE ON VILLAGE SIGNS

Councillor Beck Laxton was not at the meeting but has sent the committee some information regarding village signs. This will be deferred to April Planning meeting.

Action : Councillor Beck Laxton

9 TO DISCUSS THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN PRINCE WILLIAM WAY AND SHINGAY LANE

Councillor Kevin Cuffley is still waiting for information from County Council Highways so this will be deferred to April Planning meeting.

Action : Councillor Kevin Cuffley

10 TO DISCUSS THE MOVABLE SPEED SIGNS WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk confirmed we now have the movable speed sign and lamp post brackets to allow us to move the sign every 4 weeks as recommended. The committee discussed which 5 lamp columns this should be attached to and it was agreed that Councillor Colin Groves would obtain column numbers and give them to the Clerk as she will need authorisation from Balfour Beatty before installing it.

The 5 areas agreed are:

- Babraham Road, by Lynton Way recreation ground
- London Road, by North Terrace
- Cambridge Road, entering Sawston down Huckeridge Hill
- Mill Lane, by the recreation ground
- High Street

Action : Councillor Colin Groves

11 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT CARS PARKING ON LONDON ROAD OPPOSITE MEDICAL CENTER

The committee had a letter from a resident of London Road who is concerned with the safety of London Road by the medical centre, a copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to arrange a site visit with County Council to discuss the issues. The Clerk is to write to the resident informing them of this and also to inform them about the new speed sign we will be installing which will be on this stretch of road for up to 4 weeks at a time.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Fell and **seconded** by Councillor Rajni Padia for the Clerk to arrange a site meeting and write to the resident.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

12 TO DISCUSS AND MAKE COMMENTS ON GREAT ABINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The committee received a copy of the Great Abington Neighbourhood Plan and was asked to make comment. This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to obtain responses to the following.

- Why is there no affordable housing?
- Does the Neighbourhood Plan meet the housing need?
- Why are there 343 dwellings but 325 households?

13 TO DISCUSS ICKNEILD OFSTED BANNER

The Clerk has received a request from Icknield Primary School to put up a banner showing the results of their Ofsted report on the hedge at the cross roads of New Road/Cambridge Road.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Rajni Padia to allow them to put up the banner for two weeks.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that he had met with County Council about the extension to the Bellbird Primary School and they are going to be looking into safety issues that have been raised regarding parking and drop off/pick up's and are considering a drop off layby. To encourage non-driving options to school, it was also proposed that a case be made to upgrade footpaths as it may encourage people to use them. The Clerk was asked for a list of cycleways and footpaths that need upgrading to encourage people to use them, ie dropped kerbs, better surfaces etc.

It was requested that all Councillors are asked to produce a list of paths before the next full parish meeting and it will be made an agenda item to discuss.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley will also obtain the report from Atkins who have recently done a survey on our pathways.

Councillor Tony Fell explained the pot holes have now been repaired on Queensway and they have done a great job cutting them out properly and sealing them but have then done some down Link Road which are not so great. Clerk to contact County Council to get a list of dates for the pot hole repairs.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm

Letter from resident – Item 11

I live on London Road, opposite Granta Medical Practice near the traffic calming coming from the Pampisford end of the Village.

Increasingly throughout the day, clients of the Doctor's Surgery and others are parking on the left side of the road (considerately) next to the path. This is causing the road to become unsafe to both pedestrians, car users and above all, cyclists.

As cars are parking outside our homes I guess we notice it more but I have spoken to the Practice Manager at the Doctor's Surgery and although he can't do anything about where patients park, he is sympathetic to my reasoning about it making that stretch of the road unsafe. If car users are not able to go through the traffic calming and then move back into the left hand side of the road it makes it unsafe. With cars parking up to the zig-zag by the pedestrian crossing at times too, it makes the crossing unsafe for my children who use it to cross the road.

I would really like to see if the PC think that stretch of road is safe or not. When we moved in and the Doctor's surgery was built, this was a concern and 12 years on, the problem seems to have got worse as the practice grows as well as traffic on our roads increasing.

Sawston Parish Council – Objection to application S/0766/18/FL

- Unacceptably high density / over-development of the site, especially if it involves loss of garden land or the open aspect of the neighbourhood (so-called 'garden grabbing')
- Visual impact of the development
- Design (including bulk and massing, detailing and materials, if these form part of the application)
- The proposed development is over-bearing, out-of-scale or out of character in terms of its appearance compared with existing development in the vicinity Especially the height and Footprint of the Bungalow, and immediate proximity to small adjacent properties
- The loss of existing views from neighbouring properties would adversely affect the residential amenity of neighbouring owners

Below Plan (new over existing) shows disproportionate size compared to surrounding properties and loss of garden land / open spaces



