



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 23 OCTOBER 2018

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

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Janet Martin (Chairman)

David Bard (Vice Chairman)

Brian Milnes

Kevin Cuffley

Neil Reid

Anand Pillai

Jayne Merrick

Tony Orgee

Rajni Padia

Colin Grove

Mrs Meghan Bonner – KWA Architects
Mr Glynn Mutton – Hill Development Manager
Mr James Fisher – SCDC S106 Officer
Mrs Rebecca Ward – SCDC Case Officer

All the Parish Councillors were invited to this meeting because of the importance of the planning application S/3729/18/FL H1/b Site.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rob Grayston
Tony Fell
Kieran Cooper
Ray Matthews

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Jayne Merrick – Item S/3729/18/FL as she knows the residents in the existing house.
Councillor Neil Reid – Item S/3711/18/FL as he knows the resident.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2018 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 2 NO VOTE

4 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY

None

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/3711/18/FL	Two storey rear extension, loft conversion including dormer window to rear, and front facing Velux windows at 30, Brookfield Road, Sawston. It was proposed by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and seconded by Councillor Jayne Merrick to support this application.	Support Providing there are no objections from the neighbours Vote: 6 For 1 No Vote
S/1958/18/FL	Dropped kerb at 14, High Street.	This has already been determined by SCDC - noted

[S/3729/18/FL](#) – H1B Change of use to residential use and erection of 158 residential units at Site H/1:b – Land North of Babraham Road, Sawston.

Before the discussion, a potential conflict of interest was considered. This concerned the gift of land to the Parish Council on the site of the Cambridge City Football Stadium by the owner of Site H/1:b. Both CAPALC and the Section 106 Officer at South Cambridgeshire SCDC were consulted. On the basis of their advice it was agreed to proceed to consider the application.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Brian Milnes and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid that we go ahead and make any material considerations on this application in front of us and if we choose to be represented at SCDC Planning Committee we ask for their guidance and make this statement in our response to this application by sending a covering letter.

VOTE: 7 FOR : UNANIMOUS

The subsequent discussion identified the following concerns:

1. Housing Density
2. Height of some dwellings (3.5 storeys – 13.7m high)
3. Drainage, particularly pollution.
4. Vehicular access
5. Noise assessment
6. Affordable housing
7. Construction traffic
8. Impact of the development on the character of the village and the green belt.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to object to this application on all the above points. A full and comprehensive response has been sent to SCDC Planning department and is on the Parish Council website.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 1 NO VOTE 1: ABS

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PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted

7 TO DISCUSS S106 CONTRIBUTIONS REGARDING APPLICATION S/3729/18/FL – H/1:B SITE

Mr James Fisher – SCDC S106 officer explained briefly what the S106 money can be spent on ie: On site - public open space, play equipment. Offsite – out door formal sports, public art, meeting space.
It can also be used to upgrade pathways/cycleways.

The Parish Council need to consider what is needed in the village and put a proposal to SCDC by the end of November.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to have an extension of time for 15 minutes to complete the meeting.

VOTE: 7 FOR : UNANIMOUS

8 TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF HOUSING & OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN SAWSTON

It was agreed to defer this to Novembers Planning agenda.

9 TO DISCUSS UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN

It was agreed to defer this to Novembers Planning agenda.

10 TO DISCUSS THE ROAD CLOSURE AT SOUTH TERRACE, SAWSTON

The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the closure of South Terrace between 17-21 January 2019 for highways maintenance.
No comment - noted

11 TO DISCUSS UPDTE ON THE MILL LANE DEVELOPMENTS/DRAINAGAE DITCHES
Councillor Brian Milnes gave an update and explained that the East-West ditch had been investigated, and was recently cleared. All the ditches supporting drainage from surrounding houses (new and old) have or are being dug out and culverts cleared to ensure they work effectively.

SCDC Enforcement has been out regarding the issue with land levels on the Croudace site and they are satisfied they are building to plan.

Councillor Brian Milnes and District Councillor Claire Delderfield are continuing to monitor the developments, to ensure any flood risk is minimised (as is required).

12 TO DISCUSS THE TRIANGULAR PIECE OF LAND AT THE NEW ROAD/MILL LANE JUNCTION

Councillor Brian Milnes explained that this area of land has now been tarmacked over and asked if the Parish Council would consider some flowering baskets or hanging baskets to make this area look nicer. The Clerk will make this an agenda item for early next year when hanging baskets are discussed.

13 TO DISCUSS BONFIRE NIGHT

The Clerk confirmed everything was organised and booked for this year's event.

14 BUDGET SETTING 2019/20

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick to **RECOMMEND TO F & GP COMMITTEE** a budget for Planning & Environment Committee of £31,307.63 for 2019/2020.

VOTE: 7 FOR : UNANIMOUS

15 CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

A street lamp in Springfield Road doesn't work. Councillor Kevin Cuffley will email Councillor Brian Milnes the details so he can report to SCDC.

Councillor Brian Milnes explained that Sawston Fire Station has some new external lights which are extremely bright giving light pollution. Clerk to write to SCDC asking if they needed planning permission for these.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm