



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09 APRIL 2019
At SPICERS PAVILION - Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Kevin Cuffley (Chairman)

David Bard

Janet Martin

Brian Milnes

Mr Mallows

Anand Pillai

Ray Matthews

Neil Reid

Colin Groves

Tony Orgee

Tony Fell

Members of the Public

9 Members of public

243 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Kieran Cooper, Beck Laxton, Rob Grayston, Jayne Merrick, Rajni Padia

244 PRESENTATION BY SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE REGARDING THE MARVEN CENTRE

Councillor Kevin Cuffley introduced Mrs Lesley Morgan – Arts Development Manager at Sawston Village College and Mr Barrie Ashurst.

Mrs Morgan gave a presentation explaining that the importance of the Marven Centre and what it is currently used for. The building is well used and well loved but is now showing its age and needs a lot of repairs. It has damp and leaks which are necessarily obvious to the eye. The building has significant heritage which they would like to preserve and share. The cost to restore this building is an estimated £1.4 million which is a long-term aim. In the mean time they need to repair and protect the building and in May last year they applied to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a project worth £530,000.00 but unfortunately, they were unsuccessful. They are now working on another application and estimate the cost of the new project to be £240,00.00 and plan to ask the Heritage Fund for £190,000.00. The works would include external waterproofing of the building, damp proofing and repair/restoration of the external entrance area.

They will have a shortfall of £50,000 if successful and asked the Parish Council for advice on support for raising the shortfall. They also asked if the Parish Council would be able to help.

After the presentation it was discussed and the Parish Council gave Mrs Morgan some more suggestions of where to apply for funding.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to write a letter of support for this project.

VOTE: 11

FOR :

UNANIMOUS

Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked Mrs Morgan and Mr Ashurst for attending the meeting and presenting.

245 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (15 MINUTES ALLOWED)

Mrs Jean Osbourne asked for an update on the Community Hub. Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained there are some legal issues still being discussed.

Mrs Osbourne expressed concern over the H1:b site which she felt was grossly over development the flats proposed are too high for the area and too close to the two existing dwellings.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that this application is going to SCDC Planning Committee tomorrow (10th April) and the Parish Council will be making representation. The comments made above will be in the presentation.

246 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Tony Fell – item 254 donation for Challis Trust

Councillor Colin Groves – item 249 application for St Marys Road as he is a neighbour

247 CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH MEETING – 12 MARCH 2019

The minutes of the Full Parish held on 12 February 2019 were presented.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Janet Martin to **accept** the minutes.

VOTE: 11 FOR : 1 ABS

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Janet Martin to **accept** the additional Staff Management minutes (confidential) included.

VOTE: 11 FOR : 1 ABS

248 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION

None

249 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/0832/19/FL	<p>Garage conversion and single storey front extension at 36 St Marys Road</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Janet Martin and Seconded by Councillor Tony Orgee to Support.</p>	<p>Support/No Objection</p> <p>Vote: 8 For 2 Abs 1 No Vote</p> <p>PC Comments: Please ensure condition that the building works have a duty of care as this area is a SSSI. (Site of special scientific interest)</p>

S/0772/19/FL	Single storey rear extension at 7, Hurrys Close Proposed by Councillor Tony Fell and Seconded by Councillor David Bard to Support .	Support/No Objection Vote: 8 For 1 Against 1 Abs 1 No Vote
S/0890/19/FL	Single storey rear extension at 106 New Road Proposed by Councillor David Bard and Seconded by Councillor Tony Fell to Support .	Support/No Objection Vote: 9 For 1 Abs 1 No Vote
S/0858/19/FL	Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 18 Chamois Close Proposed by Councillor David Bard and Seconded by Councillor Ray Matthews to Support .	Support/No Objection Vote: 8 For 1 Abs 1 Against 1 No Vote PC Comments: Would ask that up to date location plan is used.

Information Only – All noted

S/3729/18/FL Full planning application for the erection of 158 residential units and associated access points, landscaping and infrastructure at Hill Residential Ltd

S/2627/18/FL To remove existing roof to construct first floor for additional seating area for the café at The Brick House, Link Road (Appeal dismissed)

250 ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 2019

The accounts for March 2019 were presented.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Fell and **seconded** by Councillor Tony Orgee to **accept** the accounts for March 2019.

VOTE: 11 FOR : UNANIMOUS

251 TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM ALLOTMENT HOLDER FOR APIARY FOR BEES

An allotment holder has requested the possibility of having an apiary on the London Road allotments. They plan to have 2 hives and would position them adjacent to her allotment. She has spoken to all the allotment holders in close proximity to her allotment and they have no objection.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to allow this.

VOTE: 11 FOR : UNANIMOUS

252 TO DISCUSS ~~FERTISLISER~~ FERTILISER FOR THE GROUNDSMAN

At the last full parish meeting there was a query about the cost of the fertiliser requested by the Head Groundsman. The Clerk explained that the request was for two types of fertiliser, one for the cricket square only and the other for all the other grounds which is a different

mix. The higher cost for the fertiliser for the rest of the grounds and cemetery is due to the quantity required.

Cricket Square soil - £101.20 + vat
Fertiliser for rest of grounds - £1,640.00 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to accept the two quotes.

VOTE: 11 FOR : UNANIMOUS

253 UPDATE ON THE ~~LHI~~ LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE APPLICATION FOR CHURCH LANE

The Parish Council recently applied for ~~LHI~~ Local Highways Initiative funding for 2019/20 and our application for restricted parking in Church Lane was successful.

The County Council has asked that the Parish Council formally write to accept the financial contribution that was agreed that the full parish meeting in November 2018. It was agreed to contribute up to £1k for this project.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Janet Martin to write to the County Council.

VOTE: 11 FOR : UNANIMOUS

254 TO DISCUSS S137 DONATION REQUEST FROM CHALLIS TRUST

The Parish Council has a request from the Challis Trust for a donation of £600.00 to contribute towards erecting a fence around the pond in the Challis Trust garden. Many children run around the garden and they are concerned this is a safety issue.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Janet Martin and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to donate £600.00.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 NO VOTE

255 TO DISCUSS HANGING BASKET QUOTES

The Assistant Clerk contacted 5 nurseries to obtain quotes and has only received one.

£413.00 for 28 half baskets – 14 lampposts.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Fell and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to **accept** the quote for £413.00 from Cranbrook Plants.

VOTE: 11 FOR : UNANIMOUS

256 UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Councillor Janet Martin explained the Neighbourhood Plan leaflet will be sent out with the Chairman's report to all houses in Sawston the first week of May. The leaflet will list all the village event dates where there will be a stand for the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Janet Martin invited all Councillors to help or drop in on these sessions/events.

The Village Design Statement is making progress and SCDC are about to do a consultation on the VDS which is being held at the Walnut Room at the village college on 9th May 3.30pm – 8.00pm, everyone is welcome and we encourage residents to visit. The consultation is 15th April – 31st May 2019.

Councillor Janet Martin thanked the residents who have already helped with the statement and has supported it.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked Councillor Janet Martin for all her continued hard work in this project.

257 UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

On Parish Council website

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259 CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from resident regarding tree planted down Tannery Road

Thank you from Bruce Waldron for agreed date for sunrise service

Thank you from Sawston Library for their donation

All above were noted.

260 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Tony Fell asked the Clerk to report the state of the footpath alongside the Baulks which is almost unpassable. The hedge is so overgrown it is covering the footpath.

Councillor Tony Fell explained that the County Council has repaired some pot holes in Princess Drive but not all were done. There are still some that have been marked but not filled. The Clerk will contact County Council to report.

Councillor Tony Orgee asked if the Clerks would consider putting planning application decisions on our agendas so residents can see what decision was made. The Clerk agreed to do this.

Meeting Closed 9.20pm

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Annual Report to Parish Councils

Civic year May 2018 - April 2019

The civic year started as always with the Annual General Meeting of Council and its usual mix of general council business and motions put forward by members. The appointment of chairman and vice-chairman and some amendments to the Council's constitution were followed by the Commercial & Investment [C&I] Committee's recommendation for the relocation of the Council's headquarters to Alconbury. This provoked arguments for and against but was passed by majority. Plans for the new headquarters building were subsequently published in February 2019. It will be smaller and more flexible with one wing accommodating 350 staff, a public reception area and informal meeting space. Council and committee meetings will be held in a multi-use 90 seater space which can be sub-divided to offer the potential for community use. A planning application will be submitted in April 2019. Construction is anticipated to commence late 2019 and complete by December 2020. Net of building costs, the move is forecast to save the Council in the region of £46.5m over the next 30 years which will be reinvested in front line services. Meanwhile marketing of the 6 acre site at Shire Hall has produced some serious bids for the leasehold.

The Council's aim to become more commercial in managing its assets continued with the approval of outline business cases for 2 smart energy grids at the park & ride [P&R] sites at Trumpington and Babraham. This builds on the development work for a smart energy grid at the St Ives P&R site which was scheduled for construction during 2018. The St Ives site is a demonstrator project for a new business model, the objective of which is to generate income over the medium to long term as well as to address the challenge of the currently heavily constrained local distribution network. Cambridgeshire Housing & Investment Company became This Land and 21 parcels of Council land, some with planning permission, were sold to it, producing capital receipts and the prospect of a future revenue stream. Showing its green credentials in more than just financially beneficial projects Councillors approved unanimously a colleague's recent motion asking the Council to address the issue of single use plastic through changing its own behaviour and influencing other organisations to act similarly.

The same principle of protecting the environment underpins the Council's partnership with Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network. Facilitating the reuse of waste paint, the scheme benefits charities, community groups, schools, pre-schools and low income households, provides work experience, volunteering opportunities and community payback placements and almost halved the cost to council tax payers in its first 6 months. The design of the proposed new headquarters building also demonstrates similar commitment. It will be low energy, efficient and include elements of future-proofing. Car park ducting will allow charging of electric vehicles from day 1 and it includes the potential to harness solar energy at a later stage.

During the year there has been some good news on the funding front. A successful bid was made by Cambridgeshire & Peterborough to the National Lottery. The resultant grant of £500,000 is to be used as part of the Councils' Active New Communities project and will support 8 growth sites across the county between 2018 and 2021. The first year's focus will be on Northstowe, Alconbury Weald and Hauxton. The Chancellor's budget statement included some additional funding for road maintenance [£6.653m] augmenting the already increased budget of £2m allocated by the Council. An additional £2.39m for adult social care has been used for increased capacity of support services to improve performance on Delayed Transfers of Care. Very recently we learned that a bid made jointly by Cambridge City Council and the Combined Authority had been successful. This Government grant of £227m will fund relocation of the water recycling centre at Milton and will pave the way for a new low carbon community north east of Cambridge. A smaller grant but one which members warmly welcomed came from a local organisation, Cambridge Assessment. It has offered £6,000 sponsorship for Bikeability, a national cycling proficiency scheme, so popular in Cambridgeshire that local demand exceeds the Government funding allocation. The value of this scheme cannot be underestimated as a complement to the huge investment that the Council is putting into cycling infrastructure across the county.

The Government's provisional funding settlement for local government for 2019/20 got a mixed reception. Supported by the county's MPs, the Council was successful in its efforts to reverse a position that would have seen it lose £7m but it was disappointing to learn that Cambridgeshire & Peterborough was the only devolved area of the country not to be included among the 15 councils who will benefit from a Business Rate Retention pilot. The simultaneous announcement that the Government was launching a more detailed consultation on its funding formula came as some consolation. The Council has worked hard with other Shire Councils over a long period of time to highlight to Government the funding inequality between different areas of the country. In setting its precept for 2019/20 the Council accepted Government's offer to raise general

council tax by 2.99% whilst continuing to apply the 2% increase to directly fund adult social care services. This equates to an additional £1.20 per week for a Band D property.

The recent demonstration by school children during school time has provoked both support and criticism. We fall into the support group as we believe that learning can happen in places other than the classroom and listening to some of the young speakers outside the Guild Hall was evidence that we are, despite the financial challenges, educating a fine new generation. On the subject of funding for education, Cambridgeshire remains a poor relation despite the recent increase of £1.4bn nationally. Locally we have one primary school that academised last year and another that is currently investigating doing the same. The third will probably remain a Local Authority school for the foreseeable future. At the end of January Government finally published the breakdown by school of the funding announced by the Chancellor 'for those little extras'. Entitlement was calculated at £32.10 per pupil for primary schools and without special dispensation had to be spent by the end of March 2019. The Council continues its programme of investment in schools as the number of applications for secondary school places in Cambridgeshire continues to rise. 6,691 applications were received this year with 89.5% being offered a place at their first preference school. £200m has been allocated between 2019 and 2024 to increase capacity in existing schools and to plan for new schools in areas where demand is greatest.

In January 2019 Ofsted made an unannounced inspection of the Council's children's services. The overall rating of a service requiring improvement was mitigated by the assessment that the impact of senior leaders is good. The report noted whole Council ownership of the change programme that it has embarked upon. It acknowledged that the Council had itself already identified the same areas for improvement as did the Inspectors and that Children & Young People committee had responded with investment to implement changes and to boost staffing levels.

As the Council continues its efforts to transform the way it works, inevitably it must acknowledge that not everything it tries is successful and the reversal of decisions to charge for P&R parking and the use of library computers evidences that. It strives to engage more closely with residents and to establish collaborative partnerships. This year saw the appointment of two new directors shared with Peterborough City Council and the Health & Wellbeing Boards of both Councils have committed to joint working. Its efforts to deliver high quality services and value for money have resulted in a clutch of awards during the year.

The Road Safety team's work with schools and its collaboration with Peterborough in the Road Safety Partnership both attracted awards. The Community Protection team was recognised for its work on the 'Friends against Scams' initiative. The Council's digital champion received a national Technology & Digital award from the Local Government Association recognising that through his advocacy, over 96% of the county is now covered by super fast broadband. The Council received a silver award in the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme for its support of the armed forces and their families. A joint piece of work by a team of staff from communications, transformation and adult social care picked up a national award for best research and evaluation process for its recruitment campaign for reablement staff and the special educational needs disability summer programme won the National Citizen Service award 2018.

Keeping children safe. Cambridgeshire County Council has been named as a TRAILBLAZING Authority in the national roll out of an innovative approach to children's social care – backed by a share of a £87m Department of Education (DfE) funding package. Cambridgeshire will take a leading national role in supporting the national roll out of Family Safeguarding – an approach that improves outcomes for vulnerable children and young people by involving multi-disciplinary teams in children's social care, and which builds on work already successfully pioneered in Hertfordshire and Peterborough. Under the family Safeguarding approach, children's social work teams are expanded to include adult practitioners who are experts at supporting parents. The new multi – disciplinary services includes practitioners from;

- Adult mental health
- Substance and alcohol abuse
- Domestic abuse workers who work with both perpetrators and victims

We look forward to receiving any questions or comments that you have about the work of the County Council at your Annual Parish Meetings. My thanks go to Parish Councillors and Clerks and all those of you who have so generously served your communities during the year. I very much look forward to working with you again in the coming year.

Cllr Kevin Cuffley
Cllr Roger Hickford