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# Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

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## Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Thursday 2nd May 2019 – 10:00am

Mrs Clare Speed – Assistant Clerk

Councillor Kevin Cuffley – Sawston Parish Council Chairman

Councillor David Bard

Mr Rob Richmond – Sawston Resident

Mr Reg Cullum – Sawston Resident

Mr Geoff Brown – Sawston Resident

Mr Geoff Bridges – Sawston Resident

Mr Mike Purdy – Sawston Resident

### 1: **Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence**

Councillor Janet Martin - Sawston Parish Council Vice - Chairman

Councillor Anand Pillai

Councillor Rajni Padia

David Baslington – Sawston Resident

Josie Johnson – Sawston Resident

### 2: **Confirm Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Mike Purdy to **accept** the minutes.

**VOTE: 7 for Unanimous**

### 3: **Matters Arising**

None

### 4: **To discuss residents letter regarding bus service**

An email from a Sawston resident was circulated around the group regarding the bus route, please find attached to the end of these minutes.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley agreed with these comments and suggested we would like to include transport within our adopted policy but it needs to be presented to the Peterborough and Cambridge Combined Authority (PCCA) and we will need to wait for a response for them.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to let the resident know and to contact the Peterborough and Cambridge Combined Authority (PCCA).

5: **To discuss survey – Cottenham**

Councillor Kevin Cuffley suggested using the same company as Cottenham for our survey, suggested question ideas are climate change, release of further green belt, transport, Village Design Statement to be linked in, Industrial/Commercial, High Street, Highways and policing.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to contact Enventure for a survey quote and to invite them to our September meeting.

6: **To discuss funding and consultancy support**

Funding for our survey was discussed to contact ACRE.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to contact ACRE and to enquire about funding with help from Councillor David Bard.

7: **To discuss feedback from reference group**

Assistant Clerk asked if everyone is happy to be part of the reference group and if they are happy to response to emails regarding the neighbourhood plan to help make decisions to move forward, everyone agreed.

8: **To discuss other action points**

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained to the group about his meeting with Mr Russell the head master at Sawston Village College to involve the pupils in our Neighbourhood plan survey, he suggested year 9 and 10 to be involved and suggested October time.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley suggested Reg Cullum goes along to this with himself and Janet Martin along with another resident member of the Neighbourhood plan.

**Action:** Assistant Clerk to email Mr Russell to start arrangements for the presentation.

9: **Village Design Framework**

Assistant Clerk reminded the group about the feedback session on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

10: **Report for Annual Parish meeting**

Reg Cullum explained he has written his report for the annual Parish meeting he has had support from Councillor Janet Martin and Councillor Kevin Cuffley and is happy with talking about the Neighbourhood Plan as he loves the village.

11: **Any other matters**

12: **Issues and Agenda items for next meeting – concerning neighbourhood plan**

We need to have clarity of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). As this has considerable impact on Parish Councils and developing Neighbourhood Plans.

13: **Next meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**The meeting closed at 11:00 am**

## **Residents Email**

Hello, i have been very lucky to have been resident in Sawston for 16 years and very happy to see it thriving and moving forward with the times. Thank ou for giving us the space to comment on plans for its future.

I would like to raise an agenda item for the meetings(comment) for the plan moving forward

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### **A fit for purpose, reliable, regular, public bus service that runs from Sawston to Whittlesford Railway station (Station Rd EAST side).**

At present, our choice of public transport to the rail station from Sawston is to catch the number 7A bus (the number 7 bus, which runs very regularly between Duxford and Sawston goes straight past the turn on its journey).

The number 7A bus linking Sawston to Whittlesford rail station runs infrequently during the daytime and its current route means that it is a 40 minute!! bus ride from Sawston Village to the nearest public bus stop. this "nearest" stop is located still 0.5 miles walk away from the station. The nearest stop is located on the junction of Duxford Rd and Station Rd West Whittlesford). Additionally, this service stops around 4pm and runs even more infrequently at the weekends.

Several years ago, I plotted all the distances to Whittlesford Rail station from the bus stops in Sawston (I wish to remind the reader at this point that Whittlesford station is a 4 - 5 minute car drive from the Pampisford end of Sawston. A 40 minute public bus journey isn't a fit for purpose alternative.

There are no barriers to a bus turning into station Rd East and turning round there..- the kerbs are already widened because the council grit depo is on this site and their lorries are stationed there... Also, there is no height barrier to the rail station car park so the bus could go through the car park and turn that way.

It would be really great if we could have this joined up public transport system as part of our future. If this was the case, we could actually travel to stansted airport (via bishops stortford station) using public transport there and back again!

It would boost general tourism to the village if the public were able access the village via public transport daytime and evening. It would increase business to the hotel and pub (B&B) also.

thanks for reading.

Slight revision to my email earlier - slightly less journey time than 40 mins on 7A but still not fit for purpose as doesn't pick up around sawston village and only starts after 9am

I have attached most up to date bus timetable that I can find for the meeting -

<http://www.sawston.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/7A-Trumpington-Bus-Time-Table-from-30th-July-2018.pdf>

I forgot to say that a regular, frequent bus service will also ease traffic congestion around the A505/A11 and A505/M11 junctions.

Bus Service –

<https://bustimes.org/services/7-citi-saffron-walden-duxford-sawston-cambridge>