



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 02 MAY 2023
Held at Spicers Pavilion - Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Jayne Merrick

Ian Reeves

Patrick Thouroude

Neil Reid

Anand Pillai

Kieran Cooper

Colin Groves

Kevin Cuffley

Paul Smith

Deborah Alderwick

Brian Milnes

+ 7 members of public/Community Groups

1 REFRESHMENTS AND OPEN/INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED BY POSTERS OR DISPLAYS

The following groups/organisations were present.

- Camsar (Cambridge Search & Rescue)
- SSYI
- Active with Parkinsons Group
- Age UK
- Icknield Primary School
- JHC
- Sawston Scout Group

2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (7.30PM)

Councillor Kevin Cuffley opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked the groups and community organisations for attending. If they would like to stay at the end of the meeting and leave leaflets the Clerk will distribute.

He went on to explain that there are events happening at the weekend for the Kings Coronation and thanked all those who have helped to organise the event. Last year we had a very successful Bonfire event and Remembrance Day Parade which both had a tremendous turnout and both events will be going ahead again this year.

He went on to explain that in the recent Chair report it stated that Cambridge City FC have gifted a piece of land to the Parish Council but they have since changed their minds and will no longer be gifting it. They have however, explained that they still wish to support the Parish Council and will support us with other projects in the future.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley welcomed new members and the Village Caretaker who is doing a great job keeping the village tidy. He thanked the Grounds Keepers too for all their hard work, we have many compliments regarding the village in general and the state of the cemetery and the sports clubs are very happy with the quality all the sports facilities.

He thanked all the staff for their hard work in the last year.

Councillor Kieran Cooper then explained about current/future projects.

He explained that the pavilion at Mill Lane has now been extended and refurbished and is now open for bookings. There are already several community groups using the pavilion as well as sports clubs which is great.

We have contributed to the Cricket Clubs new scorers box at Spicers pavilion in conjunction with Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club and we are pleased to be able to work together with them.

Future projects: we are looking at the possibility of changing the appearance of the High Street to make it better/more appealing for people using it. We have put planters outside the post office which we had hoped would prevent the illegal parking but still look nice. We are investigating possible electric charging points within the village and also looking at the possible uses for the land at the back of Vindis which the Parish Council own.

We have received money from the development on Babraham Road (H1:b) and will receive money from the other development on the South Side (H1:c) which is to be used for sports facilities for older children. We are looking at the possibility of a skate/scooter park and tennis courts on Lynton Way recreation ground.

The pavilion on Lynton Way needs to be rebuilt and this is being investigated. We are considering sending out a village wide survey so we can get a definitive response of what facilities Sawston residents would like in the village.

Councillor Jayne Merrick explained that 18 months ago we received a grant for 27 trees which have all now be planted and only 1 was vandalised which has since been replaced. We have recently received another 6 free trees which have been planted and we have also planted many bulbs around the village and created some wild flower areas. Councillor Jayne Merrick is currently seeking permission to plant trees on verges. If granted by the County Council it is hoped residents will want to plant trees on the verges outside their properties. This will be advertised if permission granted.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley then explained that we do have a couple of speed cameras in the village not only to help with speed reduction but so we can gather data for future speed reduction initiatives.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley then thanked Councillor Brian Milnes, as our District and County Councillor he can keep us up to date with what is happening in surrounding villages which may affect us.

Councillor Brian Milnes explained that SCDC are trialling a 4-day week which he said is currently proving successful and that the bin collections may be reduced to four-day week as well with the bin collectors working an extra half hour a day but for 4 days a week. There will be an annual report out soon which will be on the Parish Council website.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Michael Mallows – Personal

David Bard– Personal

4 ANNUAL CHAIR REPORT

This was available at the meeting and has been distributed to all houses in the village.

5 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RECORD 2022/2023

This is on the Parish Council website.

6 UPDATE BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Update already given

7 UPDATE BY COUNCTY COUNCILLORS

An annual report will be submitted shortly

8 UPDATE BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

An annual report will be submitted shortly

9 QUESTION AND ANSWERS FROM PUBLIC

There were no questions. Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm