

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

24 May 2011

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs S A Hatton

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

W A Fell

Ms B Laxton

E C Murray

W N Reid

D J Roberts

N Thomas

+ 4 members of the public:
Mr P Mann : Mr K Westley : Dr D Hatton : Mrs M Badcock

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor J W D Reynolds

2 **TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard for the position of Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Mrs S A Hatton was elected Chairman.

VOTE: **10 FOR** : **(UNANIMOUS)**

3 **TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard for the position of Vice Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell was elected Vice Chairman.

VOTE: **9 FOR** : **1 ABSTENTION**

4 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

Cllr Ms B Laxton	:	Item 7 S/0666/11, 105 High Street
Cllr E C Murray	:	Item 7 S/0930/11, 9 Babraham Road

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton read out an email that the Parish Council had received from Mr J Orrock regarding Catley's Walk in which Mr Orrock had written some detrimental comments about the Parish Council and certain members of the Council and public.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and Seconded by Councillor Dr D R Bard to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton wanted it confirmed that she had not spoken about the Combine Harvester at all as stated in the email and was never asked to step down from giving evidence. This was confirmed by members of the public who had also attended the meetings. Councillor Mrs S A Hatton also wanted to confirm that no money had been spent by the Parish Council to pursue this and this was confirmed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Chairman of Finance.

Mr P Mann, Mrs M Badcock and Councillor Mrs S A Hatton all agreed that no one had been cajoling others into this. It has been going on for a long time and the people involved had done so at their own will.

The email asks the Parish Council to inform the Parish the status of Catley's walk, i.e.: a footpath, the Public have a right of way by foot only, cycling and horse-riding is not allowed without permission of the owners of Catley's Walk. Councillor Mrs S A Hatton said there is no mention of this in the plans and that it is now registered as a public footpath.

Mr K Westley advised that the gates at the end of Catley's Walk need to be removed. The land is owned by Mrs Booth but the gates are owned by the Parish Council.

Also there is a large tree in the Kingfisher brook that Vindis own which needs attention. Councillor Mrs S A Hatton confirmed she has reported this several times.

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton thanked all those involved

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and SECONDED by Dr D R Bard to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor W A Fell said that if the hedge is on the outside of the boundary then the Parish Council should ask them to remove it as it is on public land.

The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Orrock to advise the Parish Council will be responding to his email once the Parish Council has discussed it in more detail.

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2011 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 ABSTENTION

6 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/0930/11	<p>Determination of means of access and layout of a bungalow and two garages to the rear of 9 Babraham Road for Mr Hartwell</p> <p><i>Proposed NOT to Support</i> by Cllr W A Fell and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke</p>	<p>SPC Comment: Do not Support Over-development too close to existing property narrow driveway Vote: 5 For 2 against 2 no votes (DRB : SAH) 1 declared interest (ECM)</p>
S/2126/11	<p>Demolition of existing single storey outbuildings and erection of side and Rear single storey extension and two storey side extension, together with Rear dormer to loft conversion at 34 Hillside for Mr & Mrs A Smith</p>	<p>For Information Only</p>
S/0856/11	<p>Change of use of 3 car parking spaces to hand car wash at 33 High Street for Mr P Gravelle.</p> <p>The statement reads that Gravelles had sent a letter to the Parish Council explaining what they were planning to do with the car wash/car park and asking for the Parish Council comments. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had not received a copy of the letter which is why the Parish Council had not responded.</p> <p><i>Proposed NOT to Support</i> by Cllr Ms B Laxton and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell</p>	<p>SPC Comment: Do not Support Same reasons as before Loss of car parking spaces Busy road with HGV's negotiating Selsingen Way Another application for car wash in the village Vote: 7 For 1 Against 2 no votes (DRB : SAH)</p>
S/0875/11	<p>Change of use to provide the selling and fitting of car tyres (B2 Use Class) at Unit 14 South Cambs Business Park for Mr J McDonald</p> <p><i>Proposed to Support</i> by Cllr Ms B Laxton and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr W N Reid as long as the business times requested are a condition</p>	<p>SPC Comment: Support Vote: 8 For 2 no votes (DRB : SAH)</p>

S/0666/11	Change of use of part of ground floor from hairdressing salon to residential Use associated with existing dwelling at 105 High Street for Mr A Quantrill	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 7 For 2 no votes (DRB : SAH) 1 declared interest (BL)
	<i>Proposed to Support</i> by Cllr W N Reid and Seconded by Cllr W A Fell	
S/1825/10/F	Planning Inspectorate Appeal reference: APP/W0530/A/11/215123/NWF Appeal by Towerview Properties – site at 80 High Street	SPC Comment: Do not Support Appeal Vote: 6 For 2 Abstentions 2 no votes (DRB : SAH)
	<i>Proposed to Not to Support</i> by Cllr W N Reid and Seconded by Cllr W A Fell	
FPS/E0535/7/27	Catley's Walk – Decision Notice	To be discussed at Full Council

ASSOCIATED MATTERS:

C/11/17/081/02 - TPO 08/67	Tree work at 110 The Grove, High Street for Mrs S Hodgson	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 6 For 3 Abstentions 1 no vote (SAH)
	<i>Proposed to Support</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and Seconded by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell	

8 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee

9 SAFETY BARRIERS SHINGAY LANE/PRINCE WILLIAM WAY

The Parish Council had received an email from a parishioner in Prince William Way who had concerns over some safety barriers that were removed by the CCC. The reason they were removed was that it was a safer route for pushchair/mobility scooters to take when visiting the medical centre rather than the narrow pathway along the High Street. This was discussed and signs should have been erected by the CCC to ask cyclists to dismount. At the time the Parish Council understood that the signs would be put up when the barriers were taken down.

Also the road surface along Shingay Lane is in need of repair. Clerk to ask the CCC to look at this at the same time.

Clerk to reply to the resident in Prince William Way to thank him for his email and let him know we will be writing to the CCC.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Clerk writes to CCC to ask them to put signs up and advises the resident of the action taken.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

10 NATIONAL EXPRESS 010 SERVICE

Dr D R Bard explained that the Parish Council had received a response from National Express regarding the withdrawing and rescheduling of the 010 service from Cambridge to London. He explained there are some inconsistencies in their response and asked if the Parish Council would like to take this issue further. It was discussed and agreed that Dr D R Bard would monitor the usage of the 010 bus.

11 BUS SHELTER

The councillors were asked to look at the bus stop at Freestones Corner in Gt Shelford as it may be suitable for Sawston as the Parish Council had £5k to spend on a bus shelter which was donated some time ago.

The bus shelter only had one entrance/exit and it was discussed that this could leave some people vulnerable, also it could be a struggle for pushchairs/wheelchairs/mobility scooters to actually use the shelter. This type of bus shelter would be better if it had two entrance/exits.

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council had the money donated to them to use for a bus shelter but felt the Parish Council should first discuss where the bus shelter should go in the village and also highways would need to be involved.

The clerk will meet with Highways to discuss

The Clerk also to ask Saffron Walden Council for the name and address where they obtained their new wooden bus shelters.

12 MEMORIAL SEAT FOR MRS J M LING

It was agreed at Full Parish to donate a bench in memory of the late Mrs J M Ling and place it on the green area outside the Parish Council Office. It was agreed the bench should be wooden not metal.

It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that a wooden bench is purchased in memory of the late Mrs J M Ling and the Clerk to find out the cost of engraving the bench rather than having a plaque.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

13 CORRESPONDENCE

None received

14 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Old Style Lamp Post in New Road

Councillor W A Fell asked what was happening with the old style lamp post at New Road – it was agreed to add this to the next Planning & Environmental Committee Agenda.

Update on turn table and sign at Spicers

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton confirmed still ongoing, no response yet.

Update tree Paddock Way

The Clerk confirmed that the tree does belong to the Parish Council and quotes are being obtained to have the overgrown tree trimmed.

Update on school crossing sign

Clerk to chase

Litter Bin – Church Lane

Councillor Ms B Laxton reported that one of the bins in Church Lane by the War Memorial had no inner. Clerk to investigate

Speed limited on A1301

Councillor DR D R Bard had received an email from a concerned resident over the ongoing speed limit on the A1301 and CCC's intention not to reduce the speed limit to 40mph.

Councillor Dr D R Bard said he was happy to draft a letter to the press regarding this.

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor E C Murray and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Mrs S A Hatton that this was a serious enough issue for Councillor Dr D R Bard to write a letter

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 AGAINST

15 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Old style lamp post in New Road

Meeting closed at 9.30pm