

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

25 September 2012

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

K Cuffley

W A Fell

Ms B Laxton

R M Matthews

E C Murray

A G Orgee – Parish Councillor & County Councillor

Members of public:

Reg Cullum

Adrian Ashley

Anita Evans

Christine Dellar

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor W N Reid & Councillor R M Richmond

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**

Dr D R Bard : Item 5 – S/0971/12/LB & S/1858/12/FL

R M Matthews : Item 5 – S/1858/12/FL

3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2012 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Matthews to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: **9 FOR** : **(UNANIMOUS)**

4 **MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.**

None

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Ms B Laxton and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow for Public Participation Time to take place

VOTE: 9 FOR: (UNANIMOUS)

Members of the public spoke about these plans and comments were made.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor E C Murray and SECONDED by Councillor W A Fell to reinstate Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 9 FOR: (UNANIMOUS)

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/097/12/LB	Alterations to reception area – enlarge opening, construct partitions & 2 reception desks, move letterbox at Sawston Village College <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell to <i>Support</i>	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 7 For 1 No votes 1 declared interest (DB)
S/1783/12/FL	Extensions, Alterations and Conversion of School Buildings to Six Dwellings and Erection of Three Dwellings with Associated Works following Partial Demolition of Existing Buildings at Land to the rear of the old School site, Former John Falkner Infants School, Hammonds Road <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Ms B Laxton and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr W A Fell to <i>Not to Support</i>	SPC Comment: Do not support Over development of site. It is larger than SCDC previously recommended in their letter (21 June 2010). There are now 10 dwellings. Access is a major issue from both sides. 2 dwellings need access from Hammonds Road, this road is a single unadopted narrow lane with visibility problems onto the High Street. Construction traffic: Whilst construction traffic is relatively short term, this road is inadequate for this use. Parking: Increase density of the development causes issues with parking. The number of parking spaces is inadequate for the size of the houses leading to potential problems of parking at the Baulks. Light & Privacy: Reduction in light and privacy to surrounding properties (this is in a

conservation area)

If South Cambs Planners feel this application should be approved then SPC would require a site visit.

SPC has concerns for pedestrian safety using the public footpath running from the Baulks to Crampton Terrace caused by the increase in traffic. The Parish Council would like to see a footpath put around the perimeter of the green on the inside.

SPC also want to be consulted about any community money for this application as this has not yet been discussed with us.

Vote: 9 For : Unanimous

S/1786/12/FL

Erection of Dwelling following Demolition of Existing Tool Shed at land to the rear of the old School site, Former John Falkner Infants School, Hammonds Road

Proposed by Cllr R M Matthews and ***Seconded*** by Cllr K Cuffley **Not to Support**

SPC Comment: Do not support

Access is a major issue from both sides.

Hammonds Road is a single unadopted narrow lane with visibility problems onto the High Street.

Construction traffic:

Inadequate access for construction traffic whilst the work is being done.

If this area is to be developed it needs to be done at the same time as the rest as the construction traffic would not be able to go down Hammonds Road

SPC also wanted it clarified that the site is not in Hammonds Road.

It is not clear to the Parish Council the future use of this building. Please can you clarify this.

Vote: 9 For : Unanimous

S/1972/12/CA	Partial Demolition of Existing Buildings at Old School Site, Former John Falkner Infants School, The Baulks	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 8 For 1 No Vote (SH)
	<i>Proposed</i> by Cllr D R Bard and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke to Support	
S/1787/12/CA	Demolition of Tool Shed (retention of Historic Walls) at Land to the rear of the Old School Site, Former John Falkner Infants School, Hammonds Road	SPC Comment: Support There is concern about the historic wall and SPC have no objection to the demolition of the shed but ask that someone from the conservation team supervises the demolition so no damage is caused.
	<i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Dr D R Bard and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke to Support	Vote: 9 For Unanimous
S/1857/12/FL	Two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of 4 Paddock Way	SPC will ask for an extension of time to allow neighbours to comment as they have not been given enough time to look at the plans
	<i>Proposed</i> by Cllr E C Muiray and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Dr D R Bard to ask for an extension of time	
S/1858/12/FL	Equipment store extension to sports centre at Sports Centre, Sawston Village College, New Road	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 5For 2 No votes 2 declared interest (DB & RM)
	<i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell to Support	
S/1846/12/FL	Two storey side extension at 61 Huntingdon Road	SPC Comment: Support Vote: 5 For 1 Against 2 No Vote 1 Abstention
	<i>Proposed</i> by Cllr W A Fell and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell to Support	

6 PLANNING DECISIONS

These were accepted by the Committee

7 SAWSTON SIGNS

The Parish Council had received a letter regarding the condition and deterioration of the Sawston signs upon entering the village.

The Clerk confirmed that there are four signs and each one would cost £350 to replace.

It was ***PROPOSED TO RECOMMEND*** by Councillor E C Murray and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke that we replace all 4 signs with signs that read Sawston only.

VOTE: **4 FOR**
 4 AGAINST
 1 NO VOTE

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs S A Hatton had the casting vote and chose to go with the proposal of replacing the signs.

8 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Parish Council has been asked if the 30mph speed limit sign on Huckeridge Hill could be moved further up the hill towards Stapleford so it warns people in advance.

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor W A Fell and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke that we do not take action as there are already regular speed checks along this road.

VOTE: **8 FOR**
 1 AGAINST

9 CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Councillor Dr D R Bard reminded the council that there is a meeting at Whittlesford Memorial Hall on Friday 28th September at 7:00pm to discuss the Citi 7 bus.

Councillor W A Fell asked if there was any update on the tree that was removed in Tower Road. Councillor Mrs S A Hatton explained she has spoken to the tree officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council and it is still in hand. They have agreed to replace the tree and Councillor Mrs S A Hatton will chase up.

Meeting closed 9.15pm