

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

25 February 2014

PRESENT: Chairman: Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K Cuffley

Ms B Laxton

R M Matthews

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received. Councillor W A Fell (Absent without apologies).

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr W N Reid : Item 5 S/0267/14/FL 31 Hillside

Cllrs Dr D R Bard,

K Cuffley & R M Matthews : Item 7 Local Plan/Greenbelt

Cllrs Dr D R Bard,

K Cuffley & R M Matthews : Item 11 Land corner of High Street & Link Road

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2014 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New Information Only.

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/0267/14/FL Single storey rear extension at 31 Hillside for Mr & Mrs C N Keyes **SPC Comment: Support**

Vote: 8 For

Proposed by Cllr Ms B Laxton and

1 declared interest

Seconded by Cllr R M Richmond to

(WNR)

Support

ASSOCIATED MATTERS

C/11/40/081 Tree Work at 152 High Street for Mr **SPC Comment: Support**
Grout

Vote: 9 For (Unanimous)

Proposed by Cllr W N Reid and
Seconded by Cllr Ms B Laxton to
Support

6 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Noted

7 **LOCAL PLAN/GREEN BELT**

Councillor E C Murray explained he had been approached by the Developers who are building at Cambourne West. They currently propose 1250 houses but would like to build 2200 on this site. This would be more sustainable for building schools, recreation sites etc with the infrastructure. If this was increased to 2200 houses then it would take away all the building in the greenbelt in the whole of South Cambs as recommended now in the local plan, not just Sawston.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Chairman writes to all SCDC Councillors before their meeting on 13 March 2014 to advise that the Parish Council would support this extra housing in Cambourne West so that all the other greenbelt sites within South Cambridgeshire are not built on. Clerk to also copy in the surrounding villages to advise what the Parish Council is are doing.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 3 declared interest (DRB : KC : RMM)

8 **DROPPED KERB, WHITEFIELD WAY**

The Parish Council has received a letter from a resident who regularly uses the footpath to Whittlesford but is on a mobility scooter and to get to the start of the footpath at Spicers has to use the road after Whitefield Way as they are unable to get back on the path because there is no dropped kerb. They are asking if there could be a dropped kerb at Whitefield Way.

The Clerk had a response from the County Council regarding this and they explained that it is an offence to ride along or cross an 'A' road on a mobility scooter without a formal crossing and therefore would not be happy to provide a dropped kerb which would then help someone do something which is unsafe and illegal.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor Ms B Laxton and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard that the Clerk writes back to CCC to advise that the Parish Council felt that a dropped kerb would benefit lots of users including school children who cycle to the College from Whittlesford. There is a new cycle path to Whittlesford but not great if not everyone can access it safely. The Parish Council would also like to see the crossing improved and looked at the same time. This has been a concern of the Parish Council for some years and would like to see something done.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 1 AGAINST

9 TREE – MILLENNIUM COPSE

Still awaiting quotes – defer until received

10 TREE – LYNTON WAY

Still awaiting quotes – defer until received

11 LAND – CORNER OF HIGH STREET AND LINK ROAD

It was suggested at the last Full Parish Meeting that the Parish Council considered taking over/maintaining the small area of land at the end of Link Road next to the Kings Head Public House. The Clerk wrote to SCDC to ask who owned the piece of land and SCDC confirmed it was still in their ownership but would be interested in offering it to the Parish Council or granting the Parish Council a licence to maintain it.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Clerk writes to SCDC to say the Parish Council would like to take over ownership of the land at no cost to the Parish Council. SCDC Solicitors to draw it all up and to let the Parish Council know if there would be any costs to the Parish Council in the future i.e. rates etc, and also to confirm if there are any utilities under it that the Parish Council need to be made aware

VOTE: 6 FOR : 3 declared interest (DRB : KC : RMM)

12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

13 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING - CONCERNING PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ONLY

Meeting closed at 8.15pm