

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

9 September 2014

PRESENT: Chairman E C Murray

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors:

Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Dr D R Bard

Miss S E Clarke

K J L Cooper

K Cuffley

R M Matthews

A G Orgee : (arrived 7.20pm)

W N Reid

R M Richmond

+ Councillor Dr G Kenney : Cambridgeshire County Council

+ 8 members of the public:

Mr R Cullum, Mr & Mrs Gruby, Mrs A White, Mrs E Willson, Mrs D Sheppard and
Mr & Mrs P Allen

78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:

W A Fell : Holiday

Ms B Laxton : Holiday

I G Read : Hospital

M J R Mallows : Holiday

79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (15 minutes)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor R M Richmond and SECONDED by Councillor Dr D R Bard to SUSPEND Standing Orders to allow for Public Participation Time to take place

VOTE: 9 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor A G Orgee arrived at 7.20pm

Mrs A White

Mrs A White explained that the grass verge by the footpath south side of Park Road (outside 2-4) is very narrow for pushchair/wheelchair users and when you get off the bus you have to walk down the sloping grass verge, which is dangerous. Councillor A G Orgee has been to look at this site and agreed it is dangerous and contacted County Council Highways. As yet nothing has been done. Clerk and Councillor A G Orgee to chase CCC Highways.

Mrs White, Mrs Willson and Mrs Sheppard left the meeting

Mr M Gruby

Mr M Gruby showed concern about the yearly cost to the Parish Council of soil for the cricket square. He asked if the clubs should be paying for this and not the general public through their Council Tax.

Councillor E C Murray explained that the clubs do pay for training and for every game which incorporates the cost of maintaining the square.

Mr Gruby also explained that there is an area on Deal Grove to the back of the recreation ground that is very untidy and garden rubbish has been dumped. Clerk will arrange for this to be tidied up and to write to the residents to ask them not to dump their rubbish on the recreation ground.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor R M Richmond and SECONDED by Councillor K J L Cooper to REINSTATE Standing Orders to allow the meeting to be continued

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

80 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr K Cuffley	:	Item 86 Accounts
		Item 85 Tree Work
Cllr K J L Cooper	:	Item 93 (JHC Trustee)
Cllr A G Orgee	:	Item 85 Associated Matters

81 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the Full Parish Meeting held on 8 July 2014 were read confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

82 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

83 REPORT OF THE STAFF MANAGEMENT AND H & S COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Staff Management and H & S Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2014 were presented.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

PROPOSED by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

84 REPORT OF THE EXTRA FULL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the Extra Full Parish meeting held on 19 August 2014 were presented.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** these minutes.

PROPOSED by Councillor K J L Cooper and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

S/1615/14/FL	Solar Farm and Associated Development at land north of Dales Manor Business Park, West Way for Sawston Solar Farm Ltd	SPC Comment: Do Not Support Vote 10 For (Unanimous)
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Proposed by Cllr K J L Cooper and
Seconded by Cllr W N Reid NOT to
Support for the reasons set out below

Councillor E C Murray explained to the Council that he has received a letter from RPS regarding the Solar Farm stating that members of the project team attended the Extra Full Parish Meeting in August with the intention to discuss the community benefits with the Parish Council but were not given the opportunity to speak. Councillor E C Murray explained that on the evening before the meeting commenced the Clerk asked the two gentlemen if they would like to speak and they declined but would be happy to answer any questions.

Their letter also explained the financial benefit to the village by offering a contribution to the Parish. There was a change in their offer that was not pointed out to the Parish Council which was not noticed until after the application was voted on.

Proposed the Parish Council does not support for the same reasons as previous.

- The site lies wholly within the Cambridge Green Belt and is therefore contrary to National Planning Policy (NPPF, Para 91) which states that: ‘When located in the Green Belt, elements of many renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development. In such cases developers will need to demonstrate very special circumstances if projects are to proceed.’ The developer has not demonstrated very special circumstances.
- The proposed development would occupy Grade 3a agricultural land. This comes within the ALC land classification of best and most versatile agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 & 3a). The NPPF (Para 112) indicates that there should be a presumption against development of agricultural land in this category.
- The development would be clearly visible from Babraham Footpath No.10 (Babraham Road to Rowley Lane) and from the public amenity land controlled by the Magog Trust (Stapleford). The application will therefore have a deleterious effect on countryside recreational amenity.

S/1863/14/FL	<p>Summer House in Rear Garden at 39 Martindale Way for Mr M Comiskey</p> <p>This was discussed and agreed the design of the building is out of keeping with the area/landscape.</p> <p>It was Proposed by Cllr K Cuffley and Seconded by Cllr W N Reid that the Parish Council supports but if it is approved then a condition is put on that it cannot be inhabited</p> <p>It was then Counter proposed by Cllr W N Reid and Seconded by Cllr K J L Cooper that the Parish Council does not support on the design ground but if it is approved then a condition is put on that it cannot be inhabited</p> <p>The Counter proposal vote was taken first: Vote: 7 For 2 Against 1 Abstention</p> <p>Counter Proposal was won and therefore becomes a substantive motion and is voted on again</p> <p>Vote: 7 For 2 Against 1 Abstention</p> <p>This is the final vote</p>	<p>SPC Comment: Do not Support:</p> <p>Vote: 7 For 2 Against 1 Abstention</p>
S/1864/14/FL	<p>External alteration to shopfront, replacement ATM and new security bollards, entrance ramp and railings, alterations to doors on front and side elevations, new side ramp access with railings and external building services plant at 21 High Street for Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd</p> <p><i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Dr D R Bard and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke to Support</p>	<p>SPC Comment: Support:</p> <p>Vote: 9 For 1 Abstention</p>

S/1854/14/AD	2 x Internally Illuminated Fascia Panels, 2 x Internally Illuminated Projecting Signs, 2 x Dibond Panels and 1 x Totem Sign at 21 High Street for Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Dr D R Bard and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke to Support	SPC Comment: Support: Providing the illuminated sign is turned off when store is closed Vote: 9 For 1 Abstention
S/1779/14/CW	Erection of a glass reinforced plastic (GRP) Kiosk to house treatment process at Sawston Mill Pumping Station A1301 <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr W N Reid and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr K J L Cooper to Support	SPC Comment: Support: Vote 10 For (Unanimous)
S/1938/14/FL	Single Storey Rear Extension at 45 New Road for Mr & Mrs J Day <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Dr D R Bard and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell to Support	SPC Comment: Support: Vote 10 For (Unanimous)

ASSOCIATED MATTERS

C/11/40/081	Tree work at 67 High Street for Mr P Boswell <i>Proposed</i> by Cllr Miss S E Clarke and <i>Seconded</i> by Cllr Dr D R Bard to Support	SPC Comment: Support: Vote 9 For 1 declared interest (KC)
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The clerk then informed the council of some re surfacing information:

Before Christmas 2014

Deal Grove will be re surfaced

Edinburgh Avenue – Extensive patching

By April 2015

New road surface dressing on:

Sunderlands Avenue

Churchfield Avenue

Vicarage Avenue

Hayfield Avenue

Any pot holes will be 'made good' until they are re surfaced.

As Councillor A G Orgee was under the impression that the work was being done this year, Clerk to confirm with CCC Highways when the work will actually be done.

If it is not until the next financial year it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley that the Clerk writes to CCC Highways to inform them that the Parish Council was under the impression it was being done this year and was disappointed this is not the case, and that the money being spent on pot holes is a waste as they are not lasting long at all.

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 declared interest (AGO)

86 ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2014

The accounts for the months of July and August 2014 amounting to £29,199.18 and £23,244.69 expenditure and ££4,109.87 and £403.50 respectively were approved.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor K J L Cooper to **ACCEPT** the accounts

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 declared interest (KC)

87 INTERNAL CONTROLS

Internal Controls document was presented

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard to **ADOPT** this document.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

88 MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Parish Council received a letter from a resident regarding the recent work on the Memorial Garden at the Cemetery. The resident went to the Cemetery to pay his respects to the ashes of his father and mother to find the fence and shrubs had been removed. The work was carried out by the Parish Council, who agreed at the Full Parish meeting in June 2014, to replace the fence and plant a sensory garden. The plants chosen are scented and colourful and have been planted with enough space between them that when fully grown there will be enough room for ashes to be scattered. No soil was ever taken away from this area.

The Parish Council has no record of any current family address so were not able to contact the resident in advance.

The resident has asked if they can plant a rose bush in memory of their mother. This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K J L Cooper and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Parish Council writes to the residents to apologise for not contacting them and to explain why. With regards to planting a rose bush, the Parish Council would have to decline this request as it has been designed as a sensory garden with plants that are easy to maintain and will not grow too big to enable space for the scattering of ashes.

It was also **AGREED** to make it policy that no other plants are to be planted in the Sensory Garden.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

89 CCC HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING SERVICE CONSULTATION

The Parish Council received correspondence regarding Cambridgeshire County Council's Consultation on the Household Recycling Service which started Friday 15 August and will run for a six-week period until Friday 26 September. During this period they are encouraging residents to complete the online questionnaire which can be found at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentreservice>.

This online Consultation focuses on residents' current use of the service and their thoughts on the options being considered - which range from closing sites; transferring them to charitable or voluntary organisations; reduction in hours and days of operation across all sites; charging for certain DIY waste streams; and limiting the use of sites to larger vehicles to deter trade waste use. This online consultation will run alongside surveys being undertaken by AmeyCespa on our behalf at all of the nine household recycling centres (HRCs) within Cambridgeshire (Alconbury, Bluntisham, Milton, March, St Neots, Thriplow, Whittlesey, Wisbech and Witchford) to ensure users of the service can have their say.

Councillor A G Orgee encouraged individuals to respond to this survey as well as a response from the Parish Council.

Sawston Parish Council wishes to express the utmost concern over the proposal to close any recycling sites completely. Nine sites serving a County area of 2,105 square miles and extending some 50 miles from North to South does not seem over generous. Proposals to reduce this provision are likely to increase significantly the incidence of fly tipping. The cost of removing illegally dumped waste and tracing and prosecuting the perpetrators will have to be picked up by Districts and private landowners and it is likely that the overall cost to the public purse will increase.

Sawston Parish Council is particularly concerned about any proposal to close the Thriplow site. Sawston, Stapleford and the Shelfords form, in combination, the largest concentration of population South of Cambridge City (14,467, 2011 census). If Thriplow were to close, the distance from Sawston to the next nearest site (Milton) by the shortest routes would increase from 4.75 to 13.25 miles, a near tripling in journey time.

If Thriplow were to close, Milton would become the sole facility serving Cambridge City and the Cambridge Fringe growth sites. Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire are projected to expand by 33,585 dwellings (some 81,000 individuals at average occupation levels) during the 2011-2031 Local Plan Period. Nearly 60% of this growth will take place within Cambridge City or its immediate vicinity. Growth on this scale will significantly increase pressure on all services including Household Recycling and it would therefore be highly illogical to reduce the service, especially within the South of the County.

90 PARISH COUNCIL TREE AND BLOCK PAVED – CHURCH LANE

The Parish Council received a letter from a resident in Church Lane who suspects that a tree on the land opposite has caused their block paving to lift and asked if this could be investigated. The Clerk contacted SCDC Tree's Officer and asked him to have a look at it.

The Officer explained that block paved drives are delicate structures. When you construct a block paved drive (BPD) anywhere near to trees you are inviting maintenance problems.

BPDs require absolutely stable ground conditions to live forever (which in reality do not exist). The paving blocks are bedded on sand and basically loose granular material. This medium provides an environment for tree roots to proliferate due to the warmth of the sun-baked surface combined with abundant water and oxygen. These roots love it and get fatter, thus displacing the paving blocks.

The damage is of minor significance and might constitute a trip hazard but might not be roots from the trees mentioned. Tree roots are almost certainly around/beneath the foundations of the house. The lifting of the drive may not get worse and foundation damage might never occur. The presence of roots does not mean that they will cause damage.

Block paved drives or drives of any type settle and deteriorate over time whether trees are there or not. Occasionally they need repair and replacement. I would say that this is a case of a repair that should be expected in line with normal property maintenance.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K J L Cooper and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk writes to the resident explaining the response by the Trees Officer.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

91 WILDFLOWERS AND VERGE MANAGEMENT – HUCKERIDGE VIEW

The Parish Council received an email from the Ecology Officer at the Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the wildflowers on Huckeridge Hill.

They are concerned about the cutting of wildflowers along Huckeridge Hill. There was an excellent display of wildflowers characteristic of chalk grassland, particularly on the bank between the footpath and the field hedge. Unfortunately, the entire width of the verges between the brow of Huckeridge Hill and the village sign (at bottom of hill) were cut at the start of June, which has resulted in the loss of the wildflowers, with the cut grass left in-situ and smothering future growth of the wildflowers.

The Parish Council has been asked if the times can be changed when the Contractors cut this area to maintain the wildflowers.

This was discussed and it was suggested that the verges are not cut during the summer next year and see what response is received. There is also the issue of not cutting it as it will affect the footpath/cycleway as this will become overgrown and also the visibility of traffic from the farm and Deal farm at the bottom of Huckeridge Hill. It was then agreed to invite the Ecology Officer to the next Full Parish meeting in October to discuss.

92 s106 AGREEMENT – SAWSTON RIDING SCHOOL

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke to **ACCEPT** the above Agreement in the sum of £2,701.66.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

93 SAWSTON NURSERY REQUEST

Sawston Nursery thanked the Parish Council for letting them use the Millennium Copse for forest schooling and explained that they have already purchased waterproof clothing for the children for the worst of the weather, but still need some items to continue with this throughout the whole year. They listed the items they needed including adult waterproof clothing, tarpaulins, bug viewers etc.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to donate the sum of £200.00

VOTE: 9 FOR : 1 declared interest (KJLC)

94 YMCA CAMBRIDGE F.C.

The Cambridge YMCA FC has asked the Parish Council if they have a pitch available on a Sunday morning as they are no longer able to use Comberton Village College. The Clerk has checked with the Head Groundsman who said that Lynton Way would be available and could accommodate them.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Dr D R Bard and **SECONDED** by Councillor K Cuffley to allow them to play at Lynton Way on a Sunday morning, no training, and review on an annual basis.

VOTE: 10 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

95 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Parish Council received an email from Sawston Nursery to say thank you for the great new play equipment in Orchard Park, it is a great facility which they use a lot.

96 UPDATE BY COUNCILLOR K J L COOPER – JOHN HUNTINGDON CHARITY

Please see attached to these minutes

97 UPDATE BY COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Please see attached to these minutes

98 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor K Cuffley

Councillor K Cuffley has spoken to the Head of Planning at SCDC who is happy to attend one of our meetings in the future if we have any questions about planning.

Sawston and Pampisford RBL

The Clerk received a letter from the Chairman of Sawston and Pampisford RBL to invite all Parish Councillors to the Drumhead Service to commemorate the start of WW1, on Saturday 20 September 2014, at the Bellbird Primary School 2.30pm. They will be parading from Russells Estate Agents at 2.00pm.

Meeting closed 9.30pm