



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an EXTRA FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2016
At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

David Bard (Chair)

Janet Martin

Kevin Cuffley (Deputy Chair)

Brian Milnes

Colin Groves

Tony Orgee

Mike Mallows

Neil Reid

70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Kieran Cooper	-	Work commitment
Tony Fell	-	Holiday
Robert Grayston	-	Work commitment
Beck Laxton	-	Sickness
Raymond Matthews	-	Holiday
Roger Richmond	-	Holiday
Alison Setchell	-	Family commitment

71 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (15 minutes)

None

72 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Cuffley : Item 75/76 as he is on the Committee for City Deal

73 EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS

The Chairman suggested that following his comments at the previous meeting the Council should consider making this a policy.

'I would like to express on behalf of the Council grave concern at the recent reported national increase in hate crime and condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We reassure all people of whatever nationality or ethnicity living in Sawston that they are valued members of our community.'

Members have a legal obligation to refrain from making or repeating any statements either verbally or on social media which could be interpreted as being of a racist, xenophobic or extremist nature when acting as a councillor or at any other time.'

It was **proposed** by Councillor Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Martin to **endorse** this statement.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/1622/16/FL	<p>Single storey front extension and first floor side extension at 7 Paddock Way</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Martin and Seconded by Councillor Orgee Not to Support for the reasons stated</p>	<p>SPC Comment – Do not support</p> <p>The Parish Council has received a letter of objection from a neighbour which was taken into consideration. There would be shadowing for the neighbour and a restriction of light on the footpath and the neighbours. The Council would expect to see the applicant provide a shadowing report.</p> <p>Vote 4 For 2 Abstention 2 no vote</p>
S/1409/16/FL	Construction of and change of use of land from residential amenity to commercial parking and delivery access together with boundary screening fence at 25 Brookfield Road (AMENDED)	Noted – Permission has already been granted.
S/1542/16/FL	<p>Two storey side extension at 6 Hawthorn Avenue – new information</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Milnes and Seconded by Councillor Martin Not to Support for the reasons stated</p>	<p>SPC Comment – Do not support</p> <p>This has been brought back to the Council as an objection has been raised by a neighbour which the Council was unaware of as it did not appear on the SCDC website immediately. SCDC confirmed to the Clerk that the Council could review the application again in the light of the new information. It was proposed not to support the application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loss of sunlight. A shadow diagram is required. - Loss of privacy for the neighbours - Overshadowing the neighbours - The proposed development would significantly breach the 45-degree rule - Overbearing on neighbours <p>Vote 5 For 1 Abstention 2 no vote</p>

75 CITY DEAL: A1307, THREE CAMPUSES TO CAMBRIDGE, INITIAL IDEAS FOR BUS AND CYCLE LINKS

It was **proposed** by Councillor Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Milnes to **suspend** Standing Orders

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Bard introduced Mr Roger Hickford, Deputy Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council. Mr Hickford outlined the objectives and purpose of the City Deal and the County Council's aim to improve transport into the City from surrounding areas including Sawston.

The principal objective of the Greater Cambridge City Deal is to improve travel for people across the City Deal area and views are currently being sought on the options presented for bus, cycling and walking route improvements in and around the A1307. The project is at an early stage so the consultation is on concepts rather than detailed proposals. No specific routes or locations have been identified however the County Council is keen for Parish Council's to comment.

The following suggestions were put forward:

- Link up with Whittlesford Station and a Park and Ride
- Filter lanes on the 'Macdonald's' roundabout at Whittlesford with possibly a larger roundabout so each exit could have a filter lane. The Council feels this would prevent some of the queues.
- Better cycle lanes and footpaths.
- Cycle lane the full length of Sawston by-pass which will link up with other cycle lanes.
- Improvements to pedestrian access; in particular improved lighting on the Sawston to Whittlesford station pathway.
- More flexible hours for the bus service.
- Dedicated bus route – diversion off the highway from Granta Park to cover the east side of Sawston.
- Removing the charge for parking at the Park and Ride to increase the number of people using it.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Reid to **accept** the above suggestions.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTENTION

It was **proposed** by Councillor Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Groves to **reinstate** Standing Orders.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

Councillor Bard thanked Mr Hickford for attending, he left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

76 CITY DEAL: TACKLING PEAK-TIME CONGESTION IN CAMBRIDGE

The proposal suggests closing particular roads in Cambridge at peak times in order to monitor whether this has any effect on congestion. Some people felt this would not encourage people to use public transport or to cycle or walk. In addition, it was felt that traffic would remain at the same level and move to open routes. Closure of roads is meeting with considerable opposition.

The 6-month trial is on the north side of Cambridge so does not include the movement of traffic to the science parks on the southern side of the City. The proposal also includes a workplace parking levy on businesses and expanding resident parking schemes to prevent people parking on residential streets.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Groves and **seconded** by Councillor Martin to defer further discussion and a decision to the next Planning meeting on 27 September.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

77 CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH DEVOLUTION PROPOSALS

The devolution deal currently being consulted on covers Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Although links are proposed with Suffolk and Norfolk, these counties no longer form part of the financial and governance deal which is being offered to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The proposals fall under three main headings, devolved budgets, governance and devolved powers.

A fuller summary can be accessed at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution> and the full Devolution Proposal can be downloaded from this site.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Martin to support the provision of the financial package, particularly relating to guaranteed housing and £20m funding over 30 years.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

78 REPAIRS TO GOALPOSTS AT MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk informed the meeting that the goals at Mill Lane have been damaged again. The cost from the manufacturer for the repairs; to replace the back bars and the wheels is as follows:

Wheels (set of 8): £588.00 + VAT
Back bars (x 2): £370.00 + VAT

These repairs are required urgently as the football season is imminent.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Orgee to go ahead with these repairs.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

79 FENCING FOR GOALPOSTS

It has been brought to the Clerk's attention that portable goalposts must be secured and under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing on or play with the goalposts.

Our goals are not in enclosures and are being damaged by people climbing on them. The goals are locked together although often the locks are being broken and goals being pulled apart so they can be used. This is not done by the football teams.

The Clerk has obtained two estimates for fencing to be erected at Mill Lane and Lynton Way with lockable gates to enclose the goals:

- £13,470.12 excl. VAT
- £9,923.50 excl. VAT

This was discussed and agreed that for Health and Safety reasons it should be done. The money will be taken from reserves as this was not included in the budget for the year. The Clerk should attempt to get a third quote.

It was ***proposed*** by Councillor Reid and ***seconded*** by Councillor Grove to go ahead with Mill Lane and Lynton Way with authorised spending of up to £9,923.50 excluding VAT.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

A possible enclosure at Spicers was discussed however it was unclear where would be the best position. It was agreed that Councillors Reid, Bard and Cuffley together and the Head Groundsman would meet on site to discuss prior to the Clerk obtaining a further quote.

80 FORMER BARCLAYS SITE

MP Heidi Allen is now involved as despite constant contact by the Clerk, the Parish Council felt there had been no progress. The owners have assured the Council that they understand residents' concerns and anticipate a decision within the next two months. The Council has been informed that in the meantime, the site is on a rolling two-week inspection schedule.

81 CORRESPONDENCE

None

82 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed 9.30 pm