
SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

19th October 2017 – 10am

Mrs Jo Keeler – Sawston Parish Clerk
Councillor Janet Martin – Sawston Chairman of Planning Committee
Councillor Brian Milnes – Sawston Parish Council
Mrs Aureole Wragg – Pampisford Chairman
Mrs Anne Judd – Pampisford PC
Mr Stuart Laurie – Babraham PC Chairman
Mr Mike Purdy – Sawston resident
Mr Geoff Brown – Sawston resident
Mr Geoff Bridges – Sawston resident
Mr & Mrs Maunder – Sawston residents
Mrs C Lobenhoffer – Sawston resident
Mr David Roberts – SCDC
Mrs Siobhan Mellon – SCDC
Mrs Alison Talkington - SCDC
Apologies from:
Councillor David Bard – holiday
Councillor Kevin Cuffley – work commitments

- 1: Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
- 2: Janet reported that Sawston residents surveyed at local events were in support of a Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council has agreed to do a joint plan with Babraham and Pampisford providing the other villages agree.

Stuart Laurie, Babraham Chairman, thanked Sawston Parish Council for the invitation to join with them in a neighbourhood plan and they have formed a working party who have been in touch with all of Babraham's residents. The outcome of this is that a majority of the village do not want to do a joint plan and so they will be doing their own. The main reason for this is because they feel Babraham is a totally different village to Sawston with different needs and objectives. They are a low populated area and their needs are possibly different to Sawston's needs.

Stuart will still liaise with Sawston and will still want to be involved with these meetings so we can keep each other updated.

Aureole, Chairman of Pampisford Parish Council explained that they too have consulted all their residents who are happy to do a joint plan with Sawston and the Parish Council has agreed to do a joint plan. They have made it clear that they want to keep their identity and do not want to be swallowed up by Sawston. They don't feel they have the resources to do this alone.

- 3: David Roberts, SCDC, explained that we could do a common plan with separate sections for each village. The locality team will give a grant to help fund the neighbourhood plan but it is per plan and not per village so when we go ahead and do a joint plan with Pampisford we will get one grant.

The first priority is to define the boundary, once this is done SCDC will carry out a 6-week consultation asking for resident's feedback. Alison clarified that the neighbourhood plan cannot change a greenbelt area.

- 4: The roles and responsibilities are for all three parishes to work together. Sawston Parish Clerk will continue to minute the meetings.

- 5: Funding and resources will need to be looked into. A significant issue was whether there needed to be a parish boundary change if the new development on the Babraham/Sawston border goes ahead. The inspector's report on this was imminent and following that SCDC representatives confirmed there would be considerable work to be done, including any consultation on modifications, developer identification, planning applications etc. There was a detailed discussion on this and it was agreed that there was merit in the three Parish Councils working together on the planning issues arising from the new development(s) along the boundary.

Therefore, it was recommended that all three Parish Councils should be asked to consider:

- Whether there should be an amendment to parish boundaries as a result of the new development (subject to the Inspector's report), which would then become the boundary area for the NP;
- Whether Sawston and Pampisford Parish Councils wish to proceed with the development of a joint NP on an informal basis meanwhile, as there was quite a bit of work that could be done in the interim, including plan content outline and identification of specialist input
- Joint working on a three Parish basis on planning issues arising from the new development

- 6: Each Parish Council therefore need an agenda item on their next full parish meeting to discuss the recommendation above.

It was also suggested that Sawston Parish Council should at an appropriate stage formally write to Babraham Parish Council asking whether they wish to consider a parish boundary change.

Siobhan would advise on the process for boundary change.

- 7: Next meeting 14th December 10am at Parish Council Office.

Janet thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting closed at 11.30am