



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 APRIL 2025
Held at Spicers Pavilion - Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Clerk: Jo Keeler

Councillors

Kevin Cuffley (Chair)

David Bard

Paul Allen

Brian Milnes (arrived 7.19pm)

Neil Reid

Paul Smith

Kevin Deeming

Deborah Alderwick

374 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Kieran Cooper (Work Commitments)

Anand Pillai (Work Commitments)

Ian Reeves (Personal)

Colin Groves (Personal)

Patrick Thouroude (Personal)

375 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (15 Minutes allowed) *

None

376 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

Paul Allen – Plan 25/01229/HFUL - non-pecuniary

377 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2025

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 25 March 2025 were read, confirmed, and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to accept the minutes.

VOTE: 7 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

378 REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 01 APRIL 2025

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 01 April 2025 were presented.

5 – Adopt recommended FOI Policy with the amend to move the photocopying charges to the 'charging policy' section.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

6 – Adopt recommended Publication Scheme Policy

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

7 – Adopt recommended Code of Conduct for Members

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

8 – Adopt recommended Equal Opportunities Policy
VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

9 – Adopt recommended Pension Discretions Policy
VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

10 – Adopt recommended Investment Policy
VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Allen to accept the minutes.
VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 UNANIMOUS

379 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY
None

380 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

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| 25/01119/FUL | Change of use and conversion of existing hair salon to form residential unit (Class C3) at 94 High Street. Proposed by Councillor David Bard and Seconded by Councillor Deborah Alderwick to support to this application. | Support/No Objection Vote: 7 For 1 No Vote |
| 25/01229/HFUL | Single storey side, rear and front extensions and alterations at 18 Common Lane. Proposed by Councillor David Bard and Seconded by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to support to this application. | Support/ No Objection Vote: 6 For 1 Against 1 Abs |

381 ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 2025
The accounts for the month of March were presented.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Deeming to accept the accounts for March 2025.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

382 TO DISCUSS IT AUDIT
This item has been deferred.

383 TO DISCUSS SAWSTON & BABRAHAM CRICKET CLUB REQUEST TO INSTALL A SAIL FOR SHADE AT SPICERS PAVILION
The Cricket Club has withdrawn this request.

384 TO DISCUSS SAWSTON & BABRAHAM CRICKET CLUB PURCHASING REDUNDANT MOWER
The Parish Council recently agreed to purchase a new mower to replace the mower that is over 15 years old and not suitable for the amount of cutting etc by the Grounds Keepers. The company that the mower was purchased from offered to trade the mower in for £550.00 and Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club have also offered £550. The Head Grounds Keeper would be happy for the Cricket Club to purchase the mower from us for their club at Babraham. This was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to offer the old mower to Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club for £550.00.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

385 TO DISCUSS DONATION REQUEST FROM SAWSTON LIBRARY

Sawston Library has requested a donation of £250.00 to help fund the annual Summer Reading Challenge at Sawston Library. This is a national scheme with the aim to inspire children to develop a love of reading.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Deborah Alderwick and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to donate £250.00 as requested.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

386 TO DISCUSS APPLICATION/VALUATION FOR LAND BEHIND KINGS HEAD PUBLIC HOUSE

Councillor Brian Milnes explained that the property owners who are proposing to build a dwelling at the rear of the Kings Head public house has requested rights of way on Chaplefield Way to access the land. The area is to the left of the current layby. The current valuation for this ransom strip is £40k but they are prepared to offer SCDC £15k. SCDC are seeking the parish council's comments. Councillor Brian Milnes confirmed that Highways has not made a comment, and this has no effect on the layby. Some councillors had concerns with the access as it is very close to the main turning from Link Road. This was discussed at length.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Deborah Alderwick to propose no objection.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 1 AGAINST 1:ABS

387 CORRESPONDENCE

None

388 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Deborah Alderwick thanked Councillor Brian Milnes for contacting the electricity company regarding the substation on the Spicers Site off the A1301 due to the recent concerns regarding the fire at the substation near Heathrow Airport.

Meeting Closed 7.50 PM