



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2025
Held at Spicers Pavilion - Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Clerk: Jo Keeler

Councillors

Kevin Cuffley (Chair)

Patrick Thouroude

Paul Allen

Brian Milnes

Neil Reid

Anand Pillai (Arrived 8:00pm)

Kieran Cooper

Paul Smith

Colin Groves

Ian Reeves

Deborah Alderwick

+ 2 members of public

Councillor Kevin Cuffley welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

269 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Bard

Anand Pillai will be late

270 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (15 Minutes allowed) *

None

271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

Ian Reeves – Item 278 Cricket

Paul Allen – Plan 24/04735/HFUL (Neighbour)

272 TO DISCUSS CO-OPTION

Councillor Kevin Cuffley welcomed Kevin Deeming to the meeting and asked him to present to the parish council his background and what he could bring to the council if he was co-opted on.

The parish council then did a secret ballot as per the Co-Option policy.

The Clerk and Councillor Deborah Alderwick counted the papers and the Clerk confirmed that the parish council unanimously agreed to co-opt Kevin Deeming onto the council.

Kevin Deeming signed his declaration of acceptance of office and is now a Parish Councillor.

273 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2024

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 10 December 2024 were read, confirmed, and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Colin Groves and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to accept the minutes.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABS

274 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY
None

275 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

24/04581/HFUL	Single storey front/side extension and single storey rear extension at 13 Huntingdon Road. Proposed by Councillor Kieran Cooper and Seconded by Councillor Patrick Thouroude to support to this application.	Support/No Objection Vote: 10 For 1 Abs
24/04200/HFUL	Single storey front porch, first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 5 Edinburgh Avenue. Proposed by Councillor Paul Allen and Seconded by Councillor Neil Reid to support to this application.	Support/ No Objection Vote: 10 For 1 Abs
24/04632/FUL	Demolition of the existing garage and the erection of a one bedroom, two storey dwelling with associated private amenity space and off-street car parking at Land at 67 New Road. Proposed by Councillor Kieran Cooper and Seconded by Councillor Neil Reid to object to this application.	Objection/Do Not Support Vote: 9 For 1 No Vote 1 Abs Comments: Concerns regarding lack of parking as there is already an existing problem in this area. Over development feel this property would be shoe horned into this plot.
24/04659/PRIOR	Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to 4 No. Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) at Builders Yard Common Lane. Proposed by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and Seconded by Councillor Neil Reid to support to this application.	Support/ No Objection Vote: 9 For 1 Against 1 Abs
24/04735/HFUL	Erection of a detached garage to the front with green roof and removal of porch canopy and alteration to fenestration at 18 Common Lane. Proposed by Councillor Neil Reid and Seconded by Councillor Patrick Thouroude to support to this application.	Support/ No Objection Vote: 9 For 1 Abs 1 No Vote
25/00002/HFUL	Two storey front extension, first floor extension over existing garage, addition of Velux roof lights and glass frontage at 1 Babraham Road.	Support/ No Objection Vote: 10 For 1 Abs

	Proposed by Councillor Kieran Cooper and Seconded by Councillor Patrick Thouroude to support to this application.	
24/04815/FUL	Change of use of existing buildings from commercial use (Class B1c and B8) to a flexible commercial use (Class E((g(i), (ii),(iii)) & B8) at Units 1-4 Deal Business Park Cambridge Road. Proposed by Councillor Deborah Alderwick and Seconded by Councillor Kieran Cooper to support to this application.	Support/ No Objection Vote: 10 For 1 Abs

Information only plans - noted

276 PLANNING DECISIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Councillor David Bard and Councillor Deborah Alderwick were nominated to comment on plans that were received after the previous full parish meeting on 10th December. A report of these applications was presented to the full council which were noted. The Clerk thanked them for commenting on these applications on behalf of the parish council.

277 ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2024

The accounts for the month of December 2024 were presented.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Colin Groves and **seconded** by Councillor Ian Reeves to accept the accounts.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABS

278 TO DISCUSS CRICKET FEES

The Parish Council has reviewed the current fees for Cricket matches at Spicers Sports Ground. They had email conversations with Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club and met with the Head of Cricket Operations for Cambridgeshire Cricket Limited and Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club to discuss this. The Parish Council felt the currents fees were not enough to cover the costs of hiring the pavilion and the grounds which could be all day and evening.

It was proposed to increase the day fees to:

Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club - £75.00 + vat per day
Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club – Juniors remain the same
County Men's - £150.00 + vat (Use of grounds and pavilion)
County Junior/Women's - £100.00 + vat (Use of grounds and pavilion)
County Over 60's/70's - £100.00 + vat

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Colin Groves to increase the daily fees as above.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABS

279 TO DISCUSS NET ZERO GRANT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECTS

SCDC have a Net Zero Grant Scheme which will fund capital projects. The Parish Council discussed possible projects one being solar panels on Mill Lane pavilion. The Clerk explained that to install solar panels on Mill Lane pavilion would cost around £19k. The other option is to install electric charging point(s) in the car park at Mill Lane recreation ground. Councillor Deborah Alderwick had done some research on these and will forward the details to the Clerk before the next full parish meeting so these two options can be discussed further. This item therefore will be deferred to the full parish meeting on January 28th.

280 TO DISCUSS ACV ON THE WHITE LION PUBLIC HOUSE

The current ACV (Asset of Community Value) listing for the White Lion is due to expire on 12 December 2025 at which point the land/building will cease to be registered as an ACV unless the Parish Council consider re-nomination. This was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Deborah Alderwick and **seconded** by Councillor Kieran Cooper to re-nominate the White Lion Public House as an ACV.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABS

281 TO DISCUSS STAPLEFORD & SHELFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the Stapleford & Shelford Neighbourhood Plan which has now been submitted to SCDC. This was discussed and as this doesn't impact us directly, we would support the application.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to support the application.

VOTE: 11 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

282 TO DISCUSS REPLACEMENT CONE CLIMBER AT ORCHARD PARK

The Clerk explained the Parish Council recently agreed to replace the damaged cone climber at Orchard Park. The company has requested at 25% deposit to be paid straight away which equates to £3,248.20 + vat.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Deborah Alderwick to go ahead and pay the deposit.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABS

283 UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The County Council update is on the Parish Council website – www.sawston.org.uk or available from the parish council office.

284 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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285 CORRESPONDENCE

None

Councillor Anand Pillai arrived 7.55pm

286 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Colin Groves reported that the Poppy Appeal has raised £22,500.00 and the lamp post poppies in the High Street raised £2,510.00.

Councillor Kieran Cooper raised with Councillor Brian Milnes the state of the pathway in front of the Spar shop in the High Street. It did have some resurfacing works done but there are still areas that need to be completed.

The member of public left the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 – it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are asked to leave the meeting during consideration of the sensitive items in reserved matters.

It was ***proposed*** by Councillor Colin Groves and ***seconded*** by Councillor Ian Reeves to go into camera.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

287 TO DISCUSS VILLAGE ASSISTANT POSTITION

The Clerk explained that we have received no suitable applicants for the current Village Assistant position and wanted to discuss how the Parish Council wanted to move forward. The Clerk suggested we change the position to a Litter Picker for less hours to see if this attracted anyone. The role would just be litter picking. This was discussed.

It was ***proposed*** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and ***seconded*** by Councillor Anand Pillai to amend the position to Litter Picker, reduce the hours to 15 hours per week and advertise in the Cambridge Evening News/Fish4jobs and social media.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

Meeting Closed 8.40PM