



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD at SPICERS PAVILION – 22 FEBRUARY 2022 - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

David Bard

Neil Reid

Paul Smith

Ian Reeves

Anand Pillai

Brian Milnes (arrived at 19.55)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jayne Merrick – Personal
Kevin Cuffley – Work Commitments
Brian Milnes may be late due to work commitments

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2022 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Neil Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Ian Reeves to **accept** these minutes.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/03955/FUL	Erection of 280 dwellings, including 72 affordable dwellings, two new vehicular accesses from Babraham Road, pedestrian and cycle access, publicly accessible open space, a Local Area of Play (LAP) and a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP), landscaping and earthworks and surface water drainage, associated amenity space and attenuation features and internal infrastructure at Land South Of Babraham Road.	No further comments Vote: 5 for Unanimous
22/00544/HFUL	Two storey side and single storey rear extensions at 20 Plantation Road – Resubmission of 21/05217/HFUL. It was proposed by Councillor David Bard and seconded by Councillor Paul Smith to support this application.	Support/ No objection Vote: 5 For Unanimous

For information only - Noted

- 6 TO DISCUSS PLANTING A TREE FOR THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**
The Clerk suggested we plant a tree within the village with a plaque to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It would be nice if this was planted outside the office but she will check with the grounds keeper first to see if there is an area suitable at the office.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Neil Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Anand Pillai to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** to plant a tree and purchase a plaque to be located outside the office to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee The Clerk will get confirmation from the grounds keeper first and will have prices before the full parish meeting.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

- 7 TO DISCUSS INSTALLING PLANTERS IN THE HIGH STREET**
The Clerk explained we have previously discussed installing large planters in the High Street to improve its appearance. She had contacted the County Council as we would need to ask permission before installing them if we did decide to go ahead.

The Clerk asked the committee to send her suggestions of where the planters could go and she will then seek permission and costs. This will be an agenda item for the Planning and Environment meeting in March.

- 8 TO DISCUSS CAMBRIDGE CITY FC GIFTED LAND TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**
Councillor David Bard explained that Waterbeach Instruments Limited has sent a letter to the Parish Council with an outline specification of the gifted land as part of Cambridge City Football club's planning obligation to develop the land. The decision to accept this land should be made by the full council and it was therefore deferred to March full parish.

- 9 TO DISCUSS EXTENSION OF RESTRICTED ROAD SPEED LIMIT ON BABRAHAM ROAD**

Councillor David Bard explained that the County Council are proposing to make an order under relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to extend the 30mph speed limit on Babraham Road approximately 360m eastwards, to the edge of the new developments. This was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Ian Reeves and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Smith to **RECOMMEND TO FULL** that in principle we believe a 40mph speed limit should be instituted on Sawston Road between the edge of the new developments and the junction with Babraham High Street It was also proposed to write to Pampisford and Babraham parish councils to let them know our recommendation.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

- 10 TO DISCUSS RESIDENTS REQUEST TO PLANT TREES ON VERGES**
Councillor David Bard explained that a couple of residents have asked if they can plant trees on the verges within the village.

1 Lynton Way
6 Churchfield Avenue
22/24 Churchfield Avenue

The clerk explained that she would need to seek permission from County Council to have these planted but they are very happy to see new trees planted.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Ian Reeves to plant the trees in these locations providing we have permission from County Council.

VOTE: 5 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

11 TO DISCUSS WATER POLLUTION

Councillor David Bard explained that there had been press reports of water pollution by perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS) in other villages especially Stapleford and Great Shelford. It was noted that Sawston wasn't affected but we are aware of the problem in the surrounding villages.

Councillor Brian Milnes arrived 7.50pm during this discussion and confirmed that Sawston had not been affected and that the problem had now been addressed. At no time had PFOS contamination reached hazardous levels.

12 TO DISCUSS RESIDENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND AT THE SIDE OF 2 SAFFRON ROAD

Councillor David Bard explained that a resident had requested to purchase a strip of land to the side of 2 Saffron Road and to incorporate this into their garden. This was discussed and Councillor David Bard expressed concerns that if this were allowed it would set a precedence for others to make requests. It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to similar requests in other parts of the village.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Neil Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Brian Milnes to **OBJECT** to this application due to the effect on the street scene and that the green areas are left for a purpose.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 0 AGAINST (UNANIMOUS)

13 UPDATE ON LOCAL PLAN

There is currently no update. The clerk asked Councillor Brian Milnes and Councillor David Bard to let the clerks know when there is an update so they can put on the relevant agenda.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: CONCERNING P & E ONLY

None

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm