
Swavesey Parish Council

7.30pm

Public Open Forum Mr G Jones gave an update on the situation regarding Constable's Rood. No protected species have been found on the site, therefore CCC has given authorisation for the site to be cleared. Volunteers plan this for early October, grant funding will then be sought to landscape the site. The Clerk will put the subject on the Agenda for the September meeting and obtain quotes for skip hire.

7.35pm

Minutes

Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall
Monday 23 August 2004, 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr M Johnston (Chairman)

Councillors : A Day, P Marriott, S Rogers, J Shepperson, W Wright

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

Parishioners : One

StopCWF: Mr P Hawkes, Mr H Binnie

APOLOGIES

R Owen, C Houghton, J Tait, J Dodson, J Foster, County Cllr Mrs S Johnstone

AGENDA 2

Minutes and Matters to Report from the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2004 were signed by the Chairman as a true record, with no amendments.

Matters arising for information:

- (i) Regulations regarding house-to-house collections received from S Cambs District Council and copied to all Councillors.
- (ii) Request made with CCC Highways for a site meeting re parking problems around Ramper Road/ Middlewatch junction, awaiting confirmation of date.

AGENDA 3

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Rogers declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9.3 Land adj. 64 Boxworth End.

AGENDA 4

Presentation by StopCWF with regard to the current planning application for a wind farm on land between Boxworth and Connington

The Chairman welcomed Mr P Hawkes and Mr H Binnie from StopCWF to the meeting. Mr Binnie gave a presentation on the proposals for the windfarm and the reasons why residents close to the site were raising objections against the proposals. A public meeting has been arranged in Swavesey on Wednesday evening 8th September at the Village College by StopCWF and leaflets advertising the meeting will be distributed to all households. StopCWF is seeking the support of residents in Swavesey and the Parish Council and is asking for people to object to the planning application.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hawkes and Mr Binnie for their presentation and stated that although the planning application was on the Agenda for tonight's meeting, the Parish Council would defer making a decision until the September meeting (27th). This will allow time for the public meeting to be held and comments from residents to be made to the Parish Council.

Mr Binnie and Mr Hawkes left the meeting at 8.07pm.

AGENDA 5

County Council Business

5.1 New No.15 Bus Service and use of Ramper Road

On 26th July the bus service through Swavesey changed, it is now operated by Stagecoach (daytime) and Huntingdon & District (evenings) and is now the No.15 Service. Ramper Road is now being used as the main route into and out of Swavesey. Boxworth End no longer has a Cambridge service running along it. Following the introduction of the new service Parish Councillors have received complaints from residents about the use of Ramper Road by the buses, considering the extremely poor state of repair of the road and the loss of the service along Boxworth End.

Councillors agreed that it is wrong for the Parish Council to be expected to finance improvements to Ramper Road from the village traffic calming fund, now that the road is being used as a main bus route – passing bays were approved to be installed along the road to improve the safety of vehicles travelling along it. It should be the County Council's Highways Department responsibility and funding should be allocated from the maintenance budget for urgent repair work to the road. It was unanimously agreed that in light of the bus service now using the road, the funding for the passing bays should be withdrawn from the traffic calming proposals and the County Highways Department should now fund all improvements to the road. The Clerk to write to Mr Brace, CCC Transport with regard to this. County Cllr Mrs Johnstone has been made aware of the complaints with regard to the use of Ramper Road and the loss of the bus service along Boxworth End. Letters to be sent to CCC Highways Dept and Mr Campbell, MD of Stagecoach expressing the Parish Council's objections to the use of Ramper Road and the loss of the service along Boxworth End.

5.2 Correspondence

- Speed management review programme – general information received.
- Cambs & Peterborough Waste Local Plan, adopted on 22nd Oct and now published.
- Proposed Guided Busway, environmental reports received on: Bats, Water Voles & Otters, Reptiles, Great Crested Newts and Birds.

AGENDA 6

District Council Business

6.1 Correspondence

- Plastics recycling – a bank is now available at the church car park for plastics. Clerk to investigate replacement of the recycling facilities pointer sign.
- Funding Support from SCDC – updates to the funding available to parish councils and community groups. Info on S Cambs Funding Fair to be held in Comberton on 8 September.
- SCDC Tenants Open Day to be held on Sat 4 September at Sawston Free Church.
- Draft Statement of Licensing Policy. Advance notification that a draft licensing policy will be issued to Parish Councils for consideration and feedback during September. This is in line with the changes to the alcohol and entertainment licensing laws, which come into force from February 2005. The draft statement to be considered by the Hall Committee and then the Parish Council, comments to be returned to SCDC in early October.

AGENDA 7

Police/Crime Report

Information on the new Police Website. Crime figures and newsletter copied to Councillors for information.

AGENDA 8

Items for Discussion

8.1 Highways

- (i) P3 Scheme.
 - CCC are still chasing the landowner for repairs/replacement of the kissing gate to Church Green, FP8. As there is no longer a tenant in the field CCC are prepared to allow the P3 grant funding to be used to purchase a new gate. The Clerk to liaise with CCC regarding this.
 - Swavesey & District Bridleway Association is working with local farmers to carry out repairs to the bridleway gates along Middle Fen Drove into Bridleway 5.

8.2 Memorial Hall

- (i) Car park. S Cambs District Council has awarded the Parish Council a grant of £775 towards the cost of resurfacing the Hall car park, for which the Parish Council thanks the District Council. The work to carry out the resurfacing will take place on Wednesday 25 August for approx 2 days.
- (ii) Land Registry. Search reported that property is unregistered, application now to be considered.

8.3 Recreation/Playgrounds

Letter received from residents of High Street, Swavesey with regard to facilities for teenagers and current problems of disturbance and vehicles around the lay-by at the front of the recreation green. Reply to be sent informing of the current discussions with Youth Leaders to provide new facilities for teenagers in the village.

8.4 Village Maintenance

- (i) The new benches have all been installed around the recreation green, however litter is now accumulating around the benches!
- (ii) Litterpick. One response received from the litterpick request in the Meridian Magazine. The Clerk to find out about other village litterpick arrangements in other villages and District Council litterpick schedules.

8.5 Handyman

Regular tasks carried out, no problems to report.

8.6 Drainage

No items to report this month.

8.7 Events Committee Report

Mr Marriott reported that the licence to hold the Normandy Market in Market Street at the beginning of December has been applied for.

8.8 Swavesey Scout Group – Community Projects

The Scout leader had contacted the Parish Council to ask if there were any community projects in which the Scouts could become involved. Various ideas were discussed including helping to survey for maintenance work on the public rights of way around the village and assisting in a 'litter-pick' weekend if arranged. The Clerk to contact the Scout leader to thank him for their help and to discuss the ideas further.

AGENDA 9

Planning

9.1 Correspondence

- (i) Letter and CD from Gallagher Estates detailing the draft strategic master plan for Northstowe.
- (ii) Copy of Press Release issued by Mr A Lansley MP in response to the publication of the Buchanan Report into transport and development in the M11 corridor.

9.2 Planning Enforcement – Land at Cow Fen Drove

On 17th August, Officers from South Cambs District Council served planning enforcement notices and a stop notice on the owners of a plot of land along Cow Fen Drove. The stop notice requires the owners to stop using the land for residential purposes, not to bring any further residential caravans onto the site and not to construct any hard standings or provide services ancillary to the partial use of the land as a residential caravan site. The notice comes into effect on 7th September. The enforcement notices are to seek the removal of the temporary stables, to restore the land to a condition appropriate for use for agricultural purposes, to remove the caravans, stored vehicles and cease the breeding of dogs on site. Both enforcement notices come into effect on 17th September.

Councillors also expressed concern with regard to activities on land in Cow Fen and alleged drug dealing. This has been reported to the Police and investigations are taking place.

9.3 S.106 Agreement and Public Open Space Adoption

Further letters have been sent to G Wimpey UK Ltd. At present the situation is no further forward. The fence that G Wimpey UK Ltd agreed to erect on the POS area inside Chantry Close has been erected in the wrong place, Wimpey's to be asked to move the fence to the correct position.

9.4 Applications

- (i) Ref: S1663/04/F – Land south west of A14 in the parishes of Boxworth and Connington. Windfarm comprising 16 wind turbines, anemometry mast, substation and associated infrastructure. No decision made this meeting. Item to be discussed at the September meeting, after the public meeting in Swavesey and to allow for any comments from residents.
- (ii) Ref: S/1539/04/F – 8 Blackhorse Lane. Second floor extension. No objections.
- (iii) Ref: S/1630/04/F – 112 Middlewatch. Single storey extension. No objections.
- (iv) Ref: S/0545/04/F Amended – 42 Boxworth End. Alteration to roof design. No objections.
- (v) Ref: S/0953/04/F Amended – 21 Market Street. Extensions including annexe, revised design to allow for the retention of yew tree alongside property boundary. No objections.
- (vi) Mrs Rogers declared a prejudicial interest and left the room during this item.

Ref: S/1494/02/F Amended, for information only – Land adj. 64 Boxworth End. Insertion of four velux-type roof windows and omission of bathroom window. Letter from Mr & Mrs Rogers, 62 Boxworth End, with regard to the retaining wall which has not yet been installed and asking for Parish Council support to ensure the wall is erected as soon as possible. The Parish Council fully supported the comments from Mr & Mrs Rogers and will write to SCDC with regard to the wall.

Mrs Rogers returned to the meeting.

9.5 Permissions

Ref: S/0954/04/F – Trinity College Farm, Uttons Drove. Permission granted for erection of dwelling, garage and storage outbuilding.

9.6 Refusals - None received

9.7 Appeals - None received

AGENDA 10

Accounts

10.1 Receipts and Payments this Month

(i) All payments approved:

	Net	VAT	Gross
Administration and salaries	946.24	16.82	963.06
Village maintenance	19.99		19.99
Swavesey Bye-ways contribution	512.89		512.89
Memorial Hall – maintenance	58.27	10.19	68.46
Memorial Hall – consumables/Expenses	83.18	0.62	83.80
Memorial Hall – cleaning contract May/June			
Memorial Hall – electricity & rates	243.92	5.30	249.22
Total:	1,864.49	32.93	1,897.42

(ii) Receipts

Hall Booking receipts (July/August)	342.00		342.00
Village Maintenance grant (CCC Highways)	1,710.83		1,710.83
Total:	2,052.83		2,052.83

Due to the Royal Mail losing the original direct debit form for the Memorial Hall telephone payments, a second mandate was signed for direct debit payments for Hall telephone.

10.2 Salary Reviews 2004 – Discussed in Camera

This item was discussed at this point in the Agenda, as there were no members of the public or press present at the meeting.

Minutes of the discussion are confidential and therefore are not attached to this published copy.

AGENDA 11

Correspondence

- CALC – The Bulletin, training information, S Cambs Association Agenda
- Cambs ACRE – Annual General Meeting 25th September
- Health & Safety Executive – request for information on travelling funfairs
- Cambridge Water Co – updating account and water usage information

AGENDA 12

Items for Information and Next Meeting Agenda

Mr Wright Reported that the previous weekend a car had been stolen from the Memorial Hall car park, photographs had been taken by a local resident who had called the Police and informed them that photos were available. To date there has been no response made by the Police. The Community Beat Officer to be informed.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at pm.

Signed & dated

Chairman

Minutes approved & signed as a correct record by the Parish Council on 27 Sept 2004