

# *Swavesey Parish Council*

7.30pm

**Minutes**

Swavesey Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**PRESENT**

Mr M Johnston (Chairman)

Councillors : Miss L Boyes, Mr S Faben, Mr J Jullien, Miss H Parish, Mr C Parsons, Mr J Pook,  
Mr K Wilderspin, Mr W Wright

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance

Parishioners : 1

County Councillor: Ms M Smith

District Councillor: Mrs S Ellington

Balfour Beatty: Peta King-Parcell, Keeley Russell – Customer Liaison Officers

**Item****Power Action****1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr S Boylan, Mr J Dodson

**2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS****2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**

Mr Wilderspin declared a registered pecuniary interest in Agenda item 5, as a landowner along the route of the proposed cycle/footpath.

**2.2 Requests to Speak** No requests received to speak on any items as declared above.**2.3 To receive requests for dispensations** No requests received.**2.4 To grant requests received** The granting of dispensations to be made by Full Council.**3 Meeting suspended to allow 10 minutes for the public participation forum and for persons declaring prejudicial interest relating to the business to be transacted, to address the meeting.**

No addresses regarding prejudicial interests were made

No items were raised by members of the public present:

**Public forum closed in order for the Parish Council meeting to commence.****4 STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT**

The Balfour Beatty officers had not yet arrived, therefore agreed to move the discussion on this item until later in agenda.

**5 BUCKINGWAY ROAD CYCLE/FOOTPATH UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

With the agreement of the Council, Mr Wilderspin did not leave the room during this discussion, as it was just updates for information from County Cllr Ms Smith, no discussion took place.

County Cllr Ms Smith informed Council:

- Landowners along the route have all been spoken to.
- Maps of the proposed route were delivered around the village, it does seem a few houses were missed, however the information is on the Parish Council website, additional plans are with the Clerk and will also be left in various places around the village for general information.
- The Cycling Projects Officer from CCC will attend the Parish Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March to give a full update on the proposals.

**6 PLANNING****6.1 To consider planning applications received**

(i) Ref: S/2726/13/FL & S/2727/13/LB – Rose Cottage, Black Horse Lane, Mr H Gray. Construction of garage. No objections.

(ii) Ref: S/0093/14/FL – 131 Moat Way, Mr S Pryor. Objections raised:

1. Loss of parking space as driveway provides 2 parking spaces, this would reduce to 1.
2. Concern over possible restriction of parking access for neighbouring property at 129, as proposed extension at 131 may prevent door openings for vehicles parking on No.129 driveway and lead to loss of second car parking space due to lack of access.

(iii) S/0099/14/PH – 12 Ramper Road, Mr & Mrs Baggaley. For information only, single storey rear extension.

## 6.2 Permissions

Ref: S/588/13/FL – 39 Carters Way, first floor extension.

Ref: S/2573/13/F – Swavesey Village College. Classroom block.

## 6.3 Correspondence

Letter from Mr & Mrs Hopper re statistics from the Parish Plan in relation to planning application S/2312/13/FL. Council noted the comments in the letter. Response had been covered in previous reply to Mr & Mrs Hopper.

Mr Pook informed Council that having looked into the figures, a transcribing error had been found from the questionnaire analysis to the Report to Parish Council of 4%.

## 4 STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT

Discussion deferred from earlier in Agenda

The Chairman welcomed Peta King-Parcell (PKP) and Keeley Russell (KR) from Balfour Beatty, to discuss the forthcoming streetlight replacement work, which will commence in early April and take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete. KR gave a background to reason for replacements and that the contract specifies 10% of lights will not be replaced. The new white lights are more energy efficient, brighter and remotely controllable. Balfour Beatty will deliver information to every household, including email and freephone contact details.

Cllrs had reviewed streets and proposals and each street was discussed in detail. Comments from NHW Scheme co-ordinators also noted. Main points discussed were:

- Thistle Green – 2 removals shown. Queried removal of CC13, which is directly outside a sheltered housing bungalow. **PKP to review**, to see if a replacement could be found from elsewhere in the village.
- School Lane – Council asked if CC5 could have a double-headed lamp, so that it would light up the passageway through to Carters Way. **PKP to investigate**.
- Whitton Close – 7 removals shown, 4 of which are along the rear footpath behind no.s 36-41. Council very concerned that this would become an unlit, not-overlooked footpath and safety would become an issue for pedestrians and security of rear garden access. **PKP to review**.
- Station Road & High Street – very narrow footpaths, discussion over how and when work would take place, as it could block the footpath access, which is a main route to the primary school. Suggestions: work to take place during school Easter holidays, use of traffic control, work on one side of footpath only at a time, warn residents of dates of work so that parked vehicles are cleared. **PKP to review**.
- Market Street – 1 removal shown. Council asked if an additional light could be installed close to the entrance to The Grange, for safety and to help light start of Cow Fen Drove. **PKP to investigate**. Electricity supply might be a problem. If the Parish Council was to fund an additional light costs would be approx £1,500 for column plus annual energy and maintenance costs.
- Moat Way – 4 removals shown. Council asked if CC17 could be moved across the road to the front of the play area, to help with ASB and security issues. **PKP would investigate**, however electricity supply might be a problem.  
Suggestion that CC19 could be removed, to relocate to CC13 in Thistle Green.
- Whitegate Close – Council asked if CC1 could be removed, to relocate to Market St, outside of The Grange?
- Boxworth End – 3 removals shown. PKP informed that new columns cannot be installed on the west (existing) side of the road due to the uninsulated overhead cables, therefore the replacement columns will be installed on the east side. Council queried light for the footpath as there is no footpath on the east side. PKP replied that new brighter light would shine across the road to the footpath.  
Request received from resident along Boxworth End Bye-way, asking if an additional column could be installed, for safety and security, along the bye-way. KR replied that the contract did not include installations on unadopted roads, however KR offered to confirm the situation with the resident (the Clerk to pass on contact details). Parish Council added that it would not be able to fund lighting column installation on any of the bye-ways due to cost.
- Middlewatch – as with Boxworth End, uninsulated overhead cables along parts of Middlewatch prevent column replacement on west side, therefore some of the new columns will be installed on east side.

- Blackhorse Lane – 3 removals shown. CC5 already removed as on private land. Two others to be removed between Chantry Close and Taylor's Lane junctions. Concern expressed that there is no footpath, often parked vehicles and would be very dark if both lights removed. Safety concerns raised as is a well-used walking route, plus official cycle route to Village College. Query if CC8 could be moved further into Black Horse Lane, then CC1 (Taylor's Lane) moved towards junction with Black Horse Lane. **PKP to review.**

PKP added that if individual residents request any amendments, these would be passed on to the Parish Council for consultation.

Also that quite a number of columns within the Business Park would not be replaced, so this has helped to reach the required 10% removal figure for the village.

## **7 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

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| (i)   | House in Chantry Close has erected a 6ft high fence alongside the footpath through to Moat Way, is this permitted without planning permission? Clerk to investigate.   | <b>Clerk</b> |
| (ii)  | Willows behind School Pond have fallen towards the pond, the school is concerned over their safety and of dead branches in the canopy overhanging the playground. The Clerk had investigated and asked Atlas Tree Surgery to pollard the willows next week, during half-term, to ensure they were safe and to remove dead branches from any other trees around the pond. Council approved the work, which was required for safety. Clerk to confirm the cost at the full Council meeting on 24 <sup>th</sup> . | <b>Clerk</b> |
| (iii) | Tree behind Foxgloves Furniture to be checked, as it overhangs the footpath, Clerk to find out who is responsible for cutting it back.   | <b>Clerk</b> |
| (iv)  | Water levels and flood risk around the village – KW confirmed that Webb's Hole sluice is currently open and water levels in the drainage ditches have been dropping, however the forecast heavy rain may cause concern if there is as much rainfall as predicted.  |              |

### **Next meeting dates:**

**Full Council – 7.30pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm

Signed & dated  
Chairman

**Minutes approved as a correct record by the Parish Council at the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014**