

Swavesey Parish Council

7.30pm

Minutes

Swavesey Parish Council Planning Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street
Thursday 8th September 2016

PRESENT

Mr W Wright (Chairman)

Councillors : Miss L Boyes, Mr D Hunt, Mr C Parsons, Mr J Pook, Ms S Smith, Mr K Wilderspin

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance: Cllr Mrs L Harford (CCC), Cllr Mrs S Ellington (SCDC)

Parishioners : None

Item

Power Action

2016/P09-1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Dodson (another meeting), Mr S Faben (personal), Mr M Johnston (personal),
Miss H Parish (work)

2016/P09-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

- 2.1 **Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**
- 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.

Mr Pook stated that he has submitted a planning application for a dwelling on his land along Hale Road. When that comes through for consultation he will declare his interest and in the meantime, any other agenda item which might relate to it.

2016/P09-3 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 members of the public were present.

Public forum closed in order for the Parish Council meeting to commence.

2016/P09-4 PLANNING

4.1 Correspondence for information only

S/1661/16/FL – land adj 11 Over Rd. Amended plans: Removal of rear window, removal of the flue, reduction to amount of hardstanding.

4.2 To report on recent discussions with Agents and SCDC with regard to current planning applications for major housing development in the village: S/1605/16/OL Land at 130 Middlewatch (70 homes) and S/1027/16/OL Land south of Fen Drayton Rd (99 dwellings)

Chairman gave verbal reports on three recent meetings – two with Carter Jonas to discuss drainage and other objections re the proposal for 70 homes on land at 130 Middlewatch – written notes circulated to all on both of these meetings. Plus a discussion with the Joint Director of Planning & Economic Development (South Cambs and Cambridge City) and Head of Development Management, about strategic issues affecting the village from current major planning applications.

Council reiterated that although it is discussing potential benefits and improvements to village services, facilities and infrastructure with Carter Jonas re the 70 new homes proposed, Council still strongly objects to additional development on the grounds that the village cannot cope and it would be unsustainable.

One point further explained, Carter Jonas would press SCDC for a condition if the development is granted permission, that all of the affordable housing provided be only for those with a direct connection to Swavesey. County Cllr Mrs Harford added that this may not be possible. A draft policy is currently being reviewed at SCDC to restrict non-exception site development of affordable housing, as part of a mixed market/affordable site to just 8 of those properties being restricted to village connection occupancy only. The remainder to be available to the wider housing list (or possibly just 50% of the remainder). The draft policy is yet to be discussed by the SCDC Housing Portfolio Holder.

The 130 Middlewatch application is due to be discussed at the 2nd Nov SCDC Planning Committee. The Bloor Homes application is to be on the 5th Oct Agenda.

County Cllr Mrs Harford also stated that she has asked CCC Education Officers to review the cumulative figures for school places, to take account of all of the current applications for Swavesey, not just each application individually.

It was confirmed that the Chairman and District Cllr would both attend and speak at both the Oct and Nov SCDC Planning Committees in objection to the two applications. The Clerk to contact the Chair of Governors at the Primary School to ask if he would also be able to attend and speak in objection.

4.3 To consider planning applications received

- (i) Ref: S/2121/16/FL – **24 Taylors Lane**. First floor rear extension and porch. New windows throughout to be in keeping, comprising wooden frame. No objections raised.

4.4 Permissions

Ref: S/1155/16/FL – 48 Middlewatch, 4-bed detached house. Comments noted that no requirement had been made to move the proposed property further from the boundaries with Carters Way or the new property behind 18 Gibraltar Lane, when the house behind 18 Gibraltar Lane had been requested to move further away from the boundary with 48 Middlewatch, due to overlooking. Cllr Mrs Harford noted the inconsistency in Case Officer decisions.

4.5 Refusals, Appeals, Enforcement None to report

2016/09P-5 CITY DEAL: Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge – Consultation

Public exhibitions promoted around Cambridge area, with one on Tues 20th Sept at Swavesey Village College 5pm-8pm.

Discussion took place around various proposals but it was agreed that Parish Council comments would be deferred until Sept 26th Agenda, to give Cllrs opportunity to speak to City Deal members at the exhibition on 20th.

2016/P09-6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- (i) SCDC Devolution Seminar for Parish Councils – Thurs 22nd Sept, 6-8pm, Histon. Two Cllr places available. Clerk to email around all Cllrs for attendance.

Next meeting dates:

Full Council – 7.30pm Monday 26th September 2016

Planning – 7.30pm Thursday 13th October 2016

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm

Signed & dated

Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED THE BY CHAIRMAN AS A CORRECT RECORD, AT THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016