

Swavesey Parish Council

7.30pm

Minutes

Swavesey Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street
Thursday 13th October 2016

PRESENT

Mr W Wright (Chairman)

Councillors : Miss L Boyes, Mr J Dodson, Mr D Hunt, Mr C Parsons, Mr K Wilderspin,

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance: 0

Parishioners : 0

Item**Power Action****15-16/P10-1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr S Faben (away), Mr J Pook (personal), Ms S Smith (working),
Mr J Johnston (late arrival), Cllr Ms M Smith (CCC), Cllr Mrs S Ellington (SCDC)

15-16/P10-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**

Miss Boyes declared a registered interest as a property owner/resident of Hale Road.

Mr Dodson and Mr Wright declared registered interests as Trustees of the Thomas Galon Charity, which owned agricultural land along Hale Road.

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.**15-16/P10-3 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 public present.

Public forum closed in order for the Parish Council meeting to commence.**15-16/P10-4 PLANNING****4.1 Meeting reports from the Chairman**

- (i) Earlier today the Chairman and Clerk had met with Senior Planning Officers at SCDC to update on the Bloor Homes (99 houses) and Carter Jonas (70 houses) applications currently being consulted on. A very useful discussion highlighting ongoing queries with both applications in relation to highways and access arrangements, surface water drainage and S106 contributions to the village. Further meetings are planned before the applications go to the District Council's Planning Committee – Carter Jonas expected at the Nov meeting and Bloor at the Dec meeting at present.
- (ii) Oct SCDC Planning Committee – Chairman had attended and presented a statement reiterating objections raised to two new dwellings on land at 19 Walkman's Lane – primarily because of the cumulative impact continued development of family homes is making on the village infrastructure. Committee members had sympathised with the situation in Swavesey and the pressures it was putting on the village, however individual applications have to be considered on their own merits and there were no material reasons to refuse this application, which was granted permission.
Chairman and Mr Johnston had attended the Parish Planning Forum on 10th Oct, which again covered very useful topics. Officers still did not expect the Local Plan to be approved before end of 2017, therefore the planning situation and lack of village development boundaries will be in place for at least another 12 months.
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4.2 To consider planning applications received

- (i) Ref: S/2121/16/FL – **24 Taylors Lane**, Mr & Mrs Hasted. Ground and first floor rear extension and porch. New windows throughout. No objections.
- (ii) Ref: S/2381/16/FL – **12 Gibraltar Lane**, Mr & Mrs Murphy. Four roof lights on north west elevation. No objections to roof lights, however same comment to be returned as previously, to query site boundary and cul-de-sac turning area.
- (iii) Ref: S/2500/16/FL – **7 Station Road**, Mr & Mrs Edwards. Single storey rear extension following removal of conservatory.
Ref: S/2523/16/FL - **Land to south of 79 Middlewatch**, Turnwood Ltd. Two detached dwellings with integral garages, use of existing access and associated landscaping.
Objections raised:
- Site is outside of the village development boundary
 - Design of the buildings from the viewpoint of the road is not considered in keeping with the existing street scene and look to be overbearing
 - Education provision within village – Primary school is full in many classes, Village College is also full. Pressure also on pre-school places. Many other family homes are under construction in infill sites and 30 new dwellings have just been granted permission, with an applications currently in for a further 169+ new homes. There is enormous pressure on lack of school places for families moving into the village.
 - Traffic – parking and traffic volume through the village is a major issue. Additional family homes on top of the above mentioned new dwellings, add further vehicles into the village.
 - Doctors Surgery – a small surgery with one doctor, health provision in the village may soon be unable to cope with additional development.
 - Surface water – This is a major issue within the village and local surface water drains are working at close to capacity and having to take all of the additional development already permitted.
 - In the emerging Local Plan, Swavesey is to become a Minor Rural Centre with up to 30 dwellings permitted inside the development boundary. Many more than that are currently close to completion, under construction or with permission granted. The cumulative effect of all of this continued develop will impact enormously on the village which will be unable to cope.
- (iv) Ref: S/2336/16/FL – **Hale Road**, Mr & Mrs Pook. New single storey 2 bedroom dwelling. Ms Boyes declared a registered interest as a resident of The Windmill, Hale Road. Mr Dodson and Mr Wright declared registered interests as Trustees of the Thomas Galon Charity, owning land along Hale Road adjacent to the application site.
Objections raised:
- Outside of the development area.
 - Not adjoining the village development boundary, the site is in open countryside. This would set a precedent opening up applications from any site in the rural area of the parish for a new residential building.
 - Policy HG9 only allows for new dwellings in the countryside when they are to support a rural based enterprise, which this application is not.
 - Hale Road is a Swavesey byway, with other dwellings already on land off of the byway having been built with agricultural ties.
 - Access to the site is along a byway/footpath with no lighting, no separate pedestrian footpath and the byway surface maintained to agricultural standards only.
- (v) Hobbledodd's Close – tree works in Conservation Area. Crown reduction and thinning of 5 Maple trees to reduce overshadowing of garden. No objections.
- (vi) Village College, Gibraltar Lane – work to a tree under a tree preservation order. Catalpa, crown lift to 2.1 metres. Tree in front of entrance to kitchen area, lower branches impeding access. No objections.

4.3 Permissions, Refusals, Appeals, Enforcement

- (i) Ref: S/1048/16/F – 19 Walkman’s Lane – permission granted for two dwellings and vehicular access
- (ii) Ref: S/0685/16/FL – Buckingham Business Park – permission granted for four stand along building units B1(b), B1(c), B2 & B8 employment uses with ancillary yards, parking and landscaping.

4.4 Correspondence

- (i) Northstowe Parish Forum, Weds 19th Nov, Pathfinder Primary School, Northstowe, 7pm-9pm
- (ii) A14 Improvement Scheme update exhibition, Memorial Hall, Weds 19th November, 2pm-8pm.
- (iii) 37 Market St – SCDC still waiting for a planning application to be submitted. Clerk to continue to chase for updates, as application was expected mid-Sept.

15-16/P10-5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA**Next meeting dates:****Full Council – 7.30pm Monday 24th October 2016****Planning – 7.30pm Thursday 10th November 2016**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm

Signed & dated

Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER 2016