

# *Swavesey Parish Council*

7.30pm

**Minutes**

Swavesey Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**PRESENT**

Mr W Wright (Chairman)

Councillors : Miss L Boyes, Mr D Hunt, Mr M Johnston, Miss H Parish, Mr J Pook, Mr K Wilderspin

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance:

Parishioners : None

**Item****Power Action****2017/P09-1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr J Dodson, Mr C Parsons, Ms S Smith (8.45pm)  
Cllr Ms M Smith (CCC), Cllr Mrs S Ellington (SCDC)

**2017/P09-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

- 2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda** None
- 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.

**2017/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 present

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

**2017/P09-4 PLANNING****4.1 To consider planning applications received**

- (i) Ref: S/3022/17/FL – **Land adj to the Cygnus Business Park, Middle Watch.**

Proposed development of disused pasture land to erect 2 4-bed dwellings with associated access and landscaping.

Objections raised:

- New dwellings would not be in the building line of existing dwellings along Middle Watch, this has been a stipulation for other development further along Middle Watch.  
(noted that Swan Court is being built behind the building line, however this previously had permission for business units)
- The access road from Middle Watch is narrow mostly single vehicle width. It serves three business units, plus now an additional 12 dwellings. This proposal puts more vehicles along that road and therefore more movements in and out of the access point to Middle Watch.
- The access onto Middle Watch is at a very busy section of the road, including a traffic calming chicane and two bus stops. There is a business access opposite and already permission for three more new dwellings (two at the front of this plot and one opposite). Highway safety is a concern here.
- Objections raised to yet two more large new dwellings in the village, adding pressure to existing infrastructure and services.

- The Council questions the need for two more large dwellings, when what residents are commenting to Council about is the need for more affordable smaller dwellings, eg 1 and 2 bed properties and bungalows for older residents to move into, which could then make existing larger properties available.
  - This site is outside of the village development boundary and behind existing development. Previously this would only be available for Exception Site development for affordable properties for people with a link to the village. If the site is to be developed Council considers it would be more appropriately used for this type of development which would then help to provide much needed local housing to benefit village residents.
  - A further concern was raised about the layout, which could lead to an access being put through the north end of the site into the next field thereby leading to further potential 'back-land' development.
- (ii) Ref: S/2776/17/FL – **22 Taylors Lane**. Temporary placement of a 30sqm static caravan over a period of up to 4 years.  
Supports In principle but not in the location proposed. Objections raised:
- The proposed location of the temporary caravan would be in a prominent position on the plot, close to the highway and in full view of all passing by and neighbours overlooking the front garden.
  - The property is in the Conservation Area and close to an historic site and in a sensitive area of the village.
  - The Council supports the objection raised by a neighbour with regard to the proposed location of the caravan.
  - The Council questioned why the caravan could not be placed to the rear of the property, where there is an extensive garden area and where it would be more private and not overlooked?
- (iii) Ref: S/2781/17/NM – 25 Station Rd, Mrs L Potter. Non Material amendment for information only. Revised roof with orangery lantern light.

#### **4.2 Permissions, Refusals, Appeals, Enforcement** None received

#### **4.3 Bloor Homes Eastern and Mr A Johnson – Planning Appeal Hearing 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Confirmed that the Chairman Cllr W Wright will attend to speak on behalf of the Parish Council's objections to the application. In the absence of District Cllr Sue Ellington the Clerk to the Parish Council will attend to present the statement from Cllr Sue Ellington. Clerk had discussed these arrangements with the Consultant acting for South Cambs District Council.

The Parish Council's objections will focus on the cumulative impact of major development on village infrastructure, services and facilities as detailed in the written objection.

Council to stress that it has worked hard with South Cambs District Council to gain support from the Planning Committee for the parish objections and the Planning Committee members gave their support by refusing the application at Committee and therefore representing the views of village residents.

Suggested to include some of the results obtained recently by the Neighbourhood Plan Group from its pre-consultation survey which are showing considerable concern from residents over increasing traffic, congestion, parking and other village issues.

Noted that although the developers are stressing good public transport links via the guided busway, this is often full at commuter times and buses do not stop at Swavesey.

**2017/P09-5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- (i) Chairman and Mr Johnston reported on attendance at the SCDC Planning Parish Forum. Notes and slides will be circulated when received from SCDC.

**Next meeting dates:**

**Full Council** – 7.30pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm

Signed & dated

Chairman

**MINUTES APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**