

Swavesey Parish Council

7.30pm

Minutes

Swavesey Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street
Thursday 12th April 2018

PRESENT

Mr W Wright (Chairman)

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

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance: NoneParishioners : None

Item

Power Action

2018/04P-1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Dodson (another meeting), Ms S Smith (working)

2018/04P-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.

2018/04P-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 and no members of the public were present.

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

2018/04P-4 PLANNING

4.1 Bloor Homes Housing Development, Fen Drayton Road

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2018, with Bloor Homes, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

To report:

The Clerk had contacted County Cllr Mrs Harford to ask if CCC Highways would reconsider a request via Bloor Homes, to extend the 30mph limit south along Fen Drayton Road, so that the new housing development junction would be within the 30mph limit? Cllr Mrs Harford had spoken to Officers who had replied that ".....the Highway Authority always resists the inclusion of changes to the highway that require a Traffic Regulation Order [TRO] as part of the planning process because this could make the Highway Authority's committee the final arbiter of a planning application. This would be the end result if the TRO application failed because it would mean that the development could not go ahead." Also "....that at the time of the outline application "the schematic site layout showed the proposed new access with appropriate inter-vehicle visibility splays [as interpolated from measured speeds] and two large attenuation basins with associated planting to Fen Drayton Road. This means that in terms of the 'street scene' there is very little to indicate that there will be a relatively large number of houses to the south of the road. This may make changing the speed limit difficult as, if there is no significant change to what the motorist perceives along the road, ie the hedge looks like a field boundary there may be no incentive to slow down which may in turn lead to higher speeds in the village if the speed limit is moved too far outside the built up area".

Council commented that in other recent applications, CCC Highways had raised highway speed objections and this had led to application refusals, so Council questioned the above statement and asked why had they not then objected to the location of the access on safety grounds or requested a speed limit reduction?

Also that with 99 new homes accessing to/from a 60mph limit road, the County Highways should be concerned over safety. If the 30mph limit could not be extended across the new junction, perhaps a 40mph buffer zone should be created instead? The Clerk to query the above with Cllr Mrs Harford.

Clerk

4.2 To consider applications received

Ref: S/1177/18/LB – 5 Market Street, Mr M Griggs. Listed Building application with regard to the stripping out works to the interior of the building and minor alterations. Council had commented on this previously under the full application. This application now recognised the Listed Building status of the premises.

4.3 Permissions, Refusals, Appeals, Enforcement

None received.

The Clerk reported that Planning Enforcement had replied re the new vehicle gates in the new fencing along Taylor Lane, that this was not within the planning remit and that it should be queried with CCC Highways re safety.

2018/04P-5 NEW PLAYING FIELD LAND TO REAR OF 18 BOXWORTH END

To review lease amendments and responses to queries. Updated information circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs were still concerned over the security of the Lease for the Parish Council, with regard to future potential breaches of conditions or opportunity for the landowner to revoke the lease and take the land back. The Clerk reminded Council that a decision will have to be taken at the Full Council meeting on 23rd April, as the 60 days for negotiation is drawing close.

Council asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting next week with the S106 Officer from SCDC and the Council's Solicitor, so that Council can ask final questions on Lease security for the Parish and ensure there is minimal risk of the land being taken back by the landowner.

Clerk

2018/04P-6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- (i) SCDC Thistle Green sheltered housing, the footpath around the communal garden area urgently needs resurfacing as residents are very fearful of falling on the uneven surface. To be reported to SCDC Housing Dept.
- (ii) Query raised over the planning permission for waste disposal and sorting at the Dawson Plant Hire yard in Middle Fen Drove, as to whether the licence is in the name of the business or site. Clerk to check.
- (iii) Complaint received from residents in Whitton Close over contractor vehicles parking on the grass verge and causing damage. Clerk to make CCC Highways aware and ask about reinstatement works.

Clerk

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- (iv) Cllr Mr Wilderspin informed Council that Middle Level Engineers had been contacted by the Agents for the land to the rear of 130 Middle Watch, with outline permission for 70 new dwellings, suggesting they would not have sufficient fall in the land to the drain for gravity surface water drainage and if they would be permitted to install a pump? Council commented that this concern over the fall of the land had been raised at the time of the application by the Parish Council, however it had been dismissed by the applicant. Cllr Mr Wilderspin would speak further with the Middle Level Engineers and report back to Parish Council, as if this major change in drainage conditions would be required, it would be a material change to the application.

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Next meeting dates:**Full Council – 7.30pm Monday 23rd April 2018**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.25pm

Signed & dated

Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 23rd April 2018