

# *Swavesey Parish Council*

7.30pm

**Minutes**

Swavesey Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**PRESENT**

Mr W Wright (Chairman)

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

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Ellington (SCDC)

Parishioners : 3, Mr M Mullee – Swavesey Spartans Football Club

**Item****Power Action****2018/11P-1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr J Dodson (another meeting), Mr S Faben (away), Ms S Smith (unwell)  
County Cllr Mrs L Harford

**2018/11P-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS****2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**

Cllr M J Pook declared a registered interest in Agenda item 6 - Swavesey Fire Relief  
Charity – Frere Cottages, Station Rd, as a Trustee of the Charity.

**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.**2018/11P-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

Items raised by members of the public present:

- Resident – To highlight surface water drainage concerns with regard to development behind 18 Boxworth End – understood to be discussed tonight.

**Public forum closed in order for the Parish Council meeting to commence.****2018/11P-4 Recreation Green – Maintenance and Safety**

To review safety on the green due to ground conditions and consider urgent  
maintenance work required.

The Chairman invited Mr M Mullee from Swavesey Spartans to join the  
discussion for this item. Mr Mullee gave a brief background to the ground  
conditions and that neither the Spartans nor Adults Teams were able to play or  
train on the main part of the Green at present. Some of the younger Spartans  
teams have been able to use the far east end of the Green for Saturday matches.  
Volunteers worked through Sept and early Oct to fill sunken trenches, however  
there is still considerable work required and more material needed. With dark  
evenings now, volunteer time is not possible as on Saturdays parents and players  
are now involved with matches.

*(7.37pm – Cllr Hannah Parish joined the meeting)*

The Clerk had circulated updated reports on the ground conditions and concerns over the safety to the general public re the sunken trenches. Having consulted with the Council's insurers, a risk assessment plan has been put in place and insurers advice circulated to Cllrs.

The Clerk had met with FDS (Cambridge) Ltd, who offered to help with work to fill the worst of the trenches. Supply of 20 tonnes of topsoil/sand (50/50 mix), machinery and personnel to complete the work, with the soil and machinery supplied free of charge. The Parish Council thanked FDS for their help and accepted the offer. The cost share of £780 for sand and personnel to be paid for by the Parish Council (S106 outdoor space improvements).

Clerk

To consider need for a Recreation Green Working Party to manage the day-to-day requirements of the Green. Requested by the Clerk to consist of Cllrs and Football Club representatives.

**RESOLVED** to set up a Working Party to manage maintenance within budgets set by the Parish Council and to work with the Clerk on day-to-day management of the Green. Cllrs: Colin Parsons, Lisa Boyes, Hannah Parish, Stuart Faben. Football Clubs: Matt Mullee (Spartans), TBC (Institute FC).

Mr Mullee thanked the Parish Council for its support and continuing maintenance work on the Recreation Green.

## 2018/11P-4 PLANNING

### 4.1 To consider planning applications received

- (i) **Ref: S/4005/18/TC – 19 Wallmans Lane**, Mrs S Ellington. Lawson Cypress – fell to ground level. Reason – very close to house and becoming too large for location. *District Cllr Mrs Ellington left the meeting during this discussion.*  
No objections raised, as this is the Conservation Area SCDC Tree's Officer will decide. *District Cllr Mrs Ellington returned to the meeting.*
- (ii) **Ref: S/2900/18/RM – 18 Boxworth End**, Matthew Homes Ltd. Amendments on Reserved Matters for 30 new dwellings (S/0875/15/OL) comprising 18 market and 12 affordable units plus open space and landscaping.  
Amendments: PL.03-01H Site Layout; PL.03-07C House Type Plans & Elevations; Drainage Strategy and revised landscaping; Proposed Finished Floor Levels; Engineer's Statement; Email from Cambs CC Highways  
Objections with regard to surface water drainage raised:
- Two structures: balancing pond and block of 4 x 1-bed flats still considered too close to the SCDC Award Drain to allow sufficient room for maintenance by machinery.
  - Concerns raised that this is a natural flood area for the open SCDC Award Drain, in particular the natural pond in the NW corner which is proposed to be filled in and the flats built on this location. Concern raised as to where flood water might then overflow to if it cannot go to the natural pond area.
  - Concern raised that there is a restrictor in the Award Drain to the north, nearer to Whitton Close area, which was installed to protect overflow flood into Whitton Close properties. How might this affect potential overflow back towards this development with increased water flow into the Award Drain?
  - Objection reiterated with regard to a surface water pumping system on the site, which was not shown or agreed to within the Outline Appeal Decision. Concern raised that if the pump should fail, with water being taken from the whole site, east before being pumped back west, water could flow out to Boxworth End and CCC highway drains cannot cope with additional water. August 2014 floods detailed.

The Clerk, Cllr Mr Wilderspin and County Cllr Mrs Harford had met with the Sustainable Drainage Officer at Cambs County Council on 29<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the objections CCC had raised to this application. CCC still had the same concerns and objections, meeting report had been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Mrs Harford had contacted Bushmead Developments, the owner of the site to the south of 18 Boxworth End, with outline consent for up to 70 new homes, to ask if they would contact the Parish Council to discuss their forthcoming RM application, as this site would have very similar surface water drainage issues. Parish Council is awaiting their contact.

**2018/11P-6 Swavesey Fire Relief Charity – Frere Cottages, Station Rd**

Cllr Mr Pook, a Trustee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity, informed Council of Trustees discussions re the possibility of building 2 or 3 new affordable dwellings for local people on charity land to the rear of the existing cottages. An informal report from a Planning Officer had been received, circulated to all. This raised concerns with regard to land in the flood zone, development behind the building line of Station Rd and provision of sufficient amenity space, however further discussions on these points would be held with a Housing Provider and the Planning Authority. The Parish Council supported the idea of the provision of additional Charity homes which would provide benefit to the parish and would write to the Trustees in support.

**2018/11P-7 Permissions, Refusals, Withdrawn, Appeals, Enforcement, For Information**

For information only: Ref: S/3901/18/DC – Buckingham Business Park. Discharge of condition 1 (Restoration of Land Use) of planning application S/2154/15/FL). Retention of container for use as a catering facility.

**2018/11P-8 SCDC Parish Planning Forum – report from 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Chairman reported on attending the Forum which included a Local Plan Update; Planning Share Services update; Parish Planning Training; Tree Warden update. Chairman, Cllr Sandie Smith, the Clerk and District Cllr Mrs Ellington had attended. The general view was not a lot of information had been presented and the format could be greatly improved.

Information workshops for Tree Wardens will be held over the next few months and Parish Cllr Planning training workshops are being scheduled for Jan-April 2019. Topics for the workshops are requested. The Clerk had submitted a request for more detail on which applications go to Planning Committee and which go to Delegated Decision.

**2018/11P-9 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- (i) A number of Mick George vehicles loaded with large lumps of concrete have recently been using Hale Rd, why? The Clerk to enquire of Mick George Ltd.
- (ii) G Webb lorries using Ramper Rd early in the morning. The Clerk to contact the company to ask that they ensure lorries use the B1050 to the A14 rather than through the village.
- (iii) Clerk reported that Environment Agency and CCC Enforcement are investigating unpermitted ground raising at the Mick George Yard in Middle Fen Drove. The Clerk is awaiting a written report to clarify what action is being taken.
- (iv) Trees on Thwaites land along Taylors Lane require inspection and management, following the large fallen sections last week which blocked Taylors Lane. The Clerk confirmed that the landowners are aware and have instructed a tree surgeon to inspect and ensure the trees are safe. A Tree Works application is being submitted for safety work.

- (v) Trees on verge, west side of Thistle Green junction with School Lane need cutting back, they overhang the neighbouring house and the streetlight. Report to CCC
- (vi) Footpath outside No.11 School Lane is becoming damaged due to the building works at No.11 School Lane. Report to CCC.

**Next meeting dates:**

**Full Council** – 7.30pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Full Council** – 7.30pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm

Signed & dated

Chairman