



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 July 2026
Held at Mill Lane Pavilion, Mill Lane - Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Assistant Clerk: Clare Speed

Councillors

Kevin Cuffley

Kieran Cooper

David Bard

Kevin Deeming

Paul Smith (arrived at 8.35pm)

Paul Allen

Samuel Betz

Deborah Alderwick

Patrick Thouroude

+ 4 members of public

103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Colin Groves (Personal)

Councillor Paul Smith (Work Commitments)

Councillor Ian Reeves (Personal)

Councillor Katie O Bryan (Personal)

Councillor Simon Ward (Personal)

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Deeming to accept the above apologies.

VOTE: 8 FOR : UNANIMOUS

104 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (15 Minutes allowed) *

Three members of public requested to speak on behalf of the allotment holders at London Road, they explained there has been thefts of produce and if there was anything the council could do like install cameras or gates at both entrances.

They suggested a communal area for sharing extra produce etc with other allotment holders and requested a meeting with the clerks and councillors at the allotment. The assistant clerk will organise this.

Three members of public left the meeting at 7.30pm.

105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

Item 108 - Councillor Kieran Cooper trustee of JHC who made the planning application.

106 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2026

The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2026 were read, confirmed, and signed.

Councillor David Bard suggested an amend on item 89 planning application 26/02432/OUT: The travel plan should include measures to improve public transport access by encouraging an extension of the CIT17 bus route to the entrance of the Dales manor site and by offering to provide a bus stop and shelter at this location.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and **seconded** by Councillor Deborah Alderwick to accept the minutes with the above amend.

VOTE: 8 FOR : UNANIMOUS

107 MATTERS ARISING – NEW INFORMATION ONLY

None

108 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

[26/0704/TTPO](#) Field Maple - Fell to ground level due to dieback in the upper crown. There is only a heavy leaning lateral leader live. High target area of pedestrian footpath and bench in falling distance at Recreation Ground Mill Lane.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **not comment** on this application as it is the parish councils.

VOTE: 8 FOR UNANIMOUS

[26/0740/TTCA](#) Sycamore – Fell, Reason - Major disruption to playground from buttress roots, excessive bird waste and toxicity in playground at Sawston Nursery Tannery Road.

Comment: The parish council will support this application on a condition that a replacement tree is put in place like a blossom or birch which are less likely to have birds nesting in.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Allen to **support** this application with the above comment.

VOTE: 7 FOR 1 NO VOTE

109 TO QUOTE FOR REPLACEMENT TOWER ROPE FOR MILL LANE FOLLOWING PLAY INSPECTION

The Assistant Clerk explained that following a play equipment inspection the rope at Mill Lane needs replacing, the quote to replace and install is £2,180.05 from Sovereign Play.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard to **accept** the quote of £2,180.05 from Sovereign play as this is a safety issue.

VOTE: 8 FOR UNANIMOUS

110 TO DISCUSS SKATEPARK EXTENSION OR RAILINGS

A resident had contacted the clerks requesting an extension of the landing platform on the skatepark for an extra 3ft, the clerk contacted Betongpark and they said the skatepark is safe as per the ROSPA guidelines. The clerks will investigate an extension on the landing space and take back to council.

111 TO DISCUSS CAMBRIDGE ROAD CEMETERY WALL

The assistant clerk explained that the cemetery wall repairs have had to be suspended due to more extensive work being needed due to the severe damage from the tree roots.

The contractors had to revise their quote which is now £42,645.24, on the quote there is weekly charges for certain items. They have also recommended we will need to shut the path for about 2 weeks while using the digger. There is a selection of bricks we can choose from, but the Vandersanden boreas brick is the closest one to what the original wall is.

Andy the structural engineer has been liaising with George at Stoneheart and has suggested the appropriate foundations required and has suggested installing a concrete wall on the inside of the wall to prevent any future tree roots damaging the new wall. This can't be a guarantee but is the best future proof suggestion.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **accept** the quote of £42,645.24. and to spend up to £44,000 as a few of the costs are weekly charges.

VOTE: 8 FOR UNANIMOUS

112 TO DISCUSS SAWSTON FUN RUN BEING HELD AT SPICERS

The parish council has been approached by the Fun Run committee to ask if the Fun Run event next year can be on Spicers Sports Ground again like this year. The parish council agreed they could if the same restrictions apply and the grounds keepers are happy.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Deborah Alderwick to **support** the Fun Run event on Spicers Sports Ground.

VOTE: 8 FOR UNANIMOUS

113 TO DISCUSS SPEED CAMERAS

Councillor Paul Allen explained we have speed cameras on Babraham Road, Cambridge Road and the High Street. As discussed previously Hill development originally purchased the speed cameras, and they didn't always work but have handed them over to the parish council. The parish council have tried to get Hill to fix before they take them on, but it's been years and not getting anywhere. Councillor Paul Allen got a quote for £696.00 which is to send the two cameras back to the company and they will fix as they are still under warranty. Which is significantly cheaper than buying new cameras. Councillor Paul Allen will contact the company to ask how to uninstall the cameras and will organise to delivery them back to get them to fix.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Kieran Cooper to **accept** the quote of £696.00 to delivery both cameras back to the company to be fixed under their warranty.

VOTE: 8 FOR UNANIMOUS

Councillor Kieran Cooper explained that County Council contacted the parish council to say they were removing the speed camera in the High Street at it is obsolete, the parish council agreed to keep the sign as it still works as a deterrent to slow traffic down.

Councillor Paul Allen explained the camera on Cambridge Road would be easier if we could change to solar, as currently the battery needs changing, he will investigate this.

114 CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Gerry Holloway for the chair attending the Fun Run event and for the certificate of appreciation from the council.

115 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained for this year's Bonfire Night the layout needs changing as due to the safety and wind changes, last year we had a few complaints from residents regarding firework embers going into the crowd. The clerk suggested a small area for residents near the gate entrance and the rest of Huckeridge Hill being blocked off for the safety of the residents away from the fireworks. Councillor Kevin Cuffley suggested contacting County and using the farmland opposite or behind Huckeridge Hill on Anglian Water site. It was suggested the clerks contact County and Anglian Water first and if these options aren't available to use the clerks suggestion of everyone being on the road and only a small area available inside the gate.

Councillor Kevin Deeming said on Babraham Road in the hedge is a Fun Run road closure sign, he asked if the clerks could contact County. He also gave an update on the EV charging funding application, the application has been sent and will hear back in September.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley asked if Abington Village and Hinxton Grange can be added to a future agenda.

Councillor Paul Smith arrived 8.35pm.

Meeting Closed 8.37pm

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