



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the EXTRA FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2021
at Spicers Pavilion - Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

PRESENT:

Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Jayne Merrick

David Bard

Ian Reeves

Brian Milnes

Tony Fell

Tony Orgee

Kevin Cuffley

Kieran Cooper

Paul Smith

Colin Groves

Sue Whitney

Neil Reid

+ 2 members of public

101 PRESENTATION FROM THE WOODLAND PROJECT – WILLIAM HIGGINS

William Higgins was not present at meeting.

102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Michael Mallows (Personal)

Councillor Anand Pillai (Work commitments)

Councillor Beck Laxton (Personal)

103 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

None

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

Councillor Kieran Cooper – item 114 as he is a representative of one of the land owners for the H1/C site.

105 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2021

The minutes of the meeting were presented.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Neil Reid and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Smith to accept the minutes of the Full Parish meeting on 12 October 2021.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

106 REPORT OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2021

The minutes of the meeting were presented.

Item 9 – Additional storage at Mill Lane pavilion

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

Item 10 – To donate up to £10k towards the cost of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event.

Councillor Kieran Cooper asked who will be running this event for next year. Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that the Parish Council will be running the event and would like to be able to spend up to £10k from reserves which will go towards deposits and insurance etc which need to be paid upfront. Councillor Kieran Cooper asked if we would then claim the money

back through ticket sales etc. Councillor Jayne Merrick explained that there are upfront costs and any excess money income over expenditure will go back to local charities.

Councillor Kieran Cooper also raised about how the Council would be able to authorise the spending of money if the items didn't come as recommendations to Full Parish.

Councillor Tony Orgee explained that he does support the general principle and that other parish councils are putting this money into next year's budget. Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained we do not have time to put into the budget to spend after 1st April as we need to secure bookings etc now.

It was agreed that this item should be deferred to November's full parish meeting to discuss the Jubilee event committee and funds.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

Item 11 – Cricket Club request to remove wall at Spicers in bar area.

VOTE: 11 FOR : 1 NO VOTE

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kieran Cooper and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to accept the minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces committee meeting on 19 October 2021 with the following amend:

Item 10 – to read 'we make an underwriting of £10k towards this event'.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

107 MATTERS ARISING

None

108 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

21/04495/FUL	Single storey front and side extension (Re-submission of 21/02564/HFUL) at 62 Common Lane. Proposed by Councillor David Bard and Seconded by Councillor Neil Reid to support to this application.	Support/No Objection Vote: 12 For Unanimous
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109 TO AGREE ADDITIONAL COST FOR MILL LANE

The Clerk explained there are additional costs for Mill Lane pavilion. The list of items to be ordered include at least 50 folding chairs and hanging racks, 10 folding tables, kitchen wear, fridge, microwave, hoover and cleaning materials etc. The estimated cost for these items is just over £6,000.00. The Clerk had tried where possible to get three prices. The list was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Orgee and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to allow the Clerk to spend up to £6,500.00 on these items for the new pavilion.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

The Parish Council has been asked by the builder if we require anti-graffiti paint on the external walls of the new pavilion at a cost of £2,500.00 + vat. The Clerk explained we

have not had graffiti issues at the pavilion and this could be something added later if there was a need for it.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor David Bard not to go ahead with the anti-graffiti paint.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

110 TO DISCUSS RESIDENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND

A resident has requested permission to purchase a piece of land outside their house in Tower Road so they can use it for additional parking. This was discussed and many had concerns that we would be setting a precedence if we allowed this. There is a tree on this area and it was felt it would have a detrimental effect of the area, it would also encroach on a public footpath.

Councillor David Bard said it would set a precedence to refuse others who may have the same request.

Councillor Kieran Cooper explained they would have to take over the public footpath which would be an assumption it's a public footpath when they would own it. On principle it would be a concern to put a public footpath to a private footpath.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to **object and not support** this request.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

A member of public had arrived to discuss the woodland project so Councillor Kevin Cuffley asked if item 101 could be brought forward to now.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Kieran Cooper to move this item to now. (7.42pm)

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

Councillor Kevin Cuffley welcomed and introduced him, he explained that his agent, William Higgins could not attend the meeting so he came instead.

He explained he moved to Sawston 6 months ago and has 30 acres of land which is not big enough to farm. They have won a conservation award and want to plant trees on their private development which was discussed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Paul Smith to support the planting of more trees.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

Councillor Kevin Cuffley thanked him for coming.

111 TO DISCUSS THE OWNERSHIP OF LYNTON WAY

The Clerk explained that the lease for the ownership of Lynton Way cannot be found and the Clerk and Councillor Brian Milnes have been in discussions with SCDC regarding this. SCDC has suggested we draw up a new 99-year lease and ensure we include everything we know we want to do into the new lease including:

Possible Tennis Courts

Skate Park

Outdoor Gym equipment

New pavilion (no restriction on the size of the footprint on the new pavilion)

New play equipment

Councillor Brian Milnes and Councillor David Bard offered to put together the wording for this and send to the Clerk who will then contact SCDC to move forward.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Tony Orgee and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to go ahead with agreeing a new lease.

VOTE: 12 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

112 TO DISCUSS WIDENING THE PATH ON BABRAHAM ROAD

Councillor Brian Milnes explained that Highways are still considering widening the footpath on the southern side of Babraham Road up to the junction of Wakelin Avenue. This could be turned into a dual footpath for joint use by pedestrians and cyclists.

Councillor Tony Fell has concerns about the width of the current footpath along Babraham Road and explained that the footpath is already very narrow in places and how could this become a dual footpath.

Councillor Brian Milnes offered to meet with Councillor Tony Fell so he can show him where he believes the problems are.

Councillor Jayne Merrick explained the Department of Transport states that cyclists and pedestrians should not share a public path and she doesn't feel this should be turned into one.

Councillor Brian Milnes agreed when there is more information from Highways this will be made an agenda item to discuss again.

113 TO DISCUSS ROAD SAFETY ON FALKNER ROAD

A resident has written to the parish council with concerns regarding speeding drivers down Falkner Road and requested traffic calming measures to slow down traffic.

This was discussed and Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained we have already put in an LHI bid for this next year but suggested the resident contacts the police to report. This comes down to needing more police in the village and as a parish council we are limited. There is a new strategy being looked at through the County Council to make 20mph zones priority across the County. Councillor Brian Milnes explained this is high on the agenda and he will report back once it has been discussed at the County Council in November. Clerk to report back to the resident to say they need to report the speeding to the police and that the County Council are looking at a blanket 20mph speed limit in the village.

114 TO DISCUSS THE S106 'WISHLIST' FOR THE H1/C SITE

The parish council need to put together their Wishlist for projects so this can be agreed via SCDC with the developers of site H1/C. The parish council had a proposed draft of the S106 agreement which included items already discussed.

This included the need for a new pavilion on Lynton Way along with a Skate Park, outdoor exercise equipment and tennis courts.

Councillor Brian Milnes explained there is also the woodland area around the proposed gifted piece of land on the Cambridge City site which we would have the option to make into a village amenity. He has spoken to the SCDC S106 officer who is confident we could ask for the developer to make the woodland area a safe place for people to walk.

Councillor Brian Milnes would like us to consider turning this into a community asset. The responsibility and maintenance would be low cost and we would have to complete regular audits as we do on our other trees. He believes it will be a huge benefit to the village.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Tony Orgee to accept the draft agreement with the additional woodland area and pursue this via S106 contributions and not parish council funds. If we do not get the land gifted by Cambridge City then we need to ensure we do not lose the S106 money and this needs to be in the agreement.

VOTE: 10 FOR : 1 ABS 1: NO VOTE

115 CORRESPONDANCE

None

116 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Kieran Cooper expressed concern about the Remembrance Day service for this year with regards to the current increase in Covid-19 in this area. This is a parish council event and we have recently made the decision to cancel the bonfire night because we didn't believe it was safe to go ahead and questioned what would happen if the government plan B comes in. This was discussed at length.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained if plan B does come in, we would not be able to implement it at short notice. The other option is to stream it live as we did last year.

The Bellbird school are holding their service outside this year and not in the school.

Councillor Colin Groves felt it should not be cancelled and it's time for everyone to make their own decisions regarding Covid-19 and he felt this reflected the views of many in the village.

Councillor Brian Milnes was not sure he could support the event, a lot of families attend and the outbreak rate now is amongst children. Generally, Covid-19 is on the rise and right now he thinks we would be putting people at risk.

Councillor Tony Orgee thinks we have downplayed the density of people who congregate at this event and is not particularly happy for the event to go ahead.

Councillor Kieran Cooper explained the parish council should not be holding this event under these circumstances and if the British Legion decide to do something they would need to ensure they are covered insurance wise etc as it would not therefore be a parish council event.

As this item was not on the agenda, the meeting didn't take a decision but instead councillors asked for their views to be taken into account by the Chair so that he could make an emergency decision, because there wasn't time for the Council to make a formal vote.

The Chair agreed to cancel the road closure for the event for this year and would inform the Royal British Legion.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley and Councillor Colin Groves abstained as they are members of the British Legion.

Councillor Tony Fell explained the parking on Mill Lane is terrible and could the County Council put some double yellow lines in some sections to make a passing place. Councillor Brian Milnes explained there are already double yellow lines on Mill Lane that people park on all day because this is not enforced so they would not take any notice of new lines. Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained we are looking at the parking issues in the Masterplan and invited him to the meetings.

Meeting closed 9.17pm