

Swavesey Parish Council

7.30pm

Minutes

Swavesey Parish Council Meeting, held at The Memorial Hall, High Street
Thursday 13th August 2015

PRESENT

Mr J Pook (Vice-Chairman) – Chaired the meeting

Councillors : Ms L Boyes, Mr J Dodson, Mr J Jullien, Miss H Parish, Mr C Parsons, Ms S Smith,
Mr K Wilderspin, Mr W Wright

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

In attendance: Cllr Ms M Smith (CCC), Cllr Mrs S Ellington (SCDC)

Parishioners : 1

Item**Power Action****14-15/P08-1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr M Johnston (Chairman), Mr S Faben
County Cllr Ms Smith

14-15/P08-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**

Ms Parish declared a registered interest in Agenda item 4.1, as she lives opposite the CostCutter shop.

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.

14-15/P08-3 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:

- Mr Baker, applicant of planning application for Agenda item 4.2(v). Gave brief explanation for application, which would be making land behind his property into garden land in the same way as many of his neighbours. The garden land would extend no further back than existing neighbours' garden land.

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

14-15/P08-4 PLANNING**4.1 Proposal for 3-bay layby outside of CostCutter Store, Middlewatch**

Revised proposals received for comment. Three versions now received:

1. Layby for 3 vehicles cut into the footpath outside of the shop – two regular spaces, 1 accessible (disabled person's) space - commented on at PC meeting of 27th July.
2. Layby for 3 regular vehicles cut into the footpath outside of the shop, with an option of barriers installed alongside the inside line of the layby, with gaps, to help protect the remaining footpath area from being blocked by car doors.
3. No layby. White line along footpath between end of grass verge and gates to side of shop building, denoting that 4 vehicles could pull two wheels onto the footpath in order to park slightly off-road. Demolition of garage behind the shop, to allow three car parking spaces behind the shop.

A copy of the first option had been sent to residents around the shop and posted onto the Parish Council website, asking for comments. Comments received copied to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Following considerable discussion, the following points were made:

- Option 1 – as previously discussed, no additional comments made.
- The flats adjoined the to the shop (currently empty) are up for sale or let, there is no off-road parking available – potentially meaning more vehicles parked along Middlewatch.
- Option 3 - Cllrs did not believe that customers would negotiate the narrow entrance to the side of the shop in order to park behind it. Particularly as it is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass. Therefore parking behind the shop would be supported only if it was for business or flat(s) use.
- Option 2 - Concerns raised over Highway safety re visibility splay for vehicles entering/exiting the access alongside the shop, if a layby crosses over the access dropped kerb.
- Option 2 – still a narrow 1.3m width remaining on footpath directly outside of the shop doorway.
- If a layby cuts into the footpath, as in similar areas, double-parking could take place, which would obscure visibility for drivers pulling out of Gibraltar Lane.
- Option 3 – white line along footpath. How would this be policed to stop vehicles pulling entirely onto the footpath as they currently do?
- Option 3 - Concern that if vehicles park partly on the footpath, vehicles passing may not stop to allow oncoming vehicles through, thereby making the road more dangerous.

Proposals discussed and voted on:

1. **Proposed & seconded:** To support parking spaces behind the shop for business and residents of the flats use. 6 in favour. 1 in favour of customer parking. 1 abstention.
2. **Proposed & seconded:** To leave the parking situation on Middlewatch as it is (no layby or formal footpath parking). 4 in favour.

Conclusion:

- The Parish Council reiterates that it does not support the proposal to move the Post Office to the CostCutter Shop for varying reasons, one of which is the impact additional parked vehicles along this section of Middlewatch would make to road safety.
- Any alterations made to the footpath and highway access around the shop should meet Cambs County Council's highway safety regulations. The Parish Council would like to see which option CCC Highways would approve and be given the opportunity to make comments on that option.
- Provision of parking behind the shop supported, if it is for use by business vehicles and resident(s) of the adjoining flat(s). To help remove longer-term parking in front of the shop.

4.2 To consider planning applications received

- (i) Ref: S/1777/15/FL – **79 Boxworth End**, Mr T Croucher. Proposed two storey rear extension and first floor side extension. Previous application refused on grounds of unacceptable harm to neighbouring property, by virtue of height, depth and position of extension. New plans show reduction in depth and height of rear extension. No objections.
- (ii) Ref: S/1660/15/FL – **32 Boxworth End**, Mr B Dye. Dwelling House. Objection raised at development would be outside of village development boundary and therefore against all existing policies.
- (iii) Ref: S/1801/15/FL – **St Andrew's Church**. To change the North Aisle roof covering from lead to terne coated stainless steel. Heritage England approval already given, due to recent level of lead theft at the church. No objection raised.
- (iv) Ref: S/1684/15/FL – **5 Turnbridge Court**, Mr & Mrs Desborough. Single storey rear extension. No objections.
- (v) Ref: S/1738/15/FL – **34A Boxworth End**, Mr Baker. Change of use of land from countryside/agricultural to residential. Support application as this makes garden use of land behind the property in the same way as neighbouring properties do.
For information only
- (vi) Ref: S/1655/15 – 14 Ramper Road. Mr & Mrs Barrett. Prior approval – rear extension.
- (vii) 12 Black Horse Lane. Tree works in conservation area. To crown lift to 3m above ground, Horse Chestnut tree in front garden. No objections, provided the Trees Officer raises no objections.

4.3 Permissions, Refusals, Appeals - None received**14-15/P08-5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- (i) Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be unavailable for the Full Council meeting on 24th Aug, therefore a Chairman will need to be elected for the meeting at the start.
- (ii) Invitation to Cllrs to attend the final service from Reverend John Yule at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 6th September, as he will be retiring from the Parish. Agenda item for 24th to consider a Parish donation to his retirement collection.
- (iii) Recreation Green – final contract details for the drainage work will be available at meeting on 24th Aug. Work is due to start on 1st Sept for up to a month. Parts of the Green will be cordoned off at various times during the works, notices will be put up. Access to Brick Kiln Drove will be maintained, most probably via Turnbridge footpath.
- (iv) Discussions still ongoing re the Post Office consultation. PO Managers wish to speak to the Parish Council during September prior to making a final decision. Date awaited.
- (v) Cherry-Plum trees on the POS in Chantry Close alongside a driveway are becoming too large, fallen fruit is attracting wasps and littering the pavement making people walk in the road, children are being stung. The trees have been removed.
- (vi) No reply received from Cambs ACRE re enquiry about Business Rates for café use of the Pavilion, the Clerk is still enquiring.
- (vii) 37 Market St – agents will be submitting a planning application for two new dwellings on the site, plus renovation of the existing cottage.

Next meeting dates:**Full Council** – 7.30pm Monday 24th August 2015**Planning** – 7.30pm Thursday 10th September 2015

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm

Signed & dated

Chairman

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING OF 24TH AUGUST 2015