

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th December, 2023 at 7.30 pm in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Ridler
Present: Cllrs, Knowles, Powell, Dean, Stokley
Also present:
Clerk: Tracy Coston
Public: 3

138/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Moran, Cllr Howlett, Cllr Foley

139/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes):

Members of the public addressed the PC about their concerns about the Local Plan and possible development.

Neighbourhood Plan: The PC have discussed producing a neighbourhood plan but a view was taken to see the local plan in its draft plan before a decision was made.

140/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda: None

141/23 PLANNING

a) Applications for discussion:

UTT/23/2712/FUL 13A Walden Road

PROPOSAL: S73 Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of (Erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage/home office building with enhanced biodiversity and associated infrastructure (amended scheme to that approved under UTT/15/1520/FUL)

PC Decision: No objections

UTT/23/2674/HHF 2 Lords Close

Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension

PC Decision: No objections subject to neighbours conditions.

UTT/23/2880/OP Land rear of 15 Radwinter Road

PROPOSAL: Outline application with all matters reserved except access, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 1 no. single storey three-bedroom dwelling with vehicular access and parking on a site (Back garden) behind 15 Radwinter Road, Swards End. Demolition of an existing single garage at 15 Radwinter Road, Swards End

PC Decision:

Subject to satisfactory access and neighbours objections to be taken into account.

UTT/23/2933/LB The Old Byre, 13 Redgates Lane

Addition of 20 solar panels on the south facing roof

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

c) Local Plan – agree a response to UDC

A discussion took place about the PC's response to the Local Plan. It was discussed that all the development on the eastern side of Saffron Walden is on the wrong side. There needs to be assurance no further development in SE as the 233 houses are in Swards End.

The draft response will be circulated and agreed on email before submitting to UDC.

142/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November, 2023. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

143/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Parish Council Vacancy: The Parish Council unanimously approved the co-option of Keith Briggs onto the PC.

144/23 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Update about highway issues: All reported.

b) Update about presenting at the ECC meeting concerning the path down Pounce Hill: The PC have agreed that the best way to try and get action with the path is to have a meeting with a Highways Officer at a surgery or on site. Cllr Foley will be asked to organise.

The SWTC have surveyed the footpath and agreed that the footpath needs urgent maintenance work.

c) Flooding issues on Pounce Hill: All have been reported to Highways.

145/23 WEBSITE

a) Progress report: More information to be added to the website. The Google calendar to go on after the website goes live.

146/23 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Tractor and trailer delivery date: To be delivered early January 2024.

b) Outcome of ECC grant application: The PC have been granted £ 7,500 grant which will be for the second part of the playground improvements.

147/23 CORRESPONDENCE: All distributed via email.

148/23 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:** Not present

➤ **County Councillors Report:** Not present

149/23 FINANCE

PAYMENTS

D/P	Tracy Coston December Payment	£	182.35
D/P	Community Action Suffolk (Insurance)	£	451.24
D/P	Viking Stationery	£	43.39
D/P	Website expenses	£	55.99
D/P	Tracy Coston (Expenses)	£	245.88
	<u>Total</u>	£	978.85

- a) **Clerk's salary and National pay award:** The Clerk distributed all the information about the pay review to the Councillors and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

150/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Parish Council meeting is Monday 8th January, 2023.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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