

**Minutes of Swaffham Prior Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm Village Hall.**

Present:

Mr John Covill - Chairman, Mr Peter Hart, Mr Steve Kent-Phillips, Mr Mark Lewinski, Mr Andrew Camps, Mr David Greenfield,

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

2199. In Attendance:

Paul Catling – Clerk

2200. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Sandra Gynn, Mr Paul Latchford Mr Michael Malster.

2201. Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensations: None.

2202. Public Participation:

Clare Farrah presented additional information including subsequent proposed changes since the proposed application. There were photographs taken at 6m above ground showing no adjacent properties significantly overlooked. Philip Mead covered the sewage issues and pointed out that the proposal did not join the troublesome High Street section. There was some discussion about sewage. The Anglian Water requirements had been met. CF also noted the environmental survey results. Clare pointed out that access would be via the Orchard Close development and that right of way and right to purchase access had been in place before Orchard Close properties were purchased and that a contribution to costs would be made. The additional plans included a proposed new re-routing of the public footpath. There was also further discussion of trees protecting overlooked properties, especially in the winter and protecting the private status of gated, Orchard Close with gates either side of the footpath.

2203. Consideration of planning applications:

17/01090/OUT | Proposed new 2 houses and garage. | 10 Lower End:

David Greenfield addressed some concerns, including the traffic on the top road, water and sewage are technical issues and covered by relevant bodies, also access through the private road was not a concern for the PC to comment on. The vehicular access over a public ROW – footpath, needs covering but is not a negative comment / objection. Peter Hart stated that blocking a public footpath could not be allowed but redirection or diversion would be acceptable as long as the walk was not spoiled.

Steve Kent-Phillips noted that the proposed fence and gates may detract from the path's quality. Phil had spoken to Karen Champion (CCC ROW) about softening the impact with hedges but this added a maintenance problem. Steve Kent-Phillips noted the vehicular access across a public footpath. This was discussed further. It was agreed to make sure this was referred to Karen Champion at CCC. The proposals including the new changes were accepted with no objections. *Proposed: David Greenfield, Seconded: Peter Hart, There was one abstention..*

17/01365/FUL | Proposed 4 bed dwelling - Resubmission (following refusal of 16/00839/FUL). | Site Rear Of 65 High Street:

David Greenfield commented that the comments and objections that apply are mostly the same. The previous comments to 16/00839/FUL were presented. Steve Kent-Phillips stated that all 10 points are still problems. David Greenfield added that Lorraine from Conservation refused this proposal and there were no changes that would affect that. It was agreed to add other refusal and comment notes: Highways recommended refusals 1,2,3 apply, reject reasons 1,3,4 still apply and the proposal

contravenes ENV 1,2, 11 & COM 7. David Greenfield added that the proposal goes against National Planning Policy Framework & Listed Buildings and 2 buildings apply in this case. *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: David Greenfield, Unanimously agreed.*

2204. Clerk's Report: No report.

2205. Parish Councillors' Reports:

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the Pound notice proposal was agreed. There was a discussion about leaving the Pound unlocked. It was agreed to leave it open and review at a later meeting. David Greenfield reported having found the play area gate open and held open with the bolt on more than one occasion. The back gate was also open on one occasion. It was agreed to investigate restraining the bolt as it could not be easily removed as Peter Hart pointed out it may be part of the design and there were reasons for holding the gate open. David Greenfield commented on the hedge at the top of Cage Hill encroaching on the road. Steve Kent-Phillips agreed it was Highways issue and would report it. There was further discussion regarding a general hedge cutting notice for Lower End properties. Peter Hart asked about road works in Lode.

*Meeting closed at 20:30*

2206. Open Question Time:

Alastair Everitt commented on the state of road signs. The direction signs towards Cambridge were dirty. Steve Kent-Phillips agreed to report this to Highways.

*Business finished at 20:30*