

Sawbridgeworth Town Council

The **Minutes** of the **Town Council's Planning Committee Meeting**
held at 07.30 pm on Monday 12 May 2014
at Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire

Present

Councillor A Wincott (Chairman)
Councillor A Alder
Councillor P Coysten
Councillor B Hodges
Councillor W Mortimer

Mrs G E Abbott (Admin. Officer)
Mr R Bowran (Town Clerk)

- P 13/155** To record Apologies and Absences
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Filler - holiday
- P 13/156** Public Forum - Members of the Public are given the opportunity to comment on forthcoming Planning Applications
See page 240.
- P 13/157** Declarations of Interest
None.
- P 13/158** To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2014 pages 235-236.
RESOLVED – to confirm as a true record.
- P 13/159** **DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN AND ITS PREFERRED OPTIONS**
A response representing the reviews of the parishioners needs to be considered.
The Draft District Plan and its Preferred Options has had a thousand responses of which 250 were from Sawbridgeworth residents. The Town Council has organised two drop in sessions which had officers from EH Council in attendance. A third session was also included at the Annual Town Meeting which had the Head of Planning and Building Control and one officer present to answer questions from members of the public. The Town Clerk prepared a bullet point summary of the postings made by Sawbridgeworth parishioners which was used to structure the lengthy discussion that followed. The Committee requested the Town Clerk to formulate a full response to the Draft District Plan.
- P 13/160** **THORLEY HALL FARM AND BROOKSIDE BUSINESS PARK**
A permit has been granted for the following works to proceed.
Engineering works to construct an underground pipe from Brookside Business Park to supply water to a proposed agricultural reservoir (3/1304-13) to include a headwall, pump chamber ancillary valve compartment and GRP kiosk on land between Thorley Hall Farm and Brookside Business Park, London Road, Spellbrook, Herts CM23 4AU.
NOTED: that engineering works at Thorley Hall Farm and Brookside Business Park has been authorised.

<p>P 13/161 To receive planning applications from East Hertfordshire Council.</p>	<p>RESOLVED – to make the following comments on the under mentioned applications.</p>
<p>3/14/0600/LB/SE: 01/05/14 The Old Vicarage, Sheering Mill Lane Installation of 11 photo voltaic panels to be positioned on main building and annex – Mr & Mrs Bruce</p>	<p>NO COMMENT. The Town Council do not have the relevant expertise to make a comment on this application.</p>
<p>3/14/0748/FP/SE: 01/05/14 The Old Vicarage, Sheering Mill Lane Installation of 15 photo voltaic panels to be positioned on main building, garage and annex – Mr & Mrs Bruce</p>	<p>The Town Council feel that The Old Vicarage is situated in a prominent central position in the Town and therefore the need for the photo voltaic panels to be aesthetically acceptable is paramount.</p>
<p>3/14/0649/FP/SE: 24/04/14 32 Knight Street Single storey rear extension – Mr Richard Marshall</p>	<p>The Town Council has NO OBJECTION.</p>
<p>3/14/0650/LB/SE: 24/04/14 32 Knight Street Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of single storey rear extension – Mr Richard Marshall</p>	<p>NO COMMENT. The Town Council do not have the relevant expertise to make a comment on this application.</p>
<p>3/14/0612/PO/NM: 23/04/14 Appleyard Cottage, 7 Duckling Lane Change of use from B1 (A) (office) to C3 (residential) to form 1no. two bedroomed dwelling</p>	<p>The Town Council has NO OBJECTION.</p>
<p>3/14/0670/FP/MP: 25/04/14 Clarklands Spar, Clarkland House, Parsonage Lane Change of use of premises to massage pallor/physiotherapy (sui generis) – Mr Barney Levy</p>	<p>The Town Council has NO OBJECTION.</p>
<p>3/14/0634/FP/FM: 25/04/14 133 West Road Two storey rear extension – Mr Darren Wetherell</p>	<p>The Town Council has NO OBJECTION.</p>
<p>3/14/0679/FP/FM: 01/05/14 Land R/O 36 West Road Erection of 1no. 3 bedroomed dwelling – Mr Lee French</p>	<p>The Town Council OBJECTS to this application. Referring to policies HSG7 (a) Replacement Dwellings and Infill Housing Development, ENV1 (d) Design and Environmental Quality and TR7 Car Parking – Standards. The Committee draws the Case Officer’s attention to the following concerns: i) there is no viable alternative to car parking, ii) that a considerable amount of the rear garden of 36 West Road has already been taken up by another infill house and iii) that this would further compromise the safety of pupils at Mandeville School.</p>

3/14/0681/FP/FM: 29/04/14

17 Stoneleigh

Two storey side and rear extension, single storey side and front extension – Mr Paul Prindiville

The Town Council has **NO OBJECTION**.

3/14/0738/LB/SE: 01/05/14

2 Fair Green

Replace rear French doors with bi-fold timber doors – Ms Liz Ridler Morgan

NO COMMENT. The Town Council do not have the relevant expertise to make a comment on this application.

P 13/162 To receive any late Planning Applications received following the publication of this Agenda. None.

P 13/163 To note Planning Decisions received from East Hertfordshire Council. **NOTED:** the report on planning application decisions now received.

3/13/1654/FP/NM

Redricks Lakes, Redricks Lane

Use of the land for fishing, swimming, shooting, Segway hire, weddings and functions. Erection of marquee between 1st March & 30th September; the retention of an associated storage container; the extension of hard standing to form an access to the marquee and the change of use of land for overflow car parking

**Refused
(No objection)**

3/14/0016/FP/SE

5 Bluebell Walk

Erection of residential annexe (building previously approved a garage under ref. 3/10/1997/FP)

**Refused
(Strongly objects)**

3/14/0377/FP/SE

1 Maylins Drive

Extension and subdivision of existing dwelling to create 2no. 2 bed dwellings with associated parking

**Refused
(Objects)**

The Meeting closed at 09.00 pm

Signed _____

Dated _____

COMMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 12 MAY 2014

Re: Agenda Item No. P 13/159 – DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN AND ITS PREFERRED OPTIONS

A response representing the reviews of the parishioners needs to be considered.

Mr Philip Copland – the following points were made to the Committee:

- Proposed 400 houses is excessive
- Infrastructure (doctors, schools, roads etc) could not cope
- GP appointments and clinics are difficult get now
- Not enough school places for Sawbridgeworth children at the moment
- Assess from a country lane was a backward step
- A1184 is already at maximum capacity
- Green Belt at the moment

Query as to why the debate was not being carried out by full Council. Response was that it had been considered by full council on 02 April and the response to the consultation delegated to planning committee