

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr P Burge, Cllr C Howe, Cllr P Collinson, Cllr R Lennon and Cllr S Mulholland (who joined at 19.06)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms K Byrne (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

Before the meeting, the Cllr Burge advised the attendees that the Zoom session was going to be recorded, but would not be widely distributed. There were no objections.

Actions

1 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr J Hobro (on holiday), Cllr L Wragg (on holiday) and Cllr M Vinton (unable to join the Zoom meeting).

2 Declaration of Interest in agenda items

Cllr Roberts said that as the PC owns some land on Moor Lane therefore all members of the PC should declare a non-prejudicial interest in item 4; all concurred.

3 St Mary's Wall Repairs

Cllr Roberts said that this work will involve additional finances for the repairs of the wall therefore she will hand over to the Chair of Finance Cllr Burge. Cllr Burge said that in the process of repairing the section of wall that had fallen down previously, trees and shrubbery was removed, and a further section of the wall collapsed. Several Cllrs had inspected this new fallen down section, and then asked the current contractor to quote for repairing it. The quote received is £4,925.00 for labour only, materials (bricks etc.) will be additional to this. The costs for these additional repairs were not anticipated in the budget and should therefore come out of the general reserves. The general reserves at the start of this FY was just above £32,000, expenditure already agreed this year includes cemetery chapel repairs, replacing the cemetery shed, original repairs on St Marys wall (totalling approx. £8,000). With this additional repair work the reserves would go down to around £18,985.

Cllr Roberts said that some further costs will be incurred by Shires as they need to clear some more shrubbery and tree stumps once the fallen bricks are moved. Cllr Burge said that this expense can come out of the maintenance budget. Cllr Burge said that we already have planning permission to build a buttress on that section of the wall, so no additional planning permission is required. Although the quote is more than the £3,000 limit above which the PC should obtain 2 other quotes, on this occasion this regulation could be waived because it is not a quote for a new job, it is a continuation of a previous job (for which 3 quotes were obtained) and therefore the PC was satisfied that it could accept the quote from the contractor currently engaged on the wall's repair work. Cllr Burge proposed that the PC accepts the quote, Cllr Collinson seconded, all concurred.

In addition, the PC agreed that up to £500 for materials be approved in this meeting; if the cost for materials is more than this then it will be considered again at a later meeting. Cllr Burge proposed this motion, Cllr Howe seconded, all concurred.

4 Registration of Land – 2 Moor Lane, Fowlmere

Cllr Burge said that the land proposed for registration of the property at 2 Moor Lane includes Moor Lane itself. However, it is the PC's understanding that Moor Lane is a public right of way, which allows access to PC's land at the Clunch (Clay) pit. Cllr Burge is currently investigating whether this understanding of Moor Lane being a public right of way is correct. The PC can appeal if it has concerns about the registration (the deadline for which is 21 Sept 2020). Cllr Burge has looked at historical records including the Inclosure Act and there is no evidence that this track was closed at that time. He has also inspected the Tithe records, and these do not show Moor Lane as a private parcel of land but as a right of way. He plans to also visit the Cambridgeshire archive at Ely and the National Archive at Kew to look at the historic surveys and historic conveyances in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Roberts said that this is the right approach and thanked Cllr Burge for his hard work on this. All concurred with this and agreed that Cllr Burge should proceed as discussed.

Date of next meetings:

PC Meeting	7:30pm Tuesday 8 th September 2020	– Online (via Zoom)
Finance Meeting	TBD	
PC Meeting	7:30pm Tuesday 20th October 2020	– Online (via Zoom)
PC Meeting	7:30pm Tuesday 17th November 2020	– TBD

The meeting closed at 19.19.