

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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on **TUESDAY 14th JULY at 7:30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr P Burge (Chairman), Cllr D Roberts (who joined at 19.36), Cllr C Howe, Cllr R Lennon, Cllr S Mulholland, Cllr P Collinson and Cllr J Hobro

IN ATTENDANCE Ms K Byrne (Clerk), and Mr & Mrs Townend (who left at 20.00)

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

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr L Wragg (he was out of the parish), and Cllr M Vinton (he had a previous commitment).

### **2. Declarations of interest (*if any*)**

Cllr Roberts declared that if an application is later placed before South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) she will approach any new information afresh. Also, because Cllr Roberts is a District Cllr at SCDC, the same applies and she will look at any application, which goes to SCDC, afresh.

### **3. Minutes from Previous Meeting 9th June 2020 – Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record, and were signed by Cllr Burge; he will deliver the signed copy to the Clerk. There were no matters arising.

### **4. 20/02266/HFUL – 24A Pipers Close, Fowlmere**

#### **Rear two storey and part single storey extension**

[Cllr Burge shared the screen on Zoom to show the relevant documents for this and item 5.]

Cllr Burge summarised the details of the application. There is little impact on neighbouring properties, it looks out onto the village hall land at the rear of the site. Cllr Roberts said that it does not appear to overbear on the neighbours' properties. Before the meeting, the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee Mrs Woods, had said that there should not be an assumption that there will be on-going access to the property from the entrance road to the village hall.

Fowlmere PC has no objections to this application ('neutral' stance). However, the PC recommends a condition be applied that parking of vehicles should be within curtilage of the property. If any deliveries of materials require access by the village hall entrance road then permission for this should be sought from the Parish Council in advance.

### **5. 20/01734/HFUL – Wetherlee Thriplow Road, Fowlmere**

#### **Front and rear extensions with external remodelling to existing house**

Cllr Burge said that this application had been seen by the PC once before; the amendment is a reduction in the depth of the second storey element.

Cllr Burge invited the members of the public to speak. Mr and Mrs Townend had concerns about the proposed large window in the front elevation on the second floor, which would intrusively overlook their garden. The PC then discussed the application. Cllr Mulholland proposed that the PC objects to the application due to overbearance of the second floor front window, Cllr Collinson seconded this; 5 councillors voted for the motion and one abstained. Therefore, a majority of the PC voted for objection.

Fowlmere PC objects to the application due to overlooking. The PC acknowledges that a window on the second floor of the front elevation is appropriate, but upon reconsideration concluded that the currently proposed scale of this window would prove overly obtrusive to surrounding properties and those using the public highway, leading to concerns of overbearance and overlooking. The PC also wishes to reiterate its comment from the previous consultation that due to the proximity of the school bus stop to the property entrance, the PC

recommends applying a condition that there should be no deliveries to the site in the mornings until the Sawston School bus has left.

#### **6. Costing of proposed S106 projects (from the 20/01209/FUL application)**

Further information was requested by James Fisher from SCDC regarding pricing of projects. There are 3 broad categories: Sports (approx. £13k); Children's play (approx. £19k); Indoor meeting space (approx. £6k).

Fowlmere PC discussed potential areas for investment.

##### Sports:

The Parish Council has identified that there is a need to replace some ageing sports equipment and aspires to improve the quality of the existing provision to enable it to support a wider range of sports; projects that are being considered include:

- New "junior" goal posts and improving the football pitch area at the Butts recreation ground - £5,000.
- Capital investment in improving the surface of the existing football pitches at the Village Hall, adapt for all weather pitches (rugby and football) including flood lighting, and possibly add a running track or perimeter jogging trail – £100,000.
- Re-new cricket strip and nets at the Village Hall – £5,000.
- New basketball area at the Butts – £5,000.
- Improving tennis courts surface at the Village Hall and convert to accommodate tennis, five-a-side football and netball – £25,000.

##### Children's play:

Fowlmere has three designated play areas, all of which would benefit from investment in new and replacement equipment. In the coming years, the Parish Council would like to install:

- New play equipment at the Butts recreation ground and Village Hall, aimed largely at Key Stage 2 children – £25,000.
- "Play" Activity panels for the Butts recreation ground, and "Nature Trail" Activity panels for the Round Moat aimed largely at Key Stage 1 children – £15,000.

##### Indoor meeting space

The Village Hall provides the main indoor meeting space for the village. Potential projects to improve the ability of this space to serve the needs of the community include:

- New bicycle racks at the Village Hall – £3,000.
- Rigging infrastructure at the Village Hall stage/performance area for hanging lighting & sound, improving acoustics and controlling curtains – £10,000.
- Meeting room standard projector and pull-down screen with associated audio and computer equipment to enable web access to meetings, for the Pavilion Room at the Village Hall – £12,000.

#### **7. 20/1511/TTCA – Cemetery, Shepreth Road, Fowlmere**

The application was noted.

#### **8. 20/1512/TTPO – Parish-owned Moat adjacent to 9 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere**

The application was noted.

#### **9. 20/02042/HFUL – 16 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere**

Withdrawal of the application was noted.

#### **10. Update (for information only)**

There were no updates.

The meeting closed at 20.38.