

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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on **TUESDAY 9TH JUNE at 7:30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr P Burge (Chairman), Cllr L Wragg, Cllr C Howe, Cllr R Lennon, Cllr S Mulholland, Cllr P Collinson and Cllr J Hobro
IN ATTENDANCE Ms K Byrne (Clerk)

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 D Roberts and Cllr M Vinton.

2. Declarations of interest (if any)

None was declared

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting 26th May 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. 20/02003/FUL – Deans Farm Long Lane, Fowlmere

Erection of an agricultural storage building

[Cllr Burge shared the screen on Zoom to show the relevant documents for this and the next 2 items.]

Cllr Burge said that we saw this previously as an application for permitted development, but because of the proximity to the aerodrome it needed to be re-submitted as a full planning application (which this application is). The intention for the building is for grain storage (hay, straw, and grain); the application states that there is no storage for grain on site at present. However, there is limited information about the need; Fowlmere PC flagged this matter up last time. Fowlmere PC considered the application.

Fowlmere PC objects to the storage building being erected on the basis that there is insufficient information to assess the necessity of the building, or assess the justification for an additional building being erected in open countryside. Also, the role of the existing empty building has not been ascertained. Fowlmere PC recommends that the planning officers establish the role of the existing empty building, and establish what the use for the proposed building is. If officers are minded to approve the application, Fowlmere PC requests that a condition be applied that the use of the building be restricted to produce from Deans farm only.

5. 20/02042/HFUL – 16 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere

Front porch, single storey side extension and loft conversion including removal of the existing roof, building up the current external walls and replacing roof structure

Fowlmere PC considered the application. There does not appear to be an overlooking issue, and (at the time of discussion) there were no neighbours' objections included in the documentation.

Fowlmere PC has no objections ('Neutral' stance).

6. Other Matters and Updates

a) Cllr Burge said there is a SCDC committee meeting tomorrow, in which the Hideaway application will be discussed. The PC agreed that Cllr Wragg could speak on behalf of Fowlmere PC.

b) The draft letter to SCDC about the scheme of delegation and the consultation was approved by the PC.

ACTION – Clerk to put the letter on Fowlmere PC headed-paper and sent to SCDC

c) The letter from Stephen Kelly (SCDC) about the flexibility on changes to conditions for construction hours was discussed. Fowlmere PC stated that it is unwilling to dilute the democratic process; the commitment of Fowlmere Parish Councillors is such that they should be able to comply with the suggested timetable. However, the PC would like to know when SCDC will be reviewing this process, and asks that they further consult Parish Councils when this occurs.

d) The tree application at Sextons Cottage High Street Fowlmere (20/1413/TTCA) was briefly reviewed.

Proposal: Removal of two trees from garden and reduction of branches from trees overhanging the side of the property. The application was noted. There were no objections, therefore no comments will be submitted.

The meeting closed at 20.17.