

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE PAVILION ROOM, FOWLMERE VILLAGE HALL, FOWLMERE
on TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2019 at 8:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr L Wragg, Cllr P Burge, Cllr S Mulholland, Cllr T Bearpark and Cllr P Collinson

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Vinton, Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr C Howe

IN ATTENDANCE Ms K Byrne (Clerk) and 3 members of the public (one member left the meeting at 20:50, the 2 other members left the meeting at 20:56)

1. Declarations of interest (*if any*)

Cllr Roberts declared that if an application is later placed before South Cambridgeshire District Council 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.

Cllr Bearpark declared an interest in items 2 and 5.

2. Appleacre Park – Lawful development certificates

This item was discussed after item 4. Cllr Bearpark expressed an interest in this item and item 5 and left the meeting at 20:29.

The PC had written to John Koch at SCDC last week (1 March 2019) about their concerns regarding Appleacre, and the PC received a letter in response on 5 March. Cllr Roberts read out the letter. Cllr Roberts said that SCDC have now been on site, although they knew a year ago that breaches were occurring, but they decided to wait for the planning inspectorate report, and did not carry out a site visit then. Cllr Burge proposed that the PC respond with another letter to SCDC emphasising that time is of the essence especially with regards to the Legal Officer issuing an enforcement notice. All concurred with this arrangement.

ACTION – Cllrs Burge, Roberts and Wragg to draft another letter to SCDC to this effect.

Cllr Roberts asked the members of the public if they had any comments on this matter. One member of the public asked about the work going ahead on the Appleacre site. Cllr Burge explained that one planning condition has been removed (relating to the 28-day limit on caravan occupancy) but the other condition relating to touring caravans *only* is still in place i.e. there is no permission for static caravans in Areas A & D. Cllr Roberts explained that gaining a Certificate of Lawfulness is a different method to gaining approval to the usual route for planning permission. Cllr Burge said that the PC are doing what they can to maintain the character of the site. The owners of Appleacre have permission to extend mobile home numbers in the two original areas, but the other areas A & D should have been left alone. Cllr Roberts proposed that the PC update planning consultant Philip Kratz as to what has now occurred.

3. S/0275/19/PN

Springfields, Fowlmere Road, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 6EZ

**Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – Proposed steel framed agricultural barn
Lyndon Blyth**

The PC discussed this application. There were no objections, as it was considered to be a reasonable use of land, in the countryside.

4. S/0049/19/FL

Dove House, Rectory Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TJ

Single storey rear and side extensions and new dormer window

Mr Barry Jones

The PC discussed this application. Cllr Roberts said that the plans would not impose on any neighbouring properties. Cllr Collinson said that the application did not include major changes. There were no objections to this application as it is in character with the surroundings. The PC recommend approval.

5. S/4268/18/FL

Thistledown, Rectory Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TJ

Replacement of the approved two side dormer windows S/0961/15/FL to one large dormer window with an increased height and minor alterations

Mrs E Armstrong

The PC discussed this application. Cllr Burge said that the original plan had obscured glass in the windows. The amended plans do not state this. A member of the public, the applicant, was present and explained that obscured glass will be used in the dormer window.

Subject to obscured glass being a condition for the amended plans, then the PC have no objections.

6. Other Matters and Updates

Cllr Roberts said that Aaron Sands had sent an email about Thriplow Grain store. Cllr Roberts will circulate to the PC. Cllrs Burge, Roberts and Wragg will attend the meeting regarding this on 14 March 2019 at Foxton Village Hall.

ACTION - Cllr Roberts to forward the email from Aaron Sands.

The meeting closed at 21:00.