

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE PAVILLION ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, FOWLMERE
TUESDAY 20TH MARCH 2018 AT 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr L Wragg (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr P Burge, Cllr S Mulholland, Cllr D Roberts and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Woods, Mrs B Kettel, Ms K Byrne

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr C Howe, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr M Vinton,	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: There were none declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20TH FEBRUARY 2018: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. A) CLERK UPDATE Cllr Wragg explained that Jackie will be leaving and welcomed Kerry to the position of Clerk.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: Cllr Burge has spoken to the Chequers about the possibility of a defibrillator. In principle this is not a problem. We should put a formal proposal to them, but it's not their decision to make (as tenants), but lies with the landlord. Cllr Burge to progress.	Cllr Burge
5.	VILLAGE HALL A) CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT The application for Building Control approval is going in this week. B) OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT Cllr Mulholland recommended the 'Community bundle' – Chishill has some good equipment – Cllr Roberts to pass on the details and organise a visit. The VH committee is very supportive. C) COMMUNITY ENERGY GRANT The lighting is to be upgraded – SCDC are offering a Community Energy Grant and their lighting would be applicable to benefit potentially. But it needs to be mentioned to the Parish Council and District Council, to make sure the plan is 'approved'. Cllr Mulholland gave an explanation of the proposal – it is to be upgraded to LED lighting, with 'darkness' and motion sensors. The PC is happy to support the application of the Village Hall Management Committee. More effective signs are to be put up to deter dog walkers from allowing their dogs to foul but could another dog bin be placed at this end of the village. At the end of the exit path? Dorothy suggested that the PC to pay for one and the VH to pay for another? Clerk to progress and find out costs – they need to be on the Highway.	Cllr Roberts Clerk
6.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping was unable to attend the meeting, and did not submit a written report. A) REPORTING BACK ON ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING This was not able to be progressed B) ROAD CLOSURE PROPOSALS	

	Clerk to pass on to Cllr Topping and ask if he has been sent a report?	
7.	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE: Cllr Roberts has already spoken about the progress of the Local Plan.</p> <p>A) ELECTIONS (3rd MAY 2018) It will be a bigger exercise than usual due to the new boundary changes. Nominations start on Monday 26th March. Cllr Roberts offered to deliver nomination papers. Cllr Roberts is putting her name forward again for District Councillor.</p> <p>There were some travellers at the Pet Crematorium over the weekend and action was swiftly taken. Clerk to email M Blundell about the open gate at Lanacre which could be an invitation to the land.</p> <p>The meeting was opened for urgent questions from members of the public and press.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts explained about an overgrown hedge in Rectory Lane, owned by the Diocese of Ely, the situation is ongoing.</p> <p>The meeting was then closed to members of the public and press.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>MEMORIAL TREE POLICY A start has been made towards a policy by Cllr Burge and Cllr Mulholland – to report back when it's drafted in its entirety.</p>	
9.	<p>BURIAL BOARD A) DATE OF NEXT CLEAR UP Cllr Mulholland - we need to work on the access through to the extension (and the composting area, fire-pit). Perhaps do a 'flash' tidy up, when the weather improves, perhaps in mid-April. To include a tidy up of the inside of the Chapel too. Possibly 15th April.</p> <p>B) BENCH WORK Cllr Mulholland to speak to Dave Salmons to progress.</p> <p>C) MEMORIAL STONE REQUEST Clerk to circulate the engraving design to all as there is some colour within the design to consider. The quality is important (Cllr Burge), Cllr Mulholland - it is not out of keeping. Clerk to seek the dimensions and a picture of the etched version as well.</p>	Cllr Mulholland Clerk
10	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 20TH FEBRUARY 2018</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PAVILLION ROOM, FOWLMERE VILLAGE HALL, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7:00PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr P Burge, Cllr C Howe (arriving later at 7:20pm), Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr M Vinton and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cllr L Wragg, Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr S Mulholland</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Dorothy Woods, Mr Chris Jackson (Enterprise), 5 members of the public</p>	

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.

2. S/4555/17/FL

Erection of 24 dwellings including 10 affordable dwellings, with a new dedicated vehicular access from Fowlmere Road, new pedestrian link, hard and soft landscaping, open space, play area and community orchard.

The Triangle, Fowlmere, SG8 7QN

C Jackson, Enterprise Property Group Ltd

Cllr Roberts gave an update on the Local Plan process. Cllr Roberts asked Mr Jackson, the agent, to explain the affordable housing mix, which is 10 out of 24, 70% social rented, 30% shared equity, to be allocated to local people first on the housing register if no demand.

Cllr Burge is less convinced by sustainability issues – there is an argument for controlled growth. Cllr Vinton is attracted to the Social Housing element but feels it may not ensure they go to local families.

Cllr Roberts asked if there were any comments – Mrs Hales - the density of the build is high, concerns over the play area access (speaking on behalf of other residents on The Triangle). There are no 'affordable' larger 3 or 4-bedroom houses. Not a 'no' to everything, must work for the whole community.

Mr Kebbie – shares concerns, plus the quantity/density of build, safety aspects, area of hedging, detrimental to the natural environment, privacy issues. Mrs Kebbie – there are problems outside the Triangle - drainage / sewerage problems (smell) have occurred, the ones backing onto Thriplow Road, have gateways, which can be a cause for accident, the path on the opposite side of the road is too narrow, in poor condition.

We need to do a needs survey in the village again, clearer evidence needed.

Cllr Roberts would recommend asking for a refusal, to ensure consistency with previous applications.

Fowlmere Parish Council supports and respects the village envelope in the previous and emerging Local Plan. This proposal is outside the village envelope. Fowlmere is a group village (which means that 8 houses or, exceptional circumstances, 15 houses can be built within the village envelope). Neither it is an exception site.

"Fowlmere Parish Council recommend refusal. We consider the Local Plan is so near completion it should be given considerable weight in SCDC deliberations. Following professional advice there is now a 5-year land supply based upon the 'Liverpool' method of calculation. There are concerns over the quantity/density of houses, which do not fit within the criteria for Group villages and there is no evidence that the affordable element is required by Fowlmere residents. There is concern over the open space in the middle, bounded on all sides by roads and parking bays, which is a very unsatisfactory idea concerning the safety of children. If the SCDC Planning Officers are of a different opinion, we would ask for a site visit and that it should go to the SCDC Planning Committee

for decision. We must also ensure that the full Section 106 obligations are met if this is given approval.”

The 5 cllrs in attendance voted for refusal.

3. S/3591/17/FL

Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment for 36 dwellings together with new vehicle access from Lodge Road, parking, drainage infrastructure and public open space to include children’s play facilities.

Thriplow Farm, Lodge Road, Thriplow, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7RN
Hill Residential Ltd and Thriplow Farms Lt

Cllr Roberts explained the background to this application.

“Fowlmere Parish Council recommends refusal. We consider the Local Plan is so near completion it should be given considerable weight in SCDC deliberations. Following professional advice there is now a 5-year land supply based upon the ‘Liverpool’ method of calculation. We reject the premise that this land is available for housing development on the basis that the grain store will need to move from the site. In our rejection of the application for the new grain store site, we identified that the existing site was larger than the new site and a new grain store could be built on the present site, in keeping with the use of the site.

The 5 cllrs in attendance voted for refusal.

4. S/0226/18/FL

Single storey side extension

1 Dottrell Bungalow, Newmarket Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7PD
Mr and Mrs P Padayachee

Fowlmere Parish Council has no objections as we feel it will not impinge on the neighbouring property or cause overlooking, and is reasonable and sympathetic to the existing building.

5. S/4542/17/FL

- For Information Only – Application Withdrawn

Installation of replacement 3m by 4m welcome hut at entrance to Fowlmere nature reserve, and removal of old timber hut

RSPB Fowlmere nature reserve, Mill Road, Fowlmere, SG8 6EZ
Peter Bradley, RSPB

Fowlmere PC noted the withdrawal.

6. Letter from SCDC re S/1385/17/VC – 1 Appleacre Park, Fowlmere

We have had a letter stating officers were minded to make a decision on delegated powers, in line with Fowlmere’s thinking – this has not yet happened. Clerk to chase the formal decision.

7. Other Matters and Updates

The meeting closed at 7:54pm

The minutes were agreed and signed.

Clerk

	<p>B) SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTIONS Clerk to chase James Fisher at SCDC.</p> <p>CCC have put in for Section 106 and have got the educational information incorrect again – Clerk to contact Peter Topping – “an untruth is being repeated and the record should have been put straight and we’re very concerned it’s still happening – we need to be told in details why this second repetition of misleading information has happened – it should not have been possible.”</p>	Clerk
11	<p>ROAD SAFETY</p> <p>A) SPEEDWATCH UPDATE Another Speedwatch took place on 13th March - London Road (8-9am) - 69 vehicles, 16 were travelling faster than the speed limit.</p> <p>B) CASUALTY REDUCTION SUPPORT FUND Cllr Burge – waiting to hear from the pilot scheme in Suffolk.</p>	
12	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES</p> <p>A) COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROGRESSION Clerk awaiting to hear from Peter Topping.</p> <p>B) VILLAGE TREE WORK The next round of safety work needs to start soon after the nesting season.</p> <p>C) PROTECTED VERGES The price has been increased. It was agreed to dispense with the strimming in Spring, but strim in the Autumn. All agreed to progress on this basis – Clerk to book the work.</p>	Clerk
13	<p>FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES</p> <p>A) CHEQUES PAID</p> <p>Clerk’s Salary (Feb 18) - £667.59 J Wright Telecoms refund - £ HM Revenue and Customs (Feb 18) - £2.00 NEST Pension via J Wright - £3.26 Seniorlink February 2018 - £77.40 VH Hire - 13 & 21 March 2018 = £48.00 J Wright stationery refund - £27.78 Cams Acre Payroll Fee (Jan – March 2018) - £41.40</p> <p>B) CHAIR OF FINANCE UPDATE. Cllr Sunderland has resigned from this position and the cllrs were asked to consider if they would like to take up the post.</p>	All
14	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>GP HEALTH PROVISION FROM BARRINGTON PC The Clerk read out the letter – it was agreed we should join forces – there are concerns over education and doctors provision. Keep the Clerk as a contact, but copy information to all.</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Marlow – it was agreed for the Clerk to set up a section on the web-site called ‘Miscellaneous Correspondence’ for all letters, with all replies.</p> <p>Cllr Burge to check Long Lane flashing streetlamp</p>	Clerk Clerk Cllr Burge

15	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p> <p>A) IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE LIFE Nothing further was discussed although informal discussions have been taking place about possible barrel rolling...</p> <p>B) PC VACANCY UPDATE. This should hopefully be filled after the election.</p>	
16	<p>OTHER MATTERS: Thriplow daffodil weekend – no one was stopped and challenged about paying for entry. It was agreed to invite Paul Earnshaw to a meeting after the dust has settled and they should be thanked for the progress they've made.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg explained about a successful meeting with Highways Department in Whittlesford, which took place last month (Cllr Wragg and Cllr Howe went).</p> <p>Cllr Wragg wished to put on record that he and the PC are very grateful for the excellent job Jackie has done over the past 8 years and she will be greatly missed. They are also very pleased to welcome Kerry to the post and look forward to working with her.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:08</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 7:45pm (Main PC) on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at the URC, Chapel Lane.</p>	Clerk