

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE PAVILION ROOM, FOWLMERE VILLAGE HALL, FOWLMERE
on TUESDAY 19th MARCH 2019 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr P Burge and Cllr M Vinton; Cllr L Wragg arrived at 19:10, Cllr S Mulholland arrived at 19:12, Cllr P Collinson arrived at 19:20

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr C Howe

IN ATTENDANCE Ms K Byrne (Clerk), Mrs D Woods and 14 members of the public; Cllr Topping arrived at 19:45

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. Grain Store / Land East of Fowlmere Road, Foxton

Update from meeting with Foxton PC on 14 March which Cllrs Burge, Roberts and Wragg attended.

Cllr Burge said that it was a useful meeting. Fowlmere and Foxton Parish Councils agreed to work together and co-fund the expenses for legal advice from Philip Kratz / Birketts LLP (2 professionals from Birketts LLP will attend the hearing). At the meeting, the planning documents were reviewed, and it was decided that the parishes should concentrate on the material that affects their communities i.e. visual impact. Cllr Roberts said that the planning inspector had come out to the site before Christmas, but they will ask if he can come out again and look at the site from the nearest neighbours' houses.

3. S/0693/19/DC – For Information only

**Pennwood, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TG
Discharge of Conditions 3 (Tree Protection), 4 (Surface and Foul Water), 5 (Traffic Management), 7 (Visibility Splays), 8 (Carbon emissions), 9 (Water efficiency consumption) of planning permission S/3709/18/FL
Mr & Mrs Barrett and King**

The PC noted the changes to the application and had no comments.

4. S/0533/19/PN

**Green Lane, Fowlmere Road, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7QP
Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed storage of hay & straw bales
Mr Albert Neal**

The PC reviewed the application. It is an agricultural building in the countryside. Fowlmere Parish Council has no objections, as it is in keeping with the area.

5. S/0883/19/TC

Dove House, Rectory Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TJ

Tree work on trees with TPOs

Mr Jones

The PC reviewed the application. Cllr Vinton had spoken to Mr Jones who told him that he had already removed over 200 trees (with approval) from this site.

Fowlmere Parish Council has no objections to this application.

[As the tree officer had asked for responses only if comments or objections are raised, then no response will be submitted to SCDC.]

6. Appleacre Park – Update

By show of it was established that the 14 members of the public were attending the meeting because of this item.

Cllr Roberts explained that the PC had recently been in correspondence with SCDC regarding the Appleacre site. A Breach of Condition Notice had been issued on 8 March and Cllr Roberts read this out. The person (owners) in breach needs to cease using the area for mobile homes, return the land to its previous condition (i.e. to be used for touring caravans and tents only), and they have 6 months to do so. There was a warning that the Notice takes effect immediately with NO right of appeal other than a judicial review.

Cllr Roberts explained that the Breach of Condition Notice was issued by SCDC not the PC; the PC had been concerned about the issues at Appleacre for some time and had repeatedly expressed these concerns to SCDC. The formal review in July 2018 by the Planning Inspectorate had been very strongly against these developments. Thus, the owners have known about the issues for some time.

The meeting was then opened up to allow the members of the public to air their views, and six of them did so.

The main concerns aired were primarily regarding the four families residing in mobile homes that are in the areas of the park that are in breach of planning permission; two of these families had been served letters to leave and were very concerned about this. [Since the meeting it has been confirmed by John Koch of SCDC that only two mobile homes are in contravention of the 1992 planning permission, not four as he had previously thought.] The other main concern was regarding the safety and peacefulness of the site being disturbed if the areas were returned to use by touring caravans and tents; it was felt that the site would become noisy, and anti-social behaviour would occur.

The Parish Council listened to the concerns and expressed sympathy to those who have bought mobile homes in the disputed areas. The PC recommended that the group of residents form an action group, get legal advice regarding their rights and then approach the owners with their concerns asking what they intend to do. The PC suggested that the owners could legally relocate the four [two] affected caravans to the permitted areas as they have permission for 27 caravans and at the moment there are only 22 mobile homes located on the site; the residents' group could press the owners to do this. They also said that if any anti-social behaviour does occur on the site in the future then the residents should let the owners know what is going on and/or call the police.

7. Other Matters and Updates

No other matters were brought forward.

The meeting closed at 20:11.