

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
15TH JUNE 2010 AT 7.45 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr M Bates, Cllr A Eades, Cllr E O'Regan, Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Tim Stone,

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Schonken.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared. Cllr Roberts reported that we have had a resignation from Cllr Flynn with immediate effect. Clerk to write and thank Cllr Flynn for all her hard work and considerable time spent on the Council.	Clerk
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 18TH MAY 2010: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: The PC were happy for the Clerk to sign the letter for D Woods acknowledging receipt of her documentation regarding Seniorlink. The PC asked the Clerk to enquire about the cost of having a Seniorlink machine in reserve or how quickly one can be ordered.	Clerk Clerk
5.	VILLAGE HALL: The PC noted the latest figures from the VH. Cllr Bates said they have increased the charges and things are moving in the right direction.	
6.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Roberts said the road outside the school has been resurfaced properly and looks good – thank you to Cllr Stone for his efforts in achieving this. Councillor Stone gave the following report: “Roads <i>The situation on maintaining our roads is dire. The sainted Mike Cooper’s budget is already under enormous pressure and we are only two months into the financial year.</i> <i>“First”, which is a weekly magazine published by the Local Government Association ran an article in a recent issue which congratulated councils in fixing a record number of potholes – in some cases 10 times the “normal number.” The article was saved by the statement that “After years of underfunding, there are more roads now that need resurfacing than councils’ road maintenance budgets can cope with.” It goes on to say, “We need to make sure councils can carry out proper maintenance and not store up problems for the future and that will involve thinking differently about the way we fund road infrastructure.”</i> <i>In this period of impending budget cuts there should be a prize available for anyone who can propose what this “different thinking” will involve.</i>	

	<p>Finance <i>Which brings us on to money. The council has to have its annual accounts approved by the end of June. The year ended on 31st March. The first draft should be available tomorrow and will be studied with care. There have been fairly sharp gyrations during the year in respect of Community and Adult Services, partly brought about by adjusting to a budget shared with the Primary Care Trust. No surprises are expected as taxpayers money is usually very well looked after.</i></p> <p>Cereals <i>The Cereals display at Chrishall Grange has caused unwelcome congestion, particularly at the morning and evening rush hours. The congestion was most apparent on the A505 and a number of smaller feeder roads, especially Hunts Road, Duxford. That was despite a great deal of effort put into planning offsite parking and transport to and from the site.</i></p> <p><i>There is to be a post event de-brief to find out what went wrong. Meanwhile next year's Cereals exhibition is to take place in Lincolnshire.</i></p> <p>Another Survey <i>The County is conducting a survey of 5,500 people to establish how they view our roads compared with roads managed by other authorities across the country. Apparently there was a similar done last year and I have asked for the findings.</i></p> <p>Fowlmere Road <i>I have reported the dreadful state of the corner to County Highways. We now have to see how long they will take to do anything about it."</i></p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported that Mrs Phyllis Aldous, 8 Pipers Close has complained about a hole in the footpath near her house which caused her to fall. She has attended the doctors but nothing is broken. Cllr Roberts enquired about the procedure for noting the incident and seeing that the footpath is repaired? Cllr Stone offered to attend and apologise personally on behalf of the Council and ensure the footpath is repaired.</p> <p>Regarding the sign at the High Street end of Rectory Lane. It was agreed to purchase a sign saying 'Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles". The cost is £70 for the sign and £200 for the posts if nothing available to fix it to. Cllr Eades offered to make contact with David Lines at SCDC re ordering, going ahead with the smallest option.</p>	<p>Cllr Stone</p> <p>Cllr Eades</p>
7.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: a) MINUTES FROM 18TH MAY 2010</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, URC, CHAPEL LANE, ON 18TH MAY 2010 AT 7:15PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chair), Cllr M Bates, Cllr A Eades, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr, E O'Regan and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p>	

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies

1. Declarations of interest (if any)

Before discussion, Cllr Roberts declared that if an application is later placed before South Cambridgeshire District Council she will approach any new information afresh.

2. S/0210?10/F – For information only (Permission granted)

Extensions

**St Marys Prospect, Rectory Lane, Fowlmere
Mr and Mrs Chris & Jennifer Neild**

The Parish Council noted the decision

3. S/0210?10/F – For information only (removal of full balcony to rear and replacement with Juliette balcony)

Extensions

**St Marys Prospect, Rectory Lane, Fowlmere
Mr and Mrs Chris & Jennifer Neild**

The Parish Council noted the amendment

4. S/0629/10/F

Relocation of Access (Revised Design)

**Deans Farm, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG
Mr T Deans**

As Cllr Roberts is a close neighbour of the applicant, she declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room and Cllr Flynn took over as Vice-Chair.

There were no objections to this application in principal but SCDC need to assess the visibility issues.

Cllr Roberts returned to the room.

5. S/00437/10/CW

Part retrospective application for importation and deposit of inert waste for the purpose of re-grading and restoration to agricultural use.

**Bridgefoot Farm Quarry, Newmarket Road, Heydon, Nr. Royston,
Cambridgeshire**

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

6. Other Matters and Updates

The Clerk was requested to speak to Circle Anglia about the state of play regarding the affordable housing site.

Clerk to ensure the electricity board are aware that they should only take 2m from the trees at the cemetery.

Clerk to book Church for Planning meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 1st June.

	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:30pm</p> <p>The Minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>b) VICE-CHAIRMAN Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Eades seconded the motion for Cllr Bates to become Vice-Chairman of Planning. Cllr Bates agreed and signed the declaration.</p>	
8.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: There have been no burials this month but the PC were saddened to hear of the recent death of Mrs Jane Van Tassell.</p>	
9.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: There was nothing to report this month.</p>	
10.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: a) PLAY EQUIPMENT This item has been dealt with in the previous Finance Meeting but a separate meeting has been scheduled to progress the purchase of play equipment for the Butts play area.</p>	
11.	<p>NEW COUNCILLORS: Cllr Roberts asked the Clerk to write to Cllr Kohler asking him to clarify his intentions regarding his resignation (as shortly he will not be entitled to remain as a Councillor due to the number of meetings missed.)</p> <p>Regarding potential new councillors, there have been several applications and interviews to be planned for 29th at 7:30pm, following on from the Finance meeting. Clerk to organise. Cllr Bates to look for questions previously asked at interview.</p> <p>The Clerk was also asked to send a card to Nico and his family to congratulation on the birth of their daughter.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Bates</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Re litter etc in the Moat area, no Councillors were aware of anything further but the Clerk to check with the Mephams who back onto the area to see if there have been any further incidences.</p> <p>Re closed access at the end of Lynch Lane – the PC thought the land belonged to the Church and is leased to a farmer. They didn't think they could put up barbed wire. Clerk to write to the church wardens and ask them to confirm if the land is church land and inform the PC who is renting it from them as the first port of call.</p> <p>It was agreed to enter Pat Rowley, the village Womble into the Village Hero awards. Clerk to undertake paperwork.</p> <p>Clerk to return data as requested on flooding survey from WSP / SCDC</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The Clerk updated the PC about 1 Ryecroft Lane and explained that they own a strip of land across the Moat area – a purchase dating back many years with the developers.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact MVC re progressing the Bus Shelter project, in the absence of</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Cllr Kohler.</p> <p>The locations of the new salt bins were agreed as by the new bench outside of the school, on the Butts and at the mouth of Cassander Close. Clerk to confirm in more detail to SCDC.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>Circulate the Play Equipment Inspection Report via e-mail to Cllr Eades and Cllr O'Regan.</p> <p>Ask Darren Blake to come to the next PC meeting with a timescale for Circle Anglia to progress.</p> <p>The next meeting is Finance at 7:00pm on Tuesday 29th June followed by interviews at 7:30pm. Clerk to book the church.</p> <p>Cemetery box to Cllr Bates whilst Clerk away on holiday.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:50pm</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>