

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD  
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE  
**17TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr M Sunderland and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Peter Topping

		Actions
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Cllr Wragg and Cllr Howe sent their apologies. Cllr Roberts took the meeting in Cllr Wragg's absence. Cllr Topping asked if his item could be heard first as he has another meeting to attend (see item 5)</p>	
2.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS:</b> No items were declared.</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH FEBRUARY 2015:</b> The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> There were no other matters arising</p>	
5.	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:</b> Cllr Topping attended the meeting and gave the following report:</p> <p><b>"General</b></p> <p><i>1. Council Finances and Council taxes - Both the County and District councils have to find big savings: £600k by the district and a whopping £30m by the County, out of its total budget of £550m. In order to balance their budgets both councils voted to increase council tax by 1.99%, for 15/16 which is the maximum without triggering a referendum.</i></p> <p><i>The county's road repair, potholes and gritting budgets are not affected for this winter. But there have been cuts to a number of services, such as the rights of way team and education, and libraries services are now under review.</i></p> <p><i>2. City Deal (and cycleways) - the City Deal is going to be – more and more – an important element in the planning for big transport and infrastructure developments that will be needed in and around Cambridge to cope with the growing economy.</i></p> <p><i>The first list of projects to be tackled has been agreed: much of it is happening within Cambridge: such as bus priority lanes along, Madingley Road, an A428 to M11 segregated bus route / A428 corridor Park and Ride,/cross-city cycle improvements. It was disappointing that no rural cycleways made their way through the first selection. However, at the meeting of the City Deal Assembly last Friday the proposal was agreed that:</i></p> <p><i>infrastructure schemes not funded from the Cycling City Ambition Fund or any other external source should be treated as reserve projects within tranche 1 of the City Deal programme, due to the cycling projects' attractive value for money in terms of enabling economic growth, their deliverability and 'spade ready' status and the role they can play in connecting people with jobs within the specific demographic of the Cambridge technology cluster.</i></p> <p><i>I want to make sure that if there are cycleway plans for south Cambridgeshire, they are not just the proposal to build a £7m cycleway along the A10 to Cambridge but shorter routes such as between Fowlmere and Foxton.</i></p>	

3. I was pleased to support the proposals at the Childrens Committee of the County Council which ensured that the sensory learning services for children were not affected by the changes to the rest of the early support arrangements.

4. The audit committee of the county council today received a report on the park and ride issue including this assessment:

*It was forecast that the £1 parking charge for cars would result in passenger numbers dropping by 5.4 % and would take 4.3 years to recover to the level experienced prior to the charge being introduced. This assumed a 1% background growth in passenger numbers resulting from new employment and residential development creating travel demand and new Park and Ride trips. It was assumed that there would be a similar drop in number of cars accessing the sites too.*

*Since the introduction of the parking charge the passenger numbers on Park and Ride Bus services are about 12% lower compared with the identical period in 2013.*

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6. At the moment the County has no plans to do a lot of improvement along the A505, such as dualling or improving the turn-off side-roads safety aspects. But it is increasingly busy and blocked at all times of the day, and I have written to the transport head at the county council pointing out how many people, not just residents, use the A505 each day and the impact of the growing local economy. I have a meeting with the economics team at the County on their plans.

7. I am setting up a meeting with David Lines to discuss HGVs and their access to villages and any weight restriction issues. David is also now the 20 mph guru for the county council highways dept.

8. I attended the launch of an educational project at Duxford Air Museum but also asked them about their traffic plans for the Sept air show which commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

9. I have chased up Balfour Beatty about the queries put to them re lighting in the village. The customer service manager who has been very good is unfortunately moving on.

10. Flintcross Fire - The owner of the site that went up in flames at Flintcross in November last year was fined for the Dottrell Hall breaches brought against him by the County Council. The Environment Agency have given him until April to clear the Flintcross site. I am continuing to press for answers about the long term future of the site, and the risk of contamination to the water supply if the ash and waste is left on site for much longer.

11. I have chased up highways re the two potential safety hazards, and also re bus fares and the "triangle" site."

The Clerk added that Balfour Beatty have said there are two roads still to be completed re Streetlighting (Ryecroft Lane and Rayners Close) and all work should be completed by the end of this week. The contact is 'Peta' at Balfour Beatty who has been very helpful.

	<p>The County Council has stated the following about the cost of a day-rider ticket. <i>"The bus service to replace the existing 31 is yet to be finalised, but in principle we would seek to introduce the same arrangement that we have on other routes where the journey would involve buying two tickets. The customer would purchase a Dayrider Plus voucher when first boarding the bus which would then be exchanged on the Stagecoach bus for a Dayrider Plus ticket. This ticket would also be used on both buses for the return journey. The current cost of a Dayrider Plus voucher is £6.20, which is the cost set by Stagecoach for their Dayrider Plus ticket. As long as the journey was made after 09:30, Monday to Friday, those with a valid concessionary bus pass could travel for free as they do now."</i></p> <p>Cllr Sunderland reported that the footpath on the road to Thriplow is very muddy and could be dangerous. Clerk to mention to the Thriplow Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Bottrill mentioned the ditch in Chapel Lane has been cleared by SCDC but they haven't lowered the ditch leading to the opening. Cllr Roberts to speak to Environmental Health.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts thanked Cllr Topping for his attendance.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Roberts</p>
6.	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE</b> The Council are soon going into Purdah (the pre-election period in the UK, specifically the time between an announced election and the final election results.</p> <p>There was a letter in from Cambs Acre about a further potential site in the village for affordable housing. This is the 'second place' site from the PC's perspective and the PC would like to see how The Triangle has settled down before supporting a second site. To be discussed in more detail later in the year.</p>	
7.	<p><b>PARISH ELECTIONS</b> The Cllr's have had their paperwork and discussed the process.</p>	
8.	<p><b>SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP EVENT</b> A meeting has been suggested but it is very short notice and no one is able to attend.</p>	
9.	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>a) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 17TH FEBRUARY 2015</b></p> <p><b>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, CHAPEL, LANE, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7:00PM</b></p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr C Howe, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr T Bearpark</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: There was no one in attendance</p> <p><b>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</b> 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</p>	

Cllr at SCDC, the same applies and she will look at any application, which goes to SCDC, afresh.

2. S/3017/14/FL

Siting of a static mobile home in rear garden and a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling

**22 Pipers Close, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7RX**

**James and Janice Roberts**

The Parish Council strongly request a refusal for this application as it is detrimental to neighbouring properties and sets a precedent. The extension to the existing house is over-development of the site and potentially impacts on neighbours, especially on one side of the garden. The mobile home does not have to our knowledge any permission for 'right of access' to the Village Hall site and does not have any way or providing parking on site even though it is clearly a separate dwelling from number 22 Piper's Close. The proposed garage further reduces the current parking capacity as it is. The Green Belt is right against the boundary of 22 and the mobile home area where we understand development will be resisted by SCDC. Any approval of this type of development sets a precedent that the Parish Council considers would be dangerous and inappropriate.

3. Record 10828

Application to undertake work on trees situated within a Tree Preservation Order

**Under Chestnut, High Street, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire**

**Mr Ashley Meggit**

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

4. S/2663/14/FL - For Information Only - Permission Granted

Proposed single storey extensions to existing dwelling

**Lanacre, Chrishall Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7RY**

**Mr Colin Blundell**

The Parish Council noted the decision

## **5. Other Matters and Updates**

The meeting closed at 7:45pm

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The minutes were agreed as a correct record and were duly signed.

As far as the PC is aware, that there are issues with SCDC Planning ignoring the wishes of local parishes and the Fowlmere Cllr's feel very strongly about this. It was agreed to attend the SCDC Planning Training Meeting on 24th March to express this opinion.

### **b) KING STREET HOUSING**

Cllr Roberts met with Cllr Wragg and there are to be two vacancies at the Triangle and bids have closed on one of them on Home-link and the correct information has been indicated on the advert regarding the Exception site.

**The meeting was opened, and then closed to members of the public and press**

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10.	<p><b>BURIAL BOARD:</b></p> <p><b>a) MEMORIAL STONE REQUESTS</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported on two plots which had been sold to Mr and Mrs Ward of Thriplow and Mrs Clark of Ryecroft Lane. The Cllr's agreed on the proposed lawn stone for the late Sidney Brewer, the Clerk to confirm that with the stonemasons. Information was also fed back to Mrs Thomas about the proposed stone for her late son. The PC were delighted to see that the base had been laid for the new bench the Mulholland family have said they would like to install.</p>	
11.	<p><b>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</b></p> <p><b>a) PROTECTED VERGES</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to chase Rob Mungovern at SCDC again ref the protected verges in the London Road and copy Cllr Roberts into the correspondence.</p> <p>The Clerk asked to find out the start date from Lamorna re the new Savile Way planting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p><b>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES</b></p> <p><b>a) CHEQUES PAID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs J Wright, March 15 Salary - £629.37</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire Acre Payroll Service (Q1 2015 and minimum fee inclusive as must 'spend' over £120 PA) £82.44</li> <li>• Mileage Reimbursement for Cllr Wragg - £5.85, Cllr Sunderland - £3.60</li> <li>• Seniorlink Eldercare Feb 15 (monthly charge for residents' pendant scheme) - £58.23</li> <li>• Cambridge Water - 6 months water rates at the cemetery - £52.97</li> <li>• J Wright telecoms refund - Feb/Mar 15 - £28.59</li> <li>• Cheques in for: £35, Newlings Interment fee for the Barnes Family, £30 Peasgood and Skeates for the stone fee for the Brewer family</li> </ul> <p><b>b) VILLAGE HALL FURNITURE REQUEST</b></p> <p>The PC considered the request from the Village Hall for new tables and chairs. It was agreed that the VH needs to be more settled with new officers in place and the PC would like to see what the VH have in terms of current funding. The PC are willing to contribute towards the furniture but they need to see these things are achieved first - Clerk to contact. Cllr Bottrill to circulate the VH minutes</p> <p><b>c) PROPOSED NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p>It was agreed to order a new 3-piece log train for the Butts to replace the old one. Dave Salmons to be asked to remove the old train. The idea is that a new 'boat' could possibly follow. Dave Salmons to be asked to also prepare the base for the TT table (to be located on the rhs of see-saw).</p> <p><b>d) UPDATE ON BANK ACCOUNT</b></p> <p>Cllr Sunderland is now a signatory for the current account and Cllr Roberts and Cllr Wragg to sign the new book at the Cambridge Building Society in Melbourn.</p> <p><b>e) VILLAGE MAP</b></p> <p>The Clerk to ask the Thriplow Clerk again for details of who built their stand for their map.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Bottrill</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>The correspondence list was noted.</p>	
14.	<p><b>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</b></p> <p>The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	

15.	<b>OTHER MATTERS:</b> Cllr Sunderland is unable to make the 19th May meeting.  There is a problem with dog mess in the village. The Clerk to ask the school to have a word with parents about the danger of dog mess on the Butts for the children. It was noted that the dog bin gets very full going up Manor Farm.  The meeting closed at 9:10pm	
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