

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORM CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr L Wragg (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr S Crowther, Cllr J Houghton, Cllr D Roberts, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr M Vinton and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: A local resident, Mrs Woods, Cllr Topping

		Actions
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were apologies from Cllr C Howe and Cllr Wells</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: There were no declarations</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 15TH NOVEMBER 2016: The minutes were agreed and will be signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:</p> <p>Cllr Topping attended the meeting and gave the following report:</p> <p><i>“Devolution, the City Deal and the Local Plan</i> <i>All the local authorities in Cambridgeshire voted for the devolution proposals during council meetings in November. One of the strands of work going forward is the spending of £100m on accelerating affordable housing across the county. This is on sites already identified, not new sites. At the first meeting of the new devolution board, known as the Combined Authority, I asked that funding for improving the A505 and surrounding road infrastructure be part of the second bid (Devolution II) being made in Spring 2017. There will be a mayoral election in May 2017.</i></p> <p><i>City Deal</i> – <i>there is a proposal to have the historic centre of Cambridge designated an emission controlled area, which means vehicles with high emissions going through there would be charged. The City Deal will use funds from these and other restrictions to traffic in the centre of Cambridge to support bus services across rural south Cambridgeshire, and hopefully abolish park and ride car park charges.</i></p> <p><i>The Local Plan</i> <i>is still slow. Developers are not building houses quickly enough despite being granted permission. South Cambs is doing some work to find ways to speed things up such as encourage smaller developers, speed up planning processes, and say to developers if you haven’t started building by two years after we have you planning permission there will be a financial penalty.</i></p> <p><i>Closer to home</i> <i>Yesterday the full county council voted unanimously to not change any gritting routes from the position last winter, pending a review. So if the road was gritted last winter, it will be gritted this</i></p>	

	<p>winter. Street lighting reductions will be reversed though I have not had complaints about reductions in lighting since the changes some two winters ago.</p> <p>The removal of dumped materials at the county council land near the school took place, after I chased up the county to circulate the draft notice it planned to send to residents. However there are still some things there. I will have a site meeting with the county council to get this work finished off and also have fencing put in place.</p> <p>I attended a meeting at Westminster with Heidi Allen MP and County Cllr Susan Van De Venn and Network Rail representatives. The proposals at Foxton were discussed – and were on show later that week at Foxton for public comment. I would be interested to know Fowlmere’s views, in particular on the wider proposals for an A10 roadbridge over the train tracks which would cost £20m.</p> <p>Speeding is an issue raised with me by a number of villages as well as parking infringements. I will be meeting Ch Insp Sutherland in January to see what support the police can give on these two points at an operational level Dear South Cambs officers</p> <p>My I wish the chair and members of the parish council, and your very efficient parish clerk, the merriest of merry Christmases.”</p> <p>A) SPEEDWATCH / CCC BID The bid documentation has been submitted and we are awaiting the official invite for interview.</p> <p>B) CLEARANCE OF CCC LAND NEAR SCHOOL CAR PARK Most, but not all, of the ‘rubbish’ has been removed, including the deep tanks of water but there are still piles of brick, slabs and wood. Please can another skip be brought in to complete the task and then the fence needs to be erected. There is some possible asbestos contamination which needs taking into consideration and should trigger further investigation. Cllr Topping will arrange this.</p> <p>Re Foxton / Network Rail proposals – this does not directly affect Fowlmere. Cllr Roberts and Cllr Wragg recommend that Network Rail work to keep the gates working safely and efficiently and stop wasting money with alternative solutions.</p> <p>A505 – Fowlmere residents are concerned about the two junctions, especially at Flint Cross. Please can Cllr Topping find out from CCC Highways if they are looking at the issue again?</p>	<p>Cllr Topping</p> <p>Cllr Topping</p>
6.	<p>VILLAGE HALL:</p> <p>A) CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT The Building Control plans are now underway.</p> <p>B) PLAY EQUIPMENT Mrs Woods reported on the equipment that has been selected and a quote is being prepared by the Hags rep which she will pass to the Parish Council once it has been received.</p>	
7.	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE: The Planning process at SCDC is causing concern – there is an increasing move to give approval to speculative developments and often decided by officers on delegated powers, rather than the Planning Committee. The 5 year land supply shortage is often the reason. Cllr Roberts felt pressured on the day to accept a Foxton speculative application and has since written to SCDC CEO expressing concern. The Welding Alloys application still hasn’t been decided.</p>	

8.	<p>ROAD SAFETY A) ANPR CAMERA A reply has not yet been received from Charles Kitchin (Cambs PCC) – Clerk to send a reminder, and put the letter and reply on the web-site</p> <p>The Newton speed humps were paid by the bid process and have apparently been very successful so far.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</p> <p>A) BUTTS VIEW In the New Year, legal advice will need to be sought to find out the rights of ownership regarding the road. Clerk to reply and say that this statement is incorrect. Cables have been laid, not sewage pipes. Philip Kratz to be asked to suggest a legal representative.</p> <p>B) FOWLMERE CLUNCH PITS FPC owns the Clunch pits – this has come to light in recent documentation. They should be viewed annually to determine ownership, in March.</p> <p>C) PEDESTRIAN GATEWAY TO THE BUTTS There is no intention to reopen this. A right of access, of continuous use, has existed for 50-60 years and the Parish Council will be looking further into this.</p> <p>The meeting was opened to members of the public and press</p> <p>A request had come in regarding trees in a garden in Ryecroft Lane which a landlord wishes to remove – suggest the tenant speak to the Tree Office at SCDC.</p> <p>Also, permission was given for Mr Jackson (Ryecroft Lane) to minimally prune the tree he asked about which borders his garden, at his expense.</p> <p>A Top Close resident asked about the road leading to the school car park – it does not belong to CCC and she wondered about the actual ownership? Cllr Roberts to look at the inclosure maps.</p> <p>The meeting was then closed to members of the public and press</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk (Agenda)</p> <p>Cllr Roberts</p>
10.	<p>BURIAL BOARD:</p> <p>A) UPDATE T&C'S OF THE CEMETERY The Clerk to put this on the web-site in the New Year, with 30 days' consultation. To ask for comments back to be made in writing. And to put a small-print version on the web-site too. Cllr Roberts proposed, Cllr Sunderland seconded and 6 Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to send the previous rules to Cllr Crowther</p> <p>B) MEMORIAL STONE APPLICATION All agreed on the application made by the Clark Family for a headstone via Peasgood and Skeates.</p> <p>C) MOTION TO RESTRICT TO FOWLMERE RESIDENTS Point 8 becomes effective from today. Cllr Roberts proposed, Cllr Vinton seconded and all agreed. All queries that result from this to be referred to Cllr Roberts.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg to include an overview to go on the T&C's?</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wragg</p>

11.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: A) VILLAGE TREE SURVEYS Two quotes have been received and the Clerk to chase the third and carry this over to the January meeting.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES: A) CHEQUES PAID:</p> <p>December 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs J Wright, November 16 Salary - £659.56 • NEST Pension Contribution - £3.15 • Seniorlink Eldercare Nov 16- £82.86 • J Wright Telecoms Nov - £32.72 • L Wragg Expenses (Mileage) - £12.60 • D Roberts Xmas Tree refund - £40.50 <p>Balances at Bank as of 6th December 2016: Current A/C (Santander) £52,032.97 Deposit A/C (Santander) £20,042.28 Cambridge Building Society £40,000.00 Petty Cash £68.18 (£44,620.58 of this is Section 106 Money)</p> <p>B) FINANCE MINUTES FROM 15TH NOVEMBER 2016 See below - the minutes were agreed and signed</p> <p>Hibbitts are coming in the new year to do the work on the War Memorial. Needhams have settled the price of the new planter and will pay Hibbitts directly. Cllr Roberts may have to attend court if the legal case is progressed by the Police.</p> <p>C) FUNDING REQUESTS Cllr Sunderland left the meeting at 21:32 as a request has come from his place of work. The Clerk was asked to find out how Melbourn VC are using the pupil premium funding and what investment are the academy chain making (Stephen Monday is the overall Principal) to enable equity of access to those activities?</p> <p>Home-Start – The PC is unfortunately not able to provide support to this charity at this stage.</p>	Clerk
	<p>Minutes of the meeting of Fowlmere Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the School Room, URC, Chapel Lane, Fowlmere Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Present: Cllr M Sunderland (Chairman), Cllr J Houghton, Cllr L Wragg, Cllr S Wells and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).</p> <p>Also in Attendance: No one else was in attendance</p>	Actions
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence: Cllr S Crowther, Cllr M Vinton. Cllr D Roberts, Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr C Howe arrived during the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising: The Minutes were agreed at a previous PC Meeting</p>	

3.	Fowlmere War Memorial: The work is to commence by Hibbitts as the preferred stone-mason. Planning Permission is in writing as not being needed. Needham Haulage have settled the price of the new planter.	
4.	Review of Income and Expenditure Everyone has had the latest spreadsheet. The Inclosure Act has been copied and printed. Christmas Tree to be purchased from Philimores as they have provided good service in previous years.	Clerk
5.	Precept 1.38% increase was agreed but this does not include any tree work although this will be paid for from reserves at present. Cllr Sunderland proposed, Cllr Wragg seconded for the Clerk to submit the request of £36,055.00 – all agreed.	Clerk
6.	Trees, Grass and Hedges a) Tree work Ian Lorman, SCDC Tree Officer, has not replied with regards to taking a look at the results of the tree survey. Clerk to progress with the 6 month quotes for trees (which are in the Moat area, Dovehouse Close) asap b) Savile Way Planting Clerk to thank Lamorna for the work so far but say that we will now progress with the new landscaper. Trees need lopping that overhang the area – the new contractors should look to doing this work, in line with the agreement of the owners. c) Repair work to bus shelters Dave Salmons has taken a look at all three shelters and will submit a quote d) Rectory Lane Ivy / Overgrown hedge All Cllrs to take a look – Hardys to quote for necessary work An email had been received re the trees in Ryecroft Lane, on the outskirts of the Moat area – all Cllrs to take a look.	Clerk Clerk All All
7.	Future Projects a) Village Hall Play Equipment This was revisited and a budget of £10,000-£12,000 was agreed. Clerk and Dorothy Woods to work out a plan.	Clerk
8.	Other Matters There were no other matters.	

9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 17th January 2017 (presumably at 7:00pm, prior to the PC Meeting at the Pavilion Room, Village Hall)</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:29pm</p>	
13	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>The correspondence list was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg to contact Heidi Allen</p>	Cllr Wragg
14	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</p> <p>The action list was updated accordingly.</p> <p>A) IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE LIFE</p> <p>To be carried over to the January meeting</p>	Clerk
15	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:42</p>	