

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD  
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE  
**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts, (Deputy Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr C Crowther, Cllr C Howe, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr M Vinton, Cllr S Wells and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Woods,

		Actions
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> There were apologies from Cllr J Houghton, Cllr L Wragg,</p>	
2.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS:</b> There were no declarations</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2016:</b> The minutes were agreed and will be signed as a true record after the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> Clerk to speak to the Clerk of Thriplow about the state of the footpath from Fowlmere to Thriplow, as we would like to see improvements being made and perhaps we can jointly press CCC for this to happen?</p>	Clerk
5.	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:</b> Cllr Topping was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:</p> <p><b>“Satnav issues</b> <i>I forwarded to your clerk the details of the work that I had been doing with Hinxton parish council and county highways and the company Hexcel, about Satnav problems and lorries getting stuck on roads in that village, and I hope this is helpful. If the discussions with Ion Science that you have started do not provide a solution at Butts View then please let me know and I will involve the county.</i></p> <p><b>Grass cutting</b> <i>I have been getting highways to cut the grass at the major road junction splays and they have been working along the A505 and A10. I have asked them to cut grass at the crossroads to Shepreth. I haven't been out to check if it has been done, so a local update would be helpful.</i></p> <p><b>Resurfacing</b> <i>I have passed on to the highways department the point made about not enough warning about Long Lane resurfacing, and also the compliments about the quality of recent resurfacing work.</i></p> <p><b>Traffic lights issue</b> <i>I have asked the highways dept if, as part of the work being done at the old Bayer site, the traffic light and speed limit issues raised by Fowlmere can be taken into an account.</i></p> <p><b>Land near the school</b> <i>Once the land is clear, I suggest a meeting with county, the district ecology officer, and the school, to see what is the best way forward for the site, as if there are any plans to bid for funding for say a community orchard, this can then be worked up.”</i></p>	

	<p>Clerk to report back to Peter that the A10 has been strimmed.</p> <p><b>A) TRAFFIC / SPEEDWATCH QUESTIONNAIRE</b> The Clerk circulated the printed questionnaire to all Cllr's and most have now delivered them. All Cllr's to please pass all responses back to the Clerk. Clerk to put a reminder on Facebook.</p> <p><b>B) DUMPING NEAR SCHOOL CAR PARK</b> Clerk to include some money for the area near the school in the Section 106 bid. The PC are not aware that the work has yet happened.</p> <p><b>C) SIGNAGE FOR BUTTS LANE</b> A temporary sign has been erected by Ion Science in the place requested, at the junction at the War Memorial. Cllr Roberts also removed an advertising sign from the War Memorial and the firm has since apologised.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT:</b> Dorothy Woods gave an update on the current situation. She has also sorted out the problem of overgrowing weeds along the exit road from the Village Hall.</p>	
7.	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE:</b> Clerk to circulate the information on Devolution – Cllr's to read the e-mail and send their thoughts to the Chairman, who can consider a collected view for feeding back.</p> <p>The Welding Alloys site planning application has still not been decided at SCDC.</p>	<p>Clerk All</p>
8.	<p><b>SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP EVENT UPDATE:</b> A date has been set of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (correction in Correspondence required.)</p>	
9.	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016</b></p> <p>MINUTES OF A <b>MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE</b> HELD IN THE PAVILION ROOM, FOWLMERE VILLAGE HALL, FOWLMERE ON <b>MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016</b> <b>AT 7:00PM</b></p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr S Crowther, Cllr C Howe, Cllr M Vinton, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cllr J Houghton, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr S Wells</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Nick Green, Claire Elford (Saunders Boston, Chartered Architects), Uzma Ali (Housing SCDC), David Thompson (Planning SCDC), Steve Nugent (Cocksedge Building Contractors), Kate Duvall (Havebury Housing), Mr Glasscock, Landowner</p> <p><b>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</b> None</p> <p><b>2. Discussions Surrounding a Potential Long Lane Development Exception Site</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick Green introduced the ideas for a scheme so far of 19 plots, using the current 'need' from Home-link. The mix broadly meets the requirements of Home-link too. A development of all 'houses' are the preferred option but flats could be incorporated. The Triangle sets a really good precedent. Cllr Roberts commented that there are no chimneys on first proposal but wood-burners are popular nowadays and need chimneys. Low eaves make the buildings feel lower – ie 1.5 storeys, a variety of</li> </ul>	

- 'frontage' and turned gable. A variety of building materials proposed. Open space to be included.
- The site area is just under 1 hectare.
  - The lack of Play area at The Triangle is an issue which the PC has learnt from, and a similar size scheme to The Triangle would be preferred.
  - As a District Cllr, Cllr Roberts would like to see a new 'Needs Survey' undertaken. She would question that there is a need for 19 affordable houses at this time.
  - Cllr Wragg - The Rural Exception site means the housing can be targeted and exclusively for people with strong local connections. The disruption caused when that iron rule is broken is to be avoided.
  - Cllr Crowther - Lots of young couples on the housing list would not be able to bid on anything above 1-bedroom if they don't have children?
  - Uzma Ali was asked if SCDC would be prepared to conduct a new survey? Havebury Housing would be part of this too.
  - Cllr Wragg appreciated the approach and it's unfortunate that the figures cannot be validated at this stage. Fowlmere has incredibly limited resources and it's an unsustainable location for families without the village / family connections.
  - Cllr Roberts, pleased to see that design elements are being discussed.
  - Uzma Ali – there is no information for shared ownership, this is only for rented.
  - Cllr Wragg explained the problem that the HA had caused originally re The Triangle, which was not the fault of SCDC or the Parish Council.
  - Mr Glasscock asked how people could be made aware, to draw more people's attention to it.
  - Cllr Wragg feels the number of people who genuinely meet the criteria for an Exception site is small. The Village was leafletted last time, to make sure people were aware.
  - Cllr Roberts - The doors are open for an additional site in Fowlmere
  - Havebury Housing are working on the basis that it is to be a purely rental site, using HCA grant funding. Cllr Roberts explained this happened previously with The Triangle and a different HA and government changes changed the scheme to 50% rental and 50% shared-ownership. The demand last time was 100% for rental – Cllr Wragg – this is really encouraging to hear.
  - Mr Glasscock – would something along the size of The Triangle be more appealing? Cllr Roberts – this would be answered by the Housing Needs survey and 'rental' is appealing.
  - David Thompson – the planning criteria must be answered with a local need.
  - Cllr Roberts – it must have a play area.
  - Clerk to mention it in the FATN – Mark Deas would be contacting the Clerk from Cambs Acre re developing the survey.
  - Cllr Vinton – pleased it is being considered.
  - Cllr Howe – traffic problem in Long Lane – this is a significant increase in traffic to take into consideration?.
  - Fowlmere PC has so far been unsuccessful for bidding for traffic calming measures. David Thompson / Uzma Ali – take to CCC Highways? The recent survey shows speeding is very bad - Clerk to share speeding results.
  - A footpath would also need to be part of the scheme too.
  - Do the needs survey in September – results then come about a month afterwards.
  - Mr Glasscock – could a shop be built as part of this scheme? Countryside policies are restrictive and Planning at SCDC might question if it is the right site for a shop.
  - Bungalows could be an option?
  - The design could be in one long row?
  - A chicane could be an option?

**3. For Information Only:** Notice that the above has become listed as required under Section 2 (3) of the above Act.

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, and The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2005 Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

**Fowlmere War Memorial, London Road, Fowlmere**

The Parish Council noted the information

4. For Information Only: Permission Granted  
S/0735/16/FL

<p>Extend existing single space car parking bay to include for a second car space  <b>11 The Triangle, Fowlmere, SG8 7RQ</b>  <b>Mr Kevin Gawtreay, King Street Housing</b></p> <p>The Parish Council noted the decision</p> <p><b>5. Other Matters and Updates</b></p> <p>Clerk to circulate the Section 106 request to all Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk to put the Welding Alloys contamination issue on the July agenda</p> <p>The new benches have been very well received - could there be more? Clerk to put under Section 106 list on next Finance Agenda</p> <p>The Clerk asked about room hire and all Cllr's present said the Pavilion Room should be included too, in the usual schedule of meetings, perhaps for half the years' worth of meetings?</p> <p>Hardys – to ask about a one off strim outside 1 and 2 The Triangle on the next agenda.</p> <p>Re The Green, Clerk to write back to confirm the conversation, after the minutes have been written</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:35pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed</p> <p><b>B) APPROACH RE POTENTIAL EXCEPTION SITE, LONG LANE</b>  Cllr Roberts questioned why the Land Owner was present, and he had apparently turned up on his own volition – Cllr Roberts has said at this stage this isn't appropriate.</p> <p>Clerk to note and thank reply Mark Deas from Cambs Acre regarding the potential survey.</p> <p><b>C) WELDING ALLOYS SITE - GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION ISSUES</b>  There is growing concern that there could be contamination issues on this site and this was not stressed in the Parish Council's reply to SCDC. Clerk to send an e-mail to David Thompson to say information has been coming in anecdotally from local sources, regarding the tributary of the River Rhee and ask if they are they aware of a problem and is EH dealing with it? We need to be assured that work they are currently doing includes looking at all possible contamination such as heavy metal contamination and they should bear in mind that construction work could disturb dormant contamination. Clerk to ask for confirmation of receipt.</p> <p><b>D) PLANNING INFORMATION</b></p> <p>1. S/0008/15/CW - For Information Only – To be considered at CCC Planning Committee on 21/7/16  Demolition of existing buildings and 3no 14 meter high chimneys; erection of a pyrolysis building connected to a waste reception building; erection of a 25 metre high chimney; 2no containers for gas engines; electricity substation, upgrading and extension of internal access track around the perimeter of the memorial garden  <b>Novus Environmental, Novus House, Thriplow, SG8 7RP</b></p> <p>The Parish Council noted the information</p> <p>2. S/1260/16/VC - For Information Only – Permission Granted  Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plan) of Planning Permission S/2829/14/FL  <b>Land rear of Lanacre, Chrishall Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7RY</b>  <b>Purkiss</b></p> <p>The Parish Council noted the information</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>3. S/0087/16/FL Increase the Parking Area to take 13 no cars in marked bays <b>Land at Dovehouse Close, Fowlmere, SG8 7SE</b> <b>Mr Liam Flatters SDCD Housing</b></p> <p>The Parish Council noted and agreed</p> <p>It was agreed that there should be a planning meeting set for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – 7:30pm at St Mary's if possible.</p> <p><b>The meeting was opened and then closed for questions from members of the public and press.</b></p>	
10.	<p><b>BURIAL BOARD:</b> The Clerk reported that a Mrs Wilson had been buried, the family live in Luton but hail originally from Fowlmere, and have other family members buried in the Cemetery.</p>	
11.	<p><b>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</b> <b>A) SAVILE WAY PLANTING AREA</b> Lamorna has assured the Parish Council that the area will be easy to keep under control as it grows and takes shape.</p> <p><b>B) TREE SURVEYS</b> This was already covered in the earlier Finance Meeting.</p> <p><b>C) TREES NEAR THE GREEN</b> Clerk to circulate this part of the minutes to make sure Mr Goodfellow agrees with the following response recorded in the PC Correspondence List:</p> <p><i>Mr Goodfellow called the Clerk to thank us for our letter and to say he's open to talks over the overhanging poplars (not limes) if that's what we want to do but he said he has consulted a tree surgeon over them before and was advised that you don't prune them a bit, you actually have to take limbs off at the very top, which is likely to be costly (for us, as he is not looking to have them thinned.). He has some trees in his garden with TPO's but not those. He would be very keen for the Hawthorn on parish land to be removed as it is overgrown and could destabilise his wall. On that note I mentioned the crevice in his wall further up but he has said it is not structural, there's no tree touching it on the other side pushing against it, we're welcome to look but if it helps aesthetically, he'll put some mortar in the cracks.</i></p> <p><b>D) STRIMMING BY AREA BY 1 &amp; 2 THE TRIANGLE</b> It was agreed to add the maintenance of the small verges in Pipers Close (as SDCD have reduced their mowing schedule) and the area outside 1-2 The Triangle on the verge to Hardy's schedule.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p><b>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES:</b> <b>A) CHEQUES PAID:</b></p> <p>June/July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs J Wright, June and July 16 Salary - £660.96</li> <li>• Seniorlink Eldercare June 16- £82.86</li> <li>• J Wright Telecoms June 16 refund - £31.29</li> <li>• Eon – Chapel Electricity - £26.08</li> <li>• Ryecroft Data – Questionnaire Printing - £75.00</li> <li>• Dave Salmons (Cemetery chapel window, fire engine shed lock) - £45.00</li> <li>• Hardcastle Burton Audit Fee - £690.00</li> <li>• United Reformed Church Room Hire - £108.00</li> <li>• Pavilion Room hire at Village Hall - £24.00</li> <li>• Fowlmere Village Hall Donation towards the changing room refurbishment project following Q90 event - £100.00</li> <li>• Be Child Cancer Aware Donation following Q90 event - £298.41</li> <li>• Hardy Landscapes May 2016 - £1395.25</li> <li>• Cheques in - £30 for a Memorial Stone fee from Mr Corbridge, £630 for a plot purchase an Interment fee for Wilson</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VAT Reclaim for Jan – June 2016 - £1107.74 – still to come in</li> </ul> <p><b>Balances at Bank as of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016:</b>  Current A/C (Santander) £46,478.39  Deposit A/C (Santander) £20,042.28  Cambridge Building Society £40,000.00  Petty Cash £266.54  (£44,620.58 of this is Section 106 Money)</p>	
13.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>  The correspondence list was noted.</p> <p>The misunderstanding re the use of a filming drone in the village (legitimately surveying the church) has all been sorted out.</p> <p>Following the request from Francis Burkitt at SCDC about a call for sites for a Cambridgeshire bus 'hub', it was firmly agreed that Fowlmere would not be suitable as it doesn't meet any of the criteria to support what would be a small park and ride type of site.</p> <p>Another plot was requested by the Smith family but they have not yet made the purchase.</p>	
14.	<p><b>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</b>  The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	
15.	<p><b>OTHER MATTERS:</b></p> <p>There is no meeting in August so the date of the next PC Meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm</p> <p>To be fair and equal with all locations in the village, it was agreed that the PC should also hire the Pavilion Room for meetings – 6 months of the year (winter), URC for the summer six months and St Mary's DP room for the Annual Village Meeting and extra planning meetings.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:20pm</p>	(Clerk)