

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
18TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.40 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr J Peacock,
Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: There was no one in attendance

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr O'Regan and Cllr Sunderland	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 21ST JANUARY 2014: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: The last Village Hall meeting was quite heated but it was agreed that there was no feasible way that the Social Club could be allowed to start again and the VH Committee are seeking opinion from the Village as a whole as to the use of the building. Cllr Bearpark asked about if it needed to go through planning because of a potential change of use and Cllr Roberts thought it probably wouldn't but obviously it depends on the final decision over usage. A) COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION The Clerk has the paperwork required for the vacancy on the PC which she will process as required.	Clerk
5.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: A) DOTTRELL HALL The Cllr's agreed to keep the pressure on with regards Dottrell Hall. Cllr Topping was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following report: "Budget <i>Likely that the county will increase council taxes by just under 2%, thereby avoiding the trigger requiring a referendum. The county nevertheless faces very difficult decisions in terms of making savings to balance its books.</i> Dottrell Hall <i>As discussed at the last parish council meeting, I arranged a meeting on 31 Jan with the planning enforcement unit at the county, with legal officers attending. I expressed the frustration and concern felt by local residents as to the passage of nine months since the end of the period of time during which the landowner was to return the land to its previous state, and nearly a year since the serving of the enforcement notice itself. The county council officers explained what they were doing, which is preparing the file for prosecution, and were reluctant to go into a great deal of detail because of the sensitivities of the case. They referred to previous cases that had been brought and lost through inadequate preparation. Although I am frustrated by the delays, I do think their cautious approach is justified, given the circumstances.</i> <i>The case will be ready to go for prosecution in March, and depending on an important piece of evidence being properly tested. It was clear from the meeting that the matter covers more</i>	

	<p>than one site, and both the district council and national agencies have been and continue to be involved. I am writing again to remind the officers of the time frame they indicated and to keep the pressure on.</p> <p>I will report on other county council matters next month in March. I haven't heard how the traffic initiatives bid resulted, but will know in the next week"</p>	
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 21ST JANUARY 2014:</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORM CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2014 AT 7:15PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Cllr M Sunderland.</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Raby</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. S/2730/13/FL Enlarge study over garage, form new study in single storey link between house and garage 7 Cassander Close, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7SF R and A M Mason</p> <p>The Parish Council recommends approval as it will not affect any other properties and seems a normal progression of the house.</p> <p>3. C/11/40/029 Application to undertake work on trees situated within a Conservation Area Charity Hall, Long Lane, Fowlmere Mrs Z Kenworthy</p> <p>The Parish Council have no strong objections and refer to the Tree Officer at SCDC for decision but would definitely like to see any removed trees replaced.</p> <p>4. Other Matters and Updates Other Matters and Updates <i>(for information only)</i></p> <p>There were queries over leaning trees in Dovehouse Close, Cllr's to take a look</p> <p>The Brook has been cleared at Wallington Brook (and the residual growth seems to have</p>	

	<p>is a tree down in Rectory Lane by the Dove House and if it hasn't been removed by the end of the week, Cllr Roberts will ask them about it.</p>	Cllr Roberts
9.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: A) FINANCE MINUTES FROM 21ST JANUARY 2014</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of Fowlmere Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the School Room, URC, Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Present: Cllr O'Regan (Chair), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr D Roberts, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).</p> <p>1. Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr Flynn</p> <p>2. Minutes of previous meeting/Matters Arising The previous minutes of 15th October 2013 had already been agreed and signed at a previous PC meeting.</p> <p>Review of income and expenditure.</p> <p>a) Audit Update We await the start of the next audit process.</p> <p>3. Precept The precept has been submitted and accepted.</p> <p>4. Trees, Grass and Hedges</p> <p>a) Moat Trees David Kenney from English Heritage is attending the main PC meeting to talk about the work in the Moat. This could be a costly process and the PC needs to make sure they would definitely be refunded all 100%</p> <p>b) Contribution to school grass cutting To be increased inflationally by 3% per year, in line with the increase in the Precept.</p> <p>5. Future Projects</p> <p>a) Cost of Chapel Cupboards Cllr O'Regan to take a look at alternative cupboards, keeping to a dark colour</p> <p>b) New Laptop Cllr Wragg to look into the specifications for a new laptop as the current one is well used and crashes very often.</p> <p>6. Other Matters Clerk to chase up the dog bin at Thriplow Road.</p> <p>7. Date of next meeting There were no other matters and the meeting closed at 7:12pm.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be 15th April 2014 at 7:00pm, prior to the PC Meeting at the URC, Chapel Lane.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	

	<p>B) TRAFFIC IN FOWLMERE Dr Howe sent his apologies to the meeting and the Clerk updated the Cllr's on the situation regarding the 'secret survey'... If the PC are successful with their traffic bid then this will be automatically part of the process and if they are not, it is something to look into afterwards. The PC should hear in a few weeks.</p> <p>C) POSSIBLE RECREATIONAL SPEND IN FOWLMERE This item will be discussed further at another meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE The correspondence list was noted.</p>	
11.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	
12.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: The date of the next PC meeting is Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7:30pm at the Chapel.</p> <p>The PC were asked to think about a possible event in line with commemorating the WW1 centenary. Something linked in to the Church such as a trench supper possibly? Clerk to contact Mrs Deans re the War Memorial. Also it could be linked to opening up the Chapel at the Cemetery?</p> <p>The Clerk to chase the undelivered dog bin (SCDC) and look to getting another 'green' bin for the Moat.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:25pm</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>