

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
18TH DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr E O'Regan,
Cllr M Sunderland and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Tim Stone, Mr Heacham, resident

		Actions
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Peacock, Cllr N Webb and Cllr L Wragg</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20TH NOVEMBER 2012: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising that aren't covered already on the agenda.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Stone attended the meeting and gave the following report:</p> <p>"Superfast Broadband <i>Registration for Superfast Broadband continues. At present 76 out of a potential 475 premises have been registered in Fowlmere. This represents 16%. As before, that is a very low figure but as existing speeds are relatively quick, it is not a huge surprise.</i></p> <p><i>Companies interested in supplying superfast broadband in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were asked to submit before last Monday. The County will now start negotiations to choose a single supplier. It is on track to conclude the complex procurement process in the New Year. The contract award is due to be made in the early months of 2013, with the roll-out plan to follow.</i></p> <p><i>Meanwhile the government has received EU permission to provide financial help for broadband projects in rural areas through Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK). This is a great step forward and should unlock the £6.75 million allocated for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. BDUK needed to demonstrate to the EU that a subsidy is necessary if superfast broadband is to be delivered in rural areas.</i></p> <p><i>The County has decided that it will keep registration open until the end of December.</i></p> <p><i>A reminder that the website is at : www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/</i></p> <p>Footways and Cycleways <i>I emailed you on 23rd November, giving a week to respond on footway and cycleway improvements you wanted to see. I had a word with Mike Cooper today about the proposals which will be going forward. Fowlmere has none recorded.</i></p> <p>Cambridge Road White Lines</p>	

	<p><i>I have had a word with Highways about the worn out lines on the Cambridge Road intersection with the Foxton Road. This has been noted but I'm afraid that Highways say they can't really do much white lining in the winter and in any event they've run out of money. It will be put into next year's budget. I told them you wouldn't be happy about that.</i></p> <p>Greater Cambridge City Deal <i>At today's cabinet meeting the county council endorsed a bid for Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge to go for a city deal, as laid out in the "Unlocking Growth in Cities" white paper issued a year ago. A first wave of City-regions had their applications approved in July and Cambridge is one of 20 cities to be invited to submit a proposal in the second wave.</i></p> <p><i>I warmly supported this idea, which will allow devolution of powers, responsibilities and money from Westminster. The City-regions will have to integrate their approach to growth and governance. The three local authorities have a history of working together already, so while there were bits of detail I asked to have clarified I hope that this will be of benefit to us all. I particularly stressed the need for something to be done about the A505 between Junction 10 of the M11 and the BP roundabout."</i></p> <p>Clr Stone reported that a planning application still isn't forthcoming from Dottrell Hall Farm and unlicensed work continues on the site. Cllrs asked Cllr Stone to pass on the concerns of the PC.</p> <p>Clr Roberts thanked Tim for his very regular attendance at meetings and wished him a Merry Christmas.</p>	Cllr Stone
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: a) Planning Minutes From 20th November 2012</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, URC, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7:15PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cllr N Webb,</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Several members of the public, for the following PC meeting.</p> <p>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. Cllr Flynn expressed a declaration of interest in items 3 (being a close friend) and 4 (being a next-door neighbour) and will leave the room accordingly.</p> <p>2. S/2148/12/FL Car Port</p>	

**Perks Close, 4 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7SA
Mr Mike Maddin**

The Parish Council support the application but would wish to see a condition that the building cannot be converted to any sort of commercial or domestic space. In perpetuity it should only be used for garage purposes.

3. S/2038/12/FL

Stainless Steel Boiler Flue; Garden Shed; Internal security gate on kitchen door. (All existing)
Fowlmere House, High Street, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7SU

Dr George Follows

Cllr Flynn left the room at 19:22.

The Parish Council have no objections to the application However the PC is not happy about retrospective applications, especially those in relation to listed buildings/conservation areas but exceptionally in this case, Fowlmere PC will not be objecting.

4. S/1330/12/FL

Single storey extension to front of house

9, Jacksons Way, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TN

Mrs Elizabeth Selby

The Parish Council do not support this application (4 refusal, 3 abstained, 1 for). The proposed addition is visually intrusive and overbearing on neighbouring properties and is generally un-neighbourly. If SCDC have a differing view, Fowlmere PC request a site visit and that is goes to full Planning Committee.

Cllr Flynn returned to the room at 19:36.

5. S/1812/12/FL - **For Information Only - Permission Granted**

Rendering of external elevations

Pennwood, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG

Mr & Mrs James & Sarah Barrett & King

The Parish Council noted the decision.

6. Other Matters and Updates

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The meeting closed at 7:37pm

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed accordingly.

b) Thriplow Triangle

Cllr Roberts reported that an e-mail has come in from the planning dept at SCDC saying that the Housing Association are saying it wouldn't be financially viable to continue with the

	<p>scheme unless 50% of the scheme would be part buy-part rent. Cllr Roberts asked for information about how many people were on the list interested in part buy-part rent and SCDC have been unable to provide the information for the meeting tonight. Cllr Roberts sought opinion on how to take this forward. Cllr Sunderland said that it sounds as if BPHA are trying to maximise their profits by making these changes.</p> <p>Cllr Stone said that in the long run if the change isn't approved, the village might not get its houses but possibly another HA could take the project on with the original planning specifications of all rental....</p> <p>Cllr's agreed that the units should still be for rental and suggested asking for a deferral as the PC have not got enough information on which to act, despite asking SCDC to provide it. Clerk to send an e-mail in the morning but if the answer is no, the stance is to recommend a refusal, with regret, and that categorically the wish of the PC and the village, from the inception of the project is to have a wholly rental scheme, as evidence previously demonstrates. This opinion still stands and if the present Housing Association cannot comply with the approval then SCDC should seek an alternative HA who can provide what was originally agreed or as close to as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts may not be able to attend the planning meeting at SCDC due to family circumstances and asked for volunteers to attend in her possible absence. It was suggested that Cllr Wragg (Vice-Chairman) and possibly Cllr Peacock (Vice-Chairman Planning) attend.</p> <p>c) The Queen's Head Cllr Roberts updated on the situation. Mr Heacham explained how much contact he has had with Greene King already to enquire about the situation.</p> <p>Clerk to write to Greene King for an update and to find out who it is being sold by. Mr Heacham asked if it would be possible to organise a scheme to buy the pub like Thriplow but in Fowlmere we are dealing with a brewery which will make the cost possibly prohibitive?</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened to members of the public.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wragg / Peacock</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: The chapel shed roof has been repaired but Cllr Bottrill has spotted some problems with the tiles on the chapel roof so we need to seek quotes for repair, the ridge probably needs re-pointing too. Clerk to ask for quotes (including scaffolding), Dave Salmons as first port of call and if not, to recommend (Alan Tobin at Meldreth possibly).</p> <p>Cllr Peacock has an application in for a stone memorial, all Cllrs said it was fine to proceed.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: a) The Moat The Clerk updated the Cllrs on the latest situation in the Moat - we are waiting for Bruce Hatton to repaint the coding on the trees. Then the tree work can proceed (the contractor is on standby!)</p> <p>b) Jacksons Way Land Cllr Roberts updated the Cllr's and at this moment in time, the PC do not have the finances to take this further but we will look at it again in the near future and we their forbearance in the meantime, and the PC will revisit this when considering the precept again (and ask for an estimation on the time to be taken). Clerk to wait until the solicitors to contact us. It is</p>	(Clerk)

	regularly maintained at present. c) Village Tree Survey This has been undertaken and we are awaiting the results.	
9.	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: a) 2013-2014 Precept - Sign off required Cllr E O'Regan to propose and Cllr Bottrill to second that the precept is accepted - all agreed. Clerk to send off to Finance at SCDC. b) Royston Community Transport This item is to be deferred to the new year, to consider a donation - to be discussed at the January Finance Meeting.	Clerk Clerk
10.	CORRESPONDENCE All Correspondence has been dealt with. The village does not have an active Neighbourhood Watch - Clerk to ask Police for advice on how to set one up and put it in the next FATN for members / volunteers.	Clerk
11.	ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.	
12.	OTHER MATTERS: Cllr Flynn was told that there was somebody dismembering a deer along a track towards the bird reserve - unfortunately they did not get the registration of the van. Cllr Flynn to seek more details and come back to Cllr Roberts. Roadworks outside of the Chequers have not been lit - it was Cambridge Water apparently working - Cllr Roberts to report this to them. The meeting closed at 8:50pm	Cllr Flynn / Cllr Roberts Cllr Roberts