

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
17TH JUNE 2014 AT 7.30 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Neal, Dr Howe, members of the public interested in Welding Alloys

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20TH MAY 2014: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: Cllr Bottrill reported on the meeting he attended re the No 31 bus. The County Council proposes to increase journeys from 4 to 6 per day each way, with the first and last going into town. Decisions will be taken in July - it's very complicated as it has to take all places on the route into consideration. The PC were pleased to see these improvements and said it suits Fowlmere well. Cllr Wragg thanked Cllr Bottrill for attending the meeting.	
5.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping did not attend the meeting or send in a report	
6.	TRAFFIC IN FOWLMERE STEPHEN THULBORN FROM CCC TO ATTEND: Cllr Wragg thanked Mr Thulborn for attending and confirmed the PC would be agreeable to paying the required 10% - up to £250 for the project. Cllr Wragg asked what represents 'good value' in terms of applying for the next year? Mr Thulborn said you would usually look to getting just one feature, rather than a village wide scheme - simple measures to extension of footways (they usually don't fail the advertising process) etc. Interactive flashing signs, 2 standard ones could be achieved within the possible £10,000 and the electricity is already in place in places in the village. Speed indicating signs are only being used on a temporary basis, but several sites could have a removable socketed post and relocate it at various places - one might be achieved within this budget - even cross-parish? Some negative press has been received as they can be used for people who use them for 'racing'. Informal consultation is needed for a change of speed for the 30mph limit at the edges of the village - where 400m is allowed as a 40mph buffer zone (like Grantchester). Cllr Wragg asked if there's some proof to say this method is the most effective - it may be useful to contact Derek Crosby from the Police for further information. The limit outside The Triangle doesn't incorporate the Foxton crossroad but a 40mph buffer zone could include that. A chicane could be an effective method, and tackle one exit per year	

	<p>and another village in Cambs achieved 2 for £14,000. They are very beneficial where there is opposing traffic flow, not just heavy traffic in one direction. It is better to place them within the speed limited area, not at the change of speed.</p> <p>Dr Howe asked could the village have a 20mph limit? Anything that needs enforcement must consult the Police before applying for a submission - any bid must be supported by the Police. There is a legal process in turning the village to 20mph.</p> <p>There is also a problem with HGV's going through in the middle of the night - can these be restricted? It's a more strategic basis, on a wider area - you can get weight limits or restrict movement - this is interesting as Fowlmere has the concern of the tunnel. Andrew Fisher (Shire Hall) IHMC team deal with this and you can still allow for access. Clerk to reply officially regarding the 10% contribution.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg thanked Mr Thulborn for attending the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the verges at A505 and A10 need to be cut as they are causing visibility to be foreshortened - Cllr Roberts has already reported this via Cllr Topping.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 20TH MAY 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 20TH MAY 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 I Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Mr Sunderland.</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Neal, Mr and Mrs Smelik</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/0209/14/FL Proposed two storey rear extensions and detached double garage Highbank, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7TG Mr M Bolt</p> <p>The Parish Council noted that this application had been withdrawn.</p> <p>3. S/0782/14/FL New dwelling, Access and part demolition of Existing wall Queen's head, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7SZ</p>	

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The Parish Council is not opposed in principle to an application for a dwelling on this plot however the Parish Council cannot support this application in its current form. A lower roof line and less oppressive bulk would be crucial. There are concerns about the entrance being on a blind corner and being very near a school. There are very sparse details on the materials to be used. Furthermore, the proximity to the neighbouring property Archways, to the West is excessive and concerning.

4. S/0783/14/LB

Listed building consent for new dwelling, access and part demolition of existing wall

Queen's head, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7SZ

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5. S/0106/14/NM

- For Information Only - amendment accepted

Non-material amendment to planning permission S/1299/13/FL (Outbuilding) comprising omission of 300mm inset to achieve a straight west wall 300mm from the boundary

Field House, Thriplow Road, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7QT

Mr Richard Hollway

The Parish Council noted the amendment

6. S/0544/14/FL

- For Information Only - permission granted

Rear single storey extension

26 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TT

Mr Roy Bowron

The Parish Council noted the decision

7. S/0625/14/FL

For Information Only - permission granted

Conversion of double integral garage/utility room to provide kitchen / utility room and bedroom over with rear roof extension.

Home Cottage, Thriplow Road, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7QT

Mr Grant Bage

The Parish Council noted the decision

8. Other Matters and Updates

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The paperwork for the Section 106 money for The Triangle was duly signed

	<p>The meeting closed at 7:20pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p> <p>B) UPDATE ON WELDING ALLOYS</p> <p>Cllr Wragg opened the floor for discussion on welding Alloys. Cllr Roberts reported that Welding Alloys are looking to close the factory and consultation has started on that exercise. She thinks Fowlmere PC should speak to SCDC about the site which was in the Local Plan, to change it to residential purpose - 69 houses. It achieved an 'amber' light, as opposed to 'red' but is still currently classed as a commercial site. It's very sad that people will lose their jobs as it doesn't seem to be a local move, it is a close down. There seems little that the PC can do to affect the decision, but the PC must be aware and on the ball as regards the site. Cllr Bottrill said that there is an Inspectors report, which suggests 22 houses can be built, on SCDC web-site, instead of 69. Cllr Wragg said the value of that site to the village is that it provides employment to the village and there is a lot to be said for encouraging the planners to see it for employment purposes (the site also includes Ion Science). Cllr Wragg and Cllr Roberts to try to see the planners at SCDC next week and for them to ask WA what their intentions are?</p> <p>The consultation is going on - to close the site down, the potential to realise an asset, the possible loss of 50 jobs but until the consultation is finished, there are no figures available. Discussion continued on speculative plans and proposals, possible relocation packages and the number of Fowlmere workers affected (9). Mr Neal asked a question about the number of Fowlmere workers affected at Ion Science but Cllr Wragg asked for this question to not be included as it wasn't to do with the discussion at present. Mr Neal asked if the workers would receive legal fee assistance. Cllr Wragg said the powers to help are pretty minimal but they appreciate the wretched position they are in.</p> <p>C) DOTTRELL HALL</p> <p>The Clerk updated the Chrishall Parish Clerk on the latest situation with Dottrell Hall - they have had a lot of problems with flooding from the ditches on the land-owners land.</p> <p>D) THE TRIANGLE - FORMAL OPENING</p> <p>The 17th July - Cllr Roberts has been informed as District Cllr but the Chairman has not been informed. She will check that the PC are kept informed. The lighting has also been resolved, with only 2 large lights remaining, the builders to meet the costs. Mr Teasdale has been informed. Uzma Ali at SCDC has been very helpful.</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened to members of the public.</p> <p>Mr Neal thanked Cllr Roberts and Cllr O'Regan for their responses to their queries and he said he'd redirect his questions to Cllr Wragg. Dr Howe asked if there were any problems re traffic in Fowlmere and there was nothing adverse.</p>	<p>(Clerk) Cllr Roberts / Cllr Wragg</p>
8.	<p>BURIAL BOARD:.</p> <p>The PC is to have a new electricity meter fitted at no cost (and no more meter readings needed). The Clerk asked for a Cllr to be back-up for her on 15th July when it is due to be fitted between 10 and 12 noon, as someone needs to open the Chapel, just in case she can't</p>	

	<p>make it, Cllr Bottrill and Cllr Roberts offered.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported that there was a visit from travellers at the cemetery, seemingly meeting for a barbecue. Cllr Roberts asked them very pleasantly to leave and explained they were trespassing on a burial ground. The area was vacated quickly and no mess left. Please can all Cllr's be aware and keep an eye on the situation.</p>	
9.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</p> <p>A) THE MOAT SCDC confirmed that Section 106 money can be used for the maintenance of the Moat area and the Clerk is keeping track of monies used so far.</p> <p>B) SAVILE WAY PLANTING The Clerk explained the situation that Lamorna is providing a quote to maintain and brighten the area. Mr Neal added that the land is very dry. Lamorna Thomas would provide plants that are suitable to the situation.</p> <p>C) MILLENNIUM TREE The tree is definitely dead. The Clerk to ask BPHA to provide a new tree, place it in, in the winter and continue to maintain it.</p> <p>D) PROTECTED VERGES They have been cut, following the advice of SCDC Ecology Dept and another cut should follow in the Autumn.</p> <p>The junctions at A505 and A10 have been reported for overgrown verges to CCC</p> <p>The verges in the village have just been cut - it was left a bit too long last time.</p> <p>The bank by Sextons Cottage is to be weed-killed by Chris Wall, to get rid of the sycamores.</p> <p>There was a report of hanging branches along the road from Savile Way to St Mary's Walk. Cllr Bearpark to take a look.</p> <p>The Cemetery trees are overhanging along the rear extension - the Clerk to investigate the remedial measures.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Bearpark</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</p> <p>A) MELBOURN YOUTH CLUB The PC has been approached for their contribution. The youth club is currently closed and a new development charity has been approached. No children attended from the village though, before it closed. Cllr Wragg said this is a good case of demonstrating public support but how much should be paid whilst there isn't any use from the village. This could improve when it opens as it will be professionally run but an external company and advertised well. It was suggested paying £400 for the last two years in total and review it on an annual basis. This was proposed by Cllr Bottrill, seconded by Cllr Peacock and all agreed. The PC supports them in principal but the money reflects what Fowlmere children will benefit and if they can't attract the children, then Fowlmere would be hard pushed to continue to financially support it.</p> <p>B) BIDDING FOR LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE 2014-15 Cllr Bearpark contacted the Clerk to ask that an extension to the 30mph limit or speeding measures are considered for the stretch outside Newlands / Appleacre. Cllr Wragg asked how this should be tackled - should a sub-committee be set up or via a walk around the village? The Clerk to suggest a date.</p> <p>Clerk to purchase 'New Councils Explained' from CAPALC which has the revised Standing</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	Orders as part of it. All agreed.	
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE The correspondence list was noted</p> <p>Cllr O'Regan responded to a question on PC costs from Mr Neal via e-mail.</p> <p>A local resident has let me know she is looking to set up a committee to start up a village shop. The Clerk suggested she come along to a PC meeting to let the Cllr's know her intentions formally.</p> <p>A) NOTICE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC Cllr Wragg - it was asked if this could this be reduced to a shorter period of time. It was agreed to reduce it to 5 days but allow for questions at the meeting.</p> <p>PC calendar is available for use for all Cllr's.</p>	
12.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p> <p>A) PC VACANCIES One local villager has decided, due to work commitments, to not join the PC - the Clerk thanked him for his interest.</p> <p>An expression of interest has been received from another parishioner, who will hopefully attend the meeting in July for an informal interview. Cllr's to think of questions to be asked. The Clerk to check with the SCDC Monitoring Officer if we ask them to leave while final decision is made at the meeting.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: The VH meeting has been scheduled between Cllr Wragg and Mr Bates.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg went to the official opening of the Melbourn Hub and it was a great occasion.</p> <p>The date of the next PC meeting is Tuesday 15th July at 7:30pm at the Chapel (although this has now changed to 22nd June)</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported that Ion Science has put in an appeal and also the Deans Farm appeal has been awarded, but costs were not awarded. The next planning committee needs to have this as information on the agenda.</p> <p>The potholes in the village are still bad, but most have been reported.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:40pm</p>	