

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
17TH JULY 2012 AT 7.30 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Tim Stone

		Actions
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 19TH JUNE 2012: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: With regards planning, Perks Close planning application for a car part has been refused, as has the land r/o 80-86 Chapel Lane (in SCDC Planning Committee). Deans Farm, Long Lane has also been refused on delegated powers at SCDC. The application for Chartism - Affordable Housing, London Road has also been refused at appeal.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Stone gave the following report:</p> <p>"Broadband <i>The County has now received 10,000 registrations from people who would like superfast broadband. 6.7% of the estimated number of premises in Fowlmere have registered. That's about average for our part of the world but way short of the most dynamic – or currently worst served. I have a registration poster and some cards which you may like to place on the parish notice board.</i> <i>It would be very helpful if the parish council could continue to publicise the Connecting Cambridgeshire website, where people and businesses can register. It is:</i> http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk</p> <p>Website cookies <i>I have emailed your clerk about website cookies. At least one parish council has accepted Duxford's offer and considers itself well pleased – particularly as the process confirmed that nothing needed to be done.</i></p> <p>Bus changes <i>The last meeting of the local transport group took place last Thursday at the Wellcome Institute. Much disquiet about the new two-hour service on the stopgap 7a.</i> <i>I've also heard that the 31 hasn't been running or has been late. I contacted Meridian, who say there was an accident in April as a result of a driver falling ill at the wheel. The bus was out of action for a couple of days. Since then there have been a short period when roadworks have thrown the timetable out. Meridian's reaction was to send another relief bus. It seems to me that they are thoroughly committed to the route.</i></p> <p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan <i>I have attended two presentations at South Cambs Hall, at one of which Fowlmere was well</i></p>	

	<p><i>represented, so I don't need to go into detail.</i></p> <p><i>The County will be deeply involved in the process because of the potential impact on infrastructure such as roads and schools. But for now I believe that everyone should comment on what might be in store; the Local Plan consultation poses 116 questions, some of which are around how smaller villages can accommodate much needed social and affordable housing now that the SHLAA sites are out of the running.</i></p> <p>The stile <i>We shall be meeting on 27th July to try to sort out the stile question. Let's pray for good weather and common sense.</i></p> <p>Protected Road Verges <i>I tried again today at Full Council to make some progress on Protected Road Verges. Most of the remaining 68 are regarded as being in "unfavourable condition." I have asked the County not to drop any more off the list and to do something positive to rescue the poor ones. As a result of my prodding the County is not only seeking Verge Wardens, of which Lawrence Wragg is designated for your S46 and S47, but is getting the sites correctly named. I have asked for clear instructions to be given to all those responsible for maintaining or monitoring Protected Road Verges. Although I deplore the way that the County has gone about delegating Protected Road Verges to parishes without any compensating money, I am beginning to think that it has given a new impetus to their protection."</i></p> <p>The land at the Thriplow Triangle has now been sold. Cllr Roberts reminded Cllr Stone that a path was required along the Cambridge Road and the builders are saying they cannot go ahead and want to put an access in the Thriplow Road. Local opinion was that the PC's preference is to stick to Cambridge Road. Cllr Roberts has had a call from a resident who has pointed out the danger of crossing the Triangle island from Cambridge Road though. Cllr Roberts asked Cllr Stone to speak to CCC, to provide some expertise to determine which is the safest route. Cllr Wragg said the island crossing isn't too bad. Cllr Stone to speak to David Lines and will keep in touch with the Clerk.</p>	Cllr Stone
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: a) MINUTES FROM 19TH JUNE AND 5TH JULY 2012</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 19TH JUNE 2012 AT 7:00PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock, 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</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.</p>	

2. Signing of documentation for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee

The paperwork was signed and witnessed by the Clerk

3. S/1092/12/FL

Demolition / removal of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey extension

Pear Tree House, Thriplow Road, Fowlmere Royston

M and Mrs Simon and Julia Brooks

There are no objections and the Parish Council supports approval. It will not be detrimental to any neighbouring properties and is an improvement on the house in general

4. C/11/17/029/01

Application to undertake work on trees situated within a Tree Preservation Order

18 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, SG8 7TT

Mrs N Scoates

The Parish Council are happy with this application, as long as the SCDC tree officer is in agreement, as the PC always defers to their opinion - this application seems to include just very reasonable maintenance

5. S/1124/12/FL

Single storey side extension: Utility room & WC, to allow larger breakfast room.

2, Butts View, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7SY

Mr M Grisoni

The Parish Council supports this application as it is an acceptable small extension to the property which will not impinge on any other neighbouring properties

6. S/1221/12/FL

Installation of temporary building of approximately 10m x 9.5m in floor area

ION Science, The Way, Fowlmere, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, SG8 7UJ

Miss Madeleine Reynolds

The Parish Council opposes any development outside of the village envelope. However, because this is a strictly temporary arrangement and will be removed at the end of the period, the Parish Council is prepared not to object on this occasion, without creating any precedent - allowing a maximum of 2 years, which is non-renewable.

7. S/1129/12/LB

Alterations- erect new screen, door, false ceiling to create new int lobby, relocate fixtures and fittings, replace exist floor, remove timber threshold

Fowlmere Primary School, Butts Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7SL

Fowlmere Primary School

The Parish Council supports this application, with no objections. The proposal does not change the character of the building or physically remove anything, which cannot be later added if needed and it is necessary for the safety of the children

8. S/0894/12/FL For information only - Permission granted

Chimney to east Elevation

2 Cambridge Road, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7QN

Dr S and Dr T Steele

The Parish Council noted the decision.

9. Other Matters and Updates

Other Matters and Updates *(for information only)*

Cllr Roberts reported on the Thriplow Triangle footpath - the finances have changed because the builders and Housing Association have changed and they have said they cannot factor in the £20,000 needed for a footpath. They are happy to put a footpath, at the rear of the buildings through to the Thriplow Road. This is an outcome that the Thriplow Road residents did not want. The builders will need to put in an amendment.

Cllr Sunderland thinks that residents will park on the Thriplow Road and doesn't support this change. Cllr Wragg said they should have done a full enquiry and accepted this condition at time of purchase. Their budget should allow for this. The Thriplow Road has bad visibility and is a fast road for people to walk out onto.

The PC cannot make a decision on this today as it is not an agenda item. It needs to go on the next planning agenda. The PC should leaflet the residents locally (Cllr Wragg to deliver - grateful to know their views)

A further meeting will need to be held and a date of Thursday 5th for 7:30pm was agreed (followed by Finance) Cllr Sunderland sends his apologies.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, FOWLMERE ON
THURSDAY 5TH JULY 2012 AT 7:30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr N Webb

IN ATTENDANCE: Several members of the public

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.

2. Thriplow Triangle - Footpath.

Cllr Roberts discussed this item first and outlined the current situation in that Bedfordshire Pilgrims are now to be the Housing Association, with Lovells as the builders, rather than Circle Anglia. The new developers have stated that they were unaware of the existing condition for providing a footpath (at a predicted cost of £20,000) and do not wish to put in a footpath along the Cambridge Road, but in exchange, they would create a pedestrian only access from the rear of the new road, out onto the Thriplow Road. It would not create any additional gaps in

the hedge and could be gated and locked for residents only.

Mr Teasdale said that it was very remiss of Lovells to not take the information on board. The cost of £20,000 is very high - would a bridle way be cheaper?

Cllr Wragg said the traffic would be moving very quickly by that point in the Thriplow Road, the footpath is very narrow there too and parked cars would make this visibility even worse. Existing local residents will also benefit from the original path in Cambridge Road, not the suggested one. He also suggested seeking the opinion of Cambridgeshire Highways although Cllr Roberts said they would get involved if and when there is a formal planning application.

Another local resident pointed out that there is also a lot of parking at the Thriplow Triangle point which doesn't help visibility for crossing there.

Regarding the proposed change of location of the footpath from Cambridge Road to a pedestrian access point in Thriplow Road, the view of Fowlmere Parish Council is that, following consultation with local residents, in preference, it would much rather see the footpath retained in its original place of Cambridge Road. This is the safer option - the PC's original judgement is sound and there is no need to go back on that decision.

3. S/1365/11

10 Affordable dwellings

Land Adjacent to Bury House, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Herts, SG8 7TG

Alan Finch, Stepford Homes

The previous response to the application in 2011 still stands, as a refusal. Fowlmere Parish Council (FPC) set out the reasons for opposition in their previous response to this application, so there is no reason for the PC to consider amendments.

FPC still do not know if this is a registered social housing landlord, neither has there been any approach from SCDC housing dept, so the Housing Association's credentials have not been brought to the attention of FPC, as was the case with the preliminary stages of the Thriplow Triangle development. Due to reasons beyond FPC's control, the Thriplow Triangle has not yet commenced building but it is believed imminent. FPC expresses its dismay that this application has not yet been resolved within the statutory timescale at SCDC Planning and would like a response as to why this has not yet happened please to bring to the next meeting (17th July 2012).

4. S/0731/12/FL - For Information Only - Permission Refused

Erection of Car Port

Perks Close, 4 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere Royston, SG8 7SA

Mr Mike Maddin

The Parish Council noted the decision

5. S/0858/12/LB - For Information Only - Permission Granted

Alterations - Internal alterations to open space for further seating and serving, replace windows with doors to patios, extend ladies toilets

The Queen's Head, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, SG8 7SZ

	<p>Mr Tim Adams, Greene King The Parish Council noted the decision and heard from Cllr Roberts that there is still a clause that the conservation officer is not currently allowing, but they hope to sort that out via an amendment application.</p> <p>6. Other Matters and Updates Other Matters and Updates <i>(for information only)</i> Cllr Wragg reported that the land r/o 80-86 Chapel Lane was turned down at SCDC (11-2 votes) and the PC hopes that an agreeable solution can be resolved.</p> <p>SCDC Localism workshops next week. Cllr Roberts strongly suggested that several Councillors need to attend. Cllr Roberts, Flynn and Bottrill are attending, Clerk to confirm with SCDC.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:10pm</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The minutes were duly agreed and signed.</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened and closed to members of the public</p>	
7.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: There has been an enquiry about a burial from Mr Kenzie from Shepreth.</p> <p>Cllr Webb reported a sunken grave in the cemetery - the Clerk to take a look and ask Chris Wall to put some soil in to build it back up.</p> <p>Acacia trees are quoting for removing the dead tree by the shed in the cemetery.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: Cllr Webb has a large tree at the rear of her house which her neighbour has said is very imposing, Cllr Roberts to take a look (and residents are entitled to cut back what is overhanging their garden.) The paths and roads in Isons Close and Jackson Way are looking like they need some attention re potholes. Clerk to speak to Cllr Stone to see if anything can be done.</p> <p>The roads don't seem to have been sprayed (weeds along the gutter edges) - Clerk to ask Environmental Health at SCDC.</p> <p>There are also several large pot-holes in Mill Way, Clerk to report to SCDC.</p> <p>Dave Salmons to start work on The Butts in the summer holidays.</p> <p>Cllr Bottrill said there have been complaints about the leylandii on the corner of Chapel Lane - Clerk to send a gentle letter to ask them to cut it back as playgroup mum's cannot walk past when cars are parked with buggies.</p>	Cllr Roberts Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
9.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: a) MINUTES FROM 5TH JULY 2012</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of Fowlmere Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Dorothy Pluck Room, St Mary's Church, Fowlmere, Thursday 5th July</p>	

2012 at 8:00pm.

Present: Cllr O'Regan (Chair), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr D Roberts, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr N Webb.

2. Minutes of previous meeting/Matters Arising

The previous minutes of 17th April 2012 had already been agreed and signed at a previous PC meeting.

3. Review of income and expenditure.

Cllr Wragg suggested looking towards the Co-op bank for moving the deposit account, in the hope of achieving a higher rate of interest.

a) Audit - The audit is now complete, passed by the internal auditor and has been acknowledged by the external auditor.

b) Play Equipment Repairs - It was agreed that delegated powers would be given to the Finance Chair to undertake the necessary purchases to satisfy the ROSPA suggested playground repairs.

4. Precept

The first half of the precept is now in.

5. Trees, Grass and Hedges

a) Tree Survey (Cemetery, Ryecroft Lane, Old Barn House)

The Clerk to remind Mr Pile that, as SCDC have declared his conifer unfit, he should look to have it removed in case it falls, as he could have onerous responsibilities if that happens.

The dead sycamore tree in the cemetery by the shed is to be removed (and the residual wood) - Clerk to approach Acacia. Roz at SCDC granted permission.

The tree at the junction of Ryecroft Lane and Jackson's Close is to be left as it has been pronounced safe by SCDC - for the following reason "*The Tree in Ryecroft Lane while it has a large sweeping lower lateral the union is very wide and not narrow, the tree has been growing like this for all its life and can be considered 'balanced' in that it will have laid down tension and compression wood where required to support such a form.*"

b) Moat Finance

Cllr O'Regan is still trying to make contact with Mr Bates, who is currently very busy with Village Hall issues. Cllr O'Regan to ask for the contact, to relieve some of Mr Bates' workload.

c) The Butts - Securing the Perimeter

There were three quotes for the work and the PC are happiest with the lowest quote. Clerk to give Dave Salmons the go-ahead to progress (and check that treated wood is used.)

	<p>d) Contribution to Cutting The Butts Grass (Fowlmere School) The suggestion is to raise the amount to £450 and that the PC will review it annually with a mind to increasing it inflationally thereafter. PC to review in January each year.</p> <p>e) John Close Trees When the contractor (Agriplant) contacts the Clerk re quoting for cutting back the trees opposite the mouth of John Close, the PC to ask for the trees further up Ryecroft Lane, bordering the Moat, to be included too.</p> <p>6. Future Projects Carried on to the next meeting.</p> <p>7. Other Matters The Declaration of Acceptance Forms were filled in by the Chair and Vice-chair and counter-signed by the Clerk.</p> <p>The school have won a tree which grows to over 40m high. Following discussion the PC concluded that due to size and maintenance implications they cannot take it on and have no other suitable land on which to house it - perhaps the school could contact local landowners to see if they would like it. Clerk to reply back to the school.</p> <p>8. Date of next meeting There were no other matters and the meeting closed at 8:45pm. The date of the next meeting will be 16th October 2012 at 7:00pm, prior to the PC Meeting at the URC, Chapel Lane.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as correct and were duly signed</p> <p>The contribution to grass cutting is to be raised to £450 and then reviewed annually. Cllr O'Regan to propose and Cllr Bottrill to second, all cllrs agreed.</p>	
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Cllr Webb to check where the swings were purchased from at the Village Hall so the repairs can be undertaken.</p> <p>Re the Bury House Affordable Housing Planning Application, Cllr Roberts reported that Metropolitan Housing Trust is a large group and are likely to be the ones dealing with the proposal but Cllr Roberts said to SCDC that they should have made themselves known to the PC, prior to making an application, which does not bode well for future relationships. The outcome from SCDC has not been made known yet.</p> <p>Re Public Consultations from SCDC for preparing a new local plan - Cllr Roberts, Bottrill and Flynn attended the workshop and Cllr Roberts reported back that the PC has until the 28th September to give opinion. There is a questionnaire for completion so Cllr Roberts proposes a working party to undertake the work. The village envelope should be 'removed' has been suggested and Cllr Wragg said this is a dreadful move for planners to suggest and is strongly against it, so the PC needs to carefully respond to the plan. Individuals can also write, as well as the PC as a whole - something needs to go on the noticeboard. Cllr Bearpark, Flynn, Roberts, Sunderland would also take part.</p>	<p>Cllr Webb</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The Action List was updated accordingly.</p>	

12.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: Clerk to book Chapel for 7:30 on Tue 21st August for a planning meeting to incorporate the local plan.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg reported on Village SOS for grants for community enterprises, applications by Wed 12th Sept, in case the PC can think of any funding requirements. Possibly the Village Hall - Cllr Wragg to pass on to Michael Bates?</p> <p>The PO is still interested in working with St Mary's to host the Post office but the is little the PC can do in the interim.</p> <p>Cllr Flynn reported that a fruit and veg van would be willing to visit the village (they currently attend the Farmer's Market). Clerk to ring them to find out what they can provide and how far along is the idea?</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:35pm</p>	<p>The Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wragg</p> <p>Clerk</p>