

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN SCHOOL ROOM, 16 DECEMBER NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Bates (Chairman), Cllr B Hawkins, Cllr D Woods, Cllr P Flynn,  
Cllr W Kohler, Cllr P Cook, Mrs J Fletcher (Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr T Stone

		<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> – Apologies were received from Cllr D Roberts and Cllr A Eades	
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 November 2008</b> - The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
	<p><u>Bus Shelter</u> MB has spoken to Insurers to clarify the situation and Cambridge Fencing will be asked to go ahead with the work.</p> <p><u>Eurobin</u> A notice has been placed on the Eurobin explaining this is for industrial use and that all rubbish can be placed inside. A thank you card will be sent to Mrs Willis.</p> <p><u>Proposed Affordable Housing Site</u> Cllrs Roberts and Woods attended a meeting at SCDC to discuss the low cost housing proposal put forward by Chartism. <i>[Post meeting information - This matter is not now proceeding]</i></p> <p><u>Renault Testing at Duxford</u> There was no PC representation at the recent Open briefing regarding this proposal.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Bates</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Stone presented the following report:</b></p> <p><b>“Hanley Grange</b> I have discovered that the first meeting of the South Cambridgeshire Regional Spatial Review Panel (CReSSP) already took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The minutes can be found at: <a href="http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/council2.nsf/selectagenda?OpenForm">http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/db/council2.nsf/selectagenda?OpenForm</a> drop down menu under full title Joint Cambridgeshire Regional Spatial Strategy Review Panel I am rather upset about this because there was no publicity about the creation of this panel nor the meeting. The next meeting of the Panel, which is open to the public, will be at midday on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Shire Hall. By then the County Council should have collated all the initial information relating to a Spatial Strategy for Cambridgeshire to take us to 2031. Initial policy advice is to be submitted to the East of England Regional Assembly by 6<sup>th</sup> February. I have kept the Hanley Grange Joint Action Group committee informed.</p>	

**Transport Innovation Fund**

The County has appointed Sir Simon Briscoe to chair the Transport Innovation Fund Transport Commission.

There is severe disagreement in the ruling party about the Transport Innovation Fund so it might be worth mentioning that in general where you hear Congestion Charge it is an anti speaking and when Transport Innovation Fund it is a pro.

The essential background is that there are still 50,000 houses to be built in the Cambridge sub-region by 2021 with a 20 to 25% increase in the size of the city of Cambridge. If nothing significant is done this will bring about:

20,350 extra morning trips in Cambridge  
84% increase in junction delays  
30% increase in distance travelled  
46% increase in travel times.

Sir Brian's Transport Commission is to report its findings in July 2009, the County's Cabinet then considers them at its September meeting and in October the whole matter will go to full council. If it is decided to go ahead then in early 2010 the Department for Transport will decide whether the plans are good enough to merit official Programme Entry status. Even at that stage there is no guarantee that Cambridgeshire will go ahead.

The County has given an assurance that the £500 million in transport improvements such as improved roads, improved cycle access, better and more frequent buses and trains will be in place before the congestion charge is imposed. That means that the earliest date on which the charge will become payable will be 2015. The congestion charge or demand management is a pre-requisite of a Transport Innovation Fund bid.

**Addenbrooke's Access Road**

Construction work is currently focused on the section of the road between Shelford Road and Addenbrooke's Hospital. The new bridge over the rail line is well advanced and the embankments leading up to the bridge are taking shape. The section of road between Hauxton Road and Shelford Road was completed earlier this summer.

At the Shelford Road junction the service diversions should be completed this month, which will allow the completion of the junction construction to start in January with the installation of traffic signals in July next year.

On Hauxton Road the junction construction work will also start in January and the signalisation of the M11 junction will commence in May. The construction of the full length of the Addenbrooke's Access Road will be completed by September 2009.

**County re-structuring**

The County is restructuring its executive again. The last restructure took place in 2005 with the previous chief executive. I am very doubtful about the latest one but at least it is supposed to save money. What it does for morale is another matter.

**End of Year**

I wish you all the best for Christmas and thank you for all your kindness during the year. I apologise in advance for not being able to attend January's meeting. I shall try to send you a report before I leave the country."

**MATTERS DISCUSSED AT CURRENT MEETING**Neighbourhood panels

Cllr Stone advised that at present these are police-lead and the intention is to change this in the future. Also, PCs will be encouraged to produce Parish Plans. Cllr Stone will advise what the

	County Council expects from PCs.  <b>Councillor Stone left the meeting at this point (7.55 pm).</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	
<b>6/A</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH on 25 November 2008 at 7.30 PM</b></p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr P Flynn, Cllr B Hawkins, Cllr D Woods, Mrs J Fletcher (Clerk) APOLOGIES: Cllr M Bates, Cllr A Eades, Cllr D Roberts, Cllr W Kohler</p> <p><b>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</b> - There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p><b>2. S/1780/08/A – Signs, Swan House Inn, High Street – Mr Rahman</b> The meeting did not approve of the proposed Main Sign size as this is far too large, surplus to requirements and totally out of proportion to this historic listed building.</p> <p>Other proposed signs were acceptable, although it was difficult to visualise the colour scheme as the application documents were only in black and white.</p> <p><b>3. Tree Applications</b> – There were no tree applications.</p> <p><b>4. Other Matters and Updates</b></p> <p><u>Permissions</u> S/1643/08/F - 6 Champions Close – permission granted</p> <p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm</b></p>	
<b>6/B</b>	<p><b>MATTERS DISCUSSED AT PRESENT MEETING</b></p> <p><u>9 Chapel Lane</u> A letter had been received from Thomson Webb &amp; Corfield requesting an easement of right of way across PC land in Ryecroft Lane to provide vehicular access for their client, owners of 9 Chapel Lane. After discussion <b>the meeting unanimously agreed</b> that they did not wish to grant such access and that TW&amp;C should be advised to contact SCDC.</p> <p><u>Road Surface</u> WK mentioned that the contractors working at 9 Chapel Lane had damaged the road surface. CCC Highways Department will be advised of this damage</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>LOW COST HOUSING</b>	
	<p><u>Triangle</u> Cllr Bates had received a telephone call from Mr Wilkinson wishing to discuss his land at the Triangle. MB advised that all matters connected with low cost housing should be directed to SCDC. Mr Wilkinson stated that there are two housing bodies proposing to complete on land at the Triangle. The PC has no knowledge of this.</p> <p><u>Manor Farm land</u> Cllr Bates had written to Messrs Sheldrick regarding the site at the bottom of Manor Farm. A letter had been received from Bidwells, the Sheldrick agents, suggesting a development on the opposite side of the Manor Farm road. MB and DR will suggest a suitable response.</p>	<p><b>Cllrs Bates/ Roberts</b></p>

8.	<b>BURIAL BOARD</b>	
	<p><u>Chapel Repairs</u> DW had contacted the Structural Engineer and he had agreed that it was advisable to continue with the exploratory work in the first instance. He also pointed out that it is essential the pointing is done on the walls as soon as possible. <b>The meeting agreed</b> that exploratory work should go ahead and that an estimate from the second contractor should be obtained for laying additional drains to a new soakaway, before proceeding.</p> <p><u>Interment</u> The late Mrs Borley will be interred at the cemetery on 19<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p><u>Hedging</u> Chris Wall has provided a quotation for two-year old hedging for the boundary of the cemetery extension and recommended that rabbit wire be put in place for protection. The price quoted is a total sum of £1208.00 (supply of hedge, stakes, wire, fixings, and labour charges for ground clearance, fixing, planting, etc). <b>The meeting agreed to proceed</b> with this work and selected Hornbeam as the preferred species.</p> <p><u>Other matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MB asked for the meeting's approval to store archive boxes in the Chapel until Mr Roberts is recovered and can accommodate them. <b>The meeting agreed</b> to this action.</li> <li>• DW advised that Les Thurley has the second key to the chapel so that he can renovate the lectern and bier when he has time available.</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DW stated that the leaning trees in the round moat should be made safe.</li> <li>• DW suggested that SCDC Tree Officer should be invited to inspect all trees in the village.</li> <li>• MB will contact the English Heritage representative to follow up their offer of help with the round moat.</li> <li>• All trees in the village that require work or removal should be marked for future reference. Cllrs Woods and Kohler will endeavour to carry this out during the Christmas break.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cllr Bates</b></p> <p><b>Cllrs Woods/ Kohler</b></p>
10.	<b>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES</b>	
	<p><u>Precept</u> DW circulated proposals for the 2009 precept. The meeting agreed with the proposals and confirmed that this should be taken to the Finance meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u> A letter had been received from the Village Hall committee asking for assistance from the PC to erect two road access signs. The meeting agreed that these signs were not part of its remit and the VH letter will be forwarded to CCC Highways Department.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>Cheques signed since September meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs J Fletcher                      November salary                      £ 404.64</p>	
11.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	<p><u>PC Web Site</u> Following problems with the maintenance of the PC website <b>the meeting agreed</b> that Village Web Designs be engaged to do this work at a cost of £120 per annum.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

12.	<p><b>OTHER MATTERS</b>  <u>Allotment Fund</u>  DW explained the process of allotment funds being distributed to elderly and needy people in the village and mentioned that all requests to rent allotments should be forwarded to her for action.</p>	
	<p><i>Outstanding actions from previous minutes:</i></p> <p><i>Glebe Cottage boundary wall – Email to go to Tim Stone (M Bates)</i>  <i>Speedwatch – Cambridgeshire Police report to be considered (M Bates)</i>  <i>Butts ‘No Access’ sign – reply from Industrial site tenants (M Bates)</i></p>	
13.	<p><b>CONFIRM DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finance Meeting                      Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009  PC Meeting                                Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009</p>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.00 pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Clerk to the Parish Council: Julie Fletcher, 21 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TT</b></p>	