

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN SCHOOL ROOM, 20 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

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

		<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> – Apologies were received from Cllr T Stone.	
<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 16 December 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 reported that work will commence within the month.</p> <p><u>Eurobin</u> MB has sent a thank you card to Mrs Willis for her help with this bin.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Panels</u> As the meeting clashes with the PC monthly meeting no-one could attend from Fowlmere.</p> <p><u>No Access Sign to The Butts</u> MB reported there had been no response to his letter to traders on the Industrial site.</p> <p><u>Website</u> Village Web Designs has updated the website.</p> <p><u>Allotment Distribution</u> Cllr Roberts thanked Cllr Woods for distributing her envelopes while she was incapacitated. This meant that everyone received donations in time for Christmas.</p> <p><u>Speeding</u> Speedwatch is in place on the A505 but has not yet been carried out in Fowlmere.</p> <p><u>Chapel Lane Road</u> CCC had been requested to inspect the condition of the road outside No. 9. This will be done by CCC and a follow-up report is awaited.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS</b>	
	<p><b>The following report had been circulated in the absence of Cllr Stone.</b></p> <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> I'm sorry to be away at the moment because some of what I have to report may have been overtaken by events.</p> <p><b>Hanley Grange</b> As I reported last month, the meeting of the Cambridgeshire Regional Spatial Review Panel (CReSSP) takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>I have sent a set of questions to the Panel, essentially seeking confirmation that Hanley Grange will still not be considered. The response to the questions will give a better idea of how and whether the Joint Action Group should continue the campaign to ensure that Hanley Grange in</p>	

	<p>its proposed form does not see the light of day. The Joint Action Group has made its own representations and has been given a tentative invitation to speak at the Panel meeting in March.</p> <p>It remains unclear whether the County and the Panel will be given enough time to complete a thorough study of all options open to the County as a statutory consultee. The deadlines appear to be far too tight.</p> <p><b>Formula One at Duxford</b> As I reported in December, the meeting took place at the Imperial War Museum on 15<sup>th</sup> December and I am told there were about 40 people present.</p> <p>The response was overwhelmingly positive and it is therefore likely that Renault will be testing cars on the airfield this year. There will be a number of clauses to the agreement, which will allow the IWM to pull out if necessary.</p> <p><b>Sale of County land to the Imperial War Museum</b> A meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January to try and iron out the remaining differences between the County and the Imperial War Museum on sale by the County to the Imperial War Museum of its 150 acres of the site. The essential sticking point is money. The County's valuers say the land is worth £1.6million and the Imperial War Museum's say it's worth £1.5 million.</p> <p>I very much hope that a way has been found to bridge the gap and I shall report in February as to the outcome.</p>	
6.	<b>PLANNING</b>	
6/A	<p><b>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH on 20 January 2009 at 7.15 PM</b></p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Hawkins, Cllr D Woods, Cllr W Kohler, Cllr A Eades, Mrs J Fletcher (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.</p> <p><b>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</b></p> <p>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> <p><b>2. S/2153/08/F – Extensions, 25 Rycroft Lane – Mr Harry Winstanley</b></p> <p>The meeting had no objection to this application as the extension will not affect neighbouring properties and the site is large enough to accommodate the extra construction.</p> <p><b>3. Tree Applications</b> – There were no tree applications.</p> <p><b>4. Other Matters and Updates</b> – There were no other matters.</p> <p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm</b></p>	
7.	<b>LOW COST HOUSING</b>	
	<p><u>Manor Farm land</u> MB wrote to the Sheldrick agents advising that the proposal is in direct conflict with South Cambridgeshire District Council planning policy SE11 in that the area is classified as an important countryside frontage. He had suggested a smaller proposal be given further consideration.</p>	

	<p><u>Triangle</u> MB had received a letter from Mr FW Wilkinson indicating they wish their land to be discussed for possible use of affordable housing. MB had advised that in the first instance this offer should be brought to the attention of SCDC.</p> <p><u>Guinness Trust</u> DR had responded to SCDC that the PC has not been approached by the Guinness Trust.</p>																									
8.	<b>BURIAL BOARD</b> – Nothing to report.																									
9.	<b>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES</b>																									
	<p>Cllr Woods reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardencare has looked for a badly damaged tree on the Butts and advised that there is only minor damage to a number of trees but that none need replacing.</li> <li>• DW will be meeting SCDC Tree Officer on 21 January.</li> <li>• Tree Officer will be asked if funding is available for the hedging at the cemetery</li> <li>• Care for Trees will be advised of Tree Officer's decisions/advice.</li> <li>• The meeting agreed that the two dead trees in the Round Moat should be removed as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Gardencare completed work to small trees in the Round Moat which had been more extensive than anticipated. The meeting agreed to their request to invoice for £350 (an extra £50).</li> <li>• Gardencare will be advised that the PC is still considering future Round Moat maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Bates had contacted David Kenney from English Heritage who is interested in joining with SCDC in a local management arrangement for the Round Moat and Crows' Parlour. MB will pass the contact details of the Crows' Parlour owner to David Kenney.</p> <p>As there is a possibility of funding from CCC, a meeting will be arranged with English Heritage, PC and CCC for the Round Moat work. It may also be possible to apply for funding from additional sources.</p>	<p>Cllr Woods Cllr Woods Cllr Woods</p> <p>Cllr Woods</p> <p>Cllr Woods</p> <p>Cllr Bates</p>																								
10.	<b>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES</b>																									
	<p>Minutes of the January Finance meeting had been circulated.</p> <p><u>Precept</u> The meeting unanimously accepted the precept proposal of £25,461.00.</p> <p><u>Cemetery Chapel</u> A further quotation for a soakaway and associated work has been received in the sum of £2453.00 (first quotation was £2775.00). It was decided not to proceed with further exploratory work for the moment and to consider this later in the year.</p>																									
	<p><b>Cheques signed since December 2008 meeting</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Gardencare</td> <td>Annual maintenance</td> <td>£630.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT</td> <td>Telephone bill</td> <td>£ 69.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SeniorLink</td> <td>November monitoring</td> <td>£ 65.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SeniorLink</td> <td>October monitoring</td> <td>£ 67.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Fletcher</td> <td>December salary</td> <td>£404.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gardencare</td> <td>Various tree trimming</td> <td>£190.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AJ Peck</td> <td>Website maintenance</td> <td>£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moore Stephens</td> <td>Annual Audit</td> <td>£334.65</td> </tr> </table>	Gardencare	Annual maintenance	£630.90	BT	Telephone bill	£ 69.01	SeniorLink	November monitoring	£ 65.43	SeniorLink	October monitoring	£ 67.60	Mrs J Fletcher	December salary	£404.64	Gardencare	Various tree trimming	£190.00	AJ Peck	Website maintenance	£120.00	Moore Stephens	Annual Audit	£334.65	
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	Gardencare	Round Moat/Jacksons Way	£375.00	
<b>11.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
	<p><u>From Thomson Webb &amp; Corfield</u> re land adjoining Ryecroft Lane – their client is disappointed at the PC refusal to allow vehicular access.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that discussions with landowners cannot take place. The guidance for Councillors is that they should not be party to discussions with landowners/developers as this could lead to the Parish Council not being allowed to participate if and when an application is received. Such discussions would be classed as both personal and prejudicial.</p>			
<b>12.</b>	<b>OTHER MATTERS</b>			
	<p>BH suggested that Councillors' contact details should be posted on the notice boards.</p> <p>DR advised that speeding has increased in Long Lane/Shepreth Road recently resulting in an accident.</p> <p>Cllr Stone will be asked what signs can be erected on the two blind bends in this road to try and prevent further accidents.</p> <p>MB had left a message for CCC Highways Department advising that the recently filled pot holes in the road outside the school had again opened up.</p>			<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Bates</b></p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>CONFIRM DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b>			
	PC Meeting	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2009		
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	Finance Meeting	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2009		
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	<b>The meeting closed at 8.05 pm</b>			
	<b>Clerk to the Parish Council: Julie Fletcher, 21 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TT</b>			