

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
17th FEBRUARY 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)

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Cllr W Kohler.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.	
3.	MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 January 2009 - With one alteration to item 11, the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING	
	<u>Bus Shelter</u> MB reported that work has not yet commenced and that he will chase the contractor.	Cllr Bates
	<u>Crows' Parlour</u> MB had passed contact details of the owner to David Kenney.	
	<u>Round Moat Funding</u> A meeting is still to be arranged.	Cllr Bates
5.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS	
	<p>The following report was presented by Cllr Stone:</p> <p>State of the Roads County Highways have been completely overwhelmed by the weather. The roads are cracking up and there have been justified complaints about gritting. Not the fault of the gritting and maintenance teams who have been doing a tremendous job in difficult circumstances.</p> <p>A major contributory factor to the formation of potholes is the lack of re-surfacing work across the county. The Liberal Democrat budget proposed today, and roundly defeated, called for a substantially greater investment in road maintenance and road safety than the Conservative budget.</p> <p>It remains the fact that where roads have a decent surface they don't break up.</p> <p>Gritting and salting have been in the news. The whole gritting regime is to go before scrutiny in March to see what lessons can be learned.</p> <p>School transport I have been involved in meetings with the County Council and a Fowlmere resident on the question of the cost of student rail tickets from Foxton. The cost of tickets has apparently risen by 170%.</p> <p>Elaine Holt, managing director of First Capital Connect is to attend a meeting at the Sheltered Housing Communal Room, Elin Way Meldreth, on Tuesday 3rd March at 7:00 pm. There are undoubtedly residents of Fowlmere who are affected by recent and proposed rail changes, so perhaps a representative of the Parish Council might like to attend.</p> <p>Imperial War Museum The Imperial War Museum is suffering badly from the economic downturn and expects its</p>	

	<p>government grants to be cut.</p> <p>The Museum is therefore considering any ways it can save money or boost income. There was nobody from Fowlmere at the last meeting of the Liaison Committee where the Museum enquired if parish council representatives would have any views on the Museum charging for Neighbours of Duxford passes. At present these are entirely free. Proposals ranged from half price entry to a single charge for the card and no entry fee. I should be glad to have any views.</p> <p>The Parish Council felt that any charge made to Neighbours of Duxford would result in loss of gift/refreshment revenue as people would probably not visit the airfield if they had to pay and entry fee.</p>	
5/A	<p>Other matters discussed with Cllr Stone:</p> <p>MB mentioned that there were serious problems in Rectory Lane with large vehicles damaging the walls in this narrow area and asked if signs could be erected to help minimise the damage.</p> <p>MB acknowledged the problem regarding the state of roads but stated that there were numerous deep potholes in the road along the Butts that needed urgent attention.</p> <p>Cllr Stone left the meeting at this point.</p>	
6.	PLANNING	
6/A	<p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH on 10 February at 7.30 PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Hawkins, Cllr D Woods, Cllr W Kohler, Mrs J Fletcher (Clerk)</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Five residents from the village</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr A Eades.</p> <p>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</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>2. S/2135/08/O – Affordable Housing, off London Road – Chartism Housing Association</p> <p>The Parish Council felt that this is an inappropriate outline application and will ask for refusal. Residents and the Parish Council were very concerned regarding access on an already busy lane, (because of the village hall), which is on a bend with poor visibility in both directions and where traffic travels very quickly. Also, the meeting was very concerned that this development will only be fully confirmed at reserve matters stage.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts mentioned that again there had not been an approach by Chartism to the PC regarding their intentions. Cllr Roberts stated that the PC is working with their chosen housing association regarding two alternative sites not in the green belt and that this housing association is following all normal procedures.</p> <p>Right of way on the access is still in question and one part of the proposed site belongs to a resident who stated he would not be selling. There is also no mention of rented housing which is the type of accommodation a large number of young residents would require.</p> <p>Cllr Bates stated that residents should write individually to SCDC with their comments.</p> <p>Residents left the meeting at this point.</p>	

	<p>3. Tree Applications</p> <p><u>Under Chestnut, High Street</u> The meeting was concerned about an ancient tree such as a Yew being demolished and questioned if this could be trimmed back. The meeting agreed to abide by the decision of SCDC Tree Officer.</p> <p>4. Other Matters and Updates</p> <p><u>Permissions</u> SCDC has granted permission for extensions to 25 Ryecroft Lane for Mr H Winstanley</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm</p>	
6/B	<p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH on 17 February at 7.15 PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Hawkins, Cllr D Woods, Mrs J Fletcher (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr W Kohler.</p> <p>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</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>2. S/0093/09/F – Extension, 25 Ryecroft Lane – Mr H Winstanley</p> <p>The meeting had no objection to this application as the extension will not affect neighbouring properties and the plans are acceptable.</p> <p>3. Tree Applications</p> <p><u>21 Ryecroft Lane, Mrs J Fletcher</u> The meeting was happy to abide by the decision of SCDC Tree Officer.</p> <p>4. Other Matters and Updates – There were no other matters to discuss.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.28 pm</p>	
7.	LOW COST HOUSING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Bates and Roberts will attend a meeting at SCDC on 4th March at 10.00 am. • Circle Anglia advised that the original identified site will not progress as the vendors will not be progressing the sale of land. • Circle Anglia submitted plans for two alternative sites – the Triangle and Long Lane. <p>The meeting agreed that a presentation by Circle Anglia would be beneficial and a request for a SCDC Officer to also attend will be made.</p>	<p>Cllr Bates & Cllr Roberts</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	BURIAL BOARD	
	<p><u>Chapel Repairs</u> The meeting agreed to postpone repair work to the chapel until the summer when the weather would be improved.</p>	
9.	TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES	

	<p>Cllr Woods reported on trees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDC Tree Officer had looked at the trees outside Burnaby but did not know who had authorised or carried out the work. Highways Department will be asked if they had given permission or carried out the work themselves. • Quotations have been received for Jackson's Way – meeting agreed to go ahead. • Quotation received for work outside Sexton's Cottage – meeting agreed that this work would not go ahead. The PC will monitor the trees on a regular basis. • SCDC Tree Officer suggested that as a first step the ivy be removed from the tree at the corner of Jackson's Way – the meeting agreed that Chris Wall should carry out this work. • Care for Trees has carried out work on trees in the Round Moat. <p>Cllrs Bates, Woods and Roberts will visit the cemetery to look at possible hedging and will report back to the March meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Bates, Woods and Roberts</p>						
10.	FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES							
	A bank reconciliation statement for the month was circulated.							
	<p>Cheques signed since January 2009 meeting</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mrs J Fletcher</td> <td>January salary</td> <td>£ 404.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cambridge County Council</td> <td>Street lighting maintenance</td> <td>£1629.36</td> </tr> </table>	Mrs J Fletcher	January salary	£ 404.64	Cambridge County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£1629.36	
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11.	CORRESPONDENCE							
	From eCops – Speed Cameras. DW will reply that Fowlmere wish specific areas to be monitored.	Cllr Woods						
12.	OTHER MATTERS							
	<p>Two applications had been received for the post of Clerk. MB, BH and DW will carry out interviews.</p> <p>Kirsten Bicknell, Arts Development Manager, had asked to attend a PC meeting to discuss projects for the 50th Anniversary of Melbourn Village College and the participation of school children in painting a mural on the inside of the bus shelter at the war memorial. Miss Bicknell will attend the March meeting.</p>							
13.	CONFIRM DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS							
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	Clerk to the Parish Council: Julie Fletcher, 21 Ryecroft Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TT							