

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
16th JUNE 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr M Bates (Retiring Chairman), Cllr P Cook, Cllr A Eades, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr W Kohler, Cllr D Roberts (Elected Chairman), Cllr D Woods, Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr T Stone

		Actions:
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: – There were no apologies for absence.	
2.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr D Woods proposed Cllr D Roberts as Chair for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr P Flynn and agreed.	
3.	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr D Woods proposed Cllr A Eades as Vice-Chair for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr D Roberts and agreed. .	
4.	ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE SIGNING: The Clerk to produce documents for signing but it was agreed that Cllr D Roberts and Cllr A Eades could act as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively until the formalities had been completed.	Clerk
5.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared	
6.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 19TH MAY 2009: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
7.	MATTERS ARISING: 6) Cllr Roberts inspected the Bus Shelter for woodworm and couldn't see any. Cllr Bates and Cllr Kohler to check again. 10(1) Planning meeting minutes. The flashing sign is still on view at the Takdir Restaurant. The Clerk to check if this is mentioned in the conditional planning notice which has since been sent. 12) Apology sent from Cecil Newlings regarding a late application for an internment. 13a) The report of an extension at 1 Ryecroft Lane. Cllr Roberts has checked with SCDC and no planning application has ever been received to extend the garden. This will be taken up by their Enforcement Office at South Cambs who will report back to Cllr Roberts at the Planning Committee. Cllr Roberts to keep the Parish Council updated on developments.	Cllr Bates & Cllr Kohler Clerk Cllr Roberts
8.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Roberts congratulated Cllr Tim Stone on his re-election. The Council now consists of 23 Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour, 2 Green Party and 42 Conservatives. Cllr Stone reported on the good induction process which is now in place for the new councillors, with a mentoring scheme, which will mean they get up and	

	<p>running quicker.</p> <p>The Clerk had a complaint from a resident at the bend/bridge at Mill Road / Fowlmere Road about speeding traffic, with a view to seeing the speed limit decreased to 30mph. Cllr Stone to speak to the Council but mentioned there is a considerable cost involved in reducing a speed limit and sadly it often takes an accident at a particular spot for changes to take place. The Clerk to respond to report that the matter is being looked in to.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts left the meeting at this point as an item was being discussed which affected the road on which she lives regarding the 30mph signs on the Shepreth Road entering the village. The national speed limit sign upon entering the village is obscured by trees. Cllr Stone to inspect and report back to the Parish Council, who will ask the resident to prune back the trees if necessary.</p> <p>The Parish Council also requested Cllr Stone push for the pot-holes both on the road leading up to Fowlmere School and Mill Road be filled. Cllr Stone to inspect and speak directly to Mike Cooper of South Cambs Highways.</p>	<p>Cllr Stone</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Stone</p> <p>Cllr Stone</p>
9.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: The minutes of the previous 2 planning meetings were agreed and signed</p>	
	<p>The meeting was opened to members of the public</p> <p>Mr Tony Deans, resident of Shepreth Road attended the meeting and wanted to make sure that the Parish Council were aware of the recent break-in at the Village Hall and to check the CCTV cameras were operational. Cllr Woods was able to confirm the repair work had been completed and had been invoiced.</p>	
12.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: The Clerk had a request from Newlings Funeral Directors concerning a request to scatter ashes at the cemetery. The Committee discussed the matter and concluded that this was not appropriate as ashes could be interred at the cemetery and could also be quite large in volume to scatter suitably. It was also felt that the planting of trees with a plaque should not be offered at the cemetery at this point because the maintenance of the trees at present at the cemetery is considerable. The planting of a tree in the village with a commemorative plaque may be something to consider in due course. .The Clerk to respond to Newlings.</p> <p>Cllr Bates reported back that he had maintained the gate to the cemetery.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts and Cllr Woods reported they had had a good clear-up at the cemetery, removing unplanned trees from grave spaces. It was agreed that a cemetery clear-up in August would help the area look much tidier. The Clerk to put a laminated notice on the shed asking for volunteers. The agreed time was 9:30am on Saturday 22nd August.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES Cllr Woods requested the Moat area be put on July's agenda and Cllr Bates to ask David Kenney from English Heritage for an update.</p> <p>Cllr Woods reported that Shepreth Road had now been mown, as had the area in Jacksons Way which had previously had flowering bulbs.</p> <p>Cllr Woods reported that the quotation received from Gardencare for hedging at the cemetery had already been approved by the Parish Council, and it was again</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Bates</p>

	<p>confirmed that this should go ahead planting hornbeam as recommended. This work will be carried out as the appropriate planting time later in the year. Cllr Woods will confirm this to Chris Wall.</p> <p>It was decided to apply for the Tree Scheme with SCDC for new and replacement trees in the village. Some trees may be needed in the open space behind The Green and also on the Butts. Cllr Kohler will investigate this and also look at other areas in the village with a view to planting new trees. He will then liaise with Cllr Woods so that they can complete the SCDC application form.</p> <p>Cllr Woods reported how the area for the new hedge in the cemetery had been measured. It was agreed that Chris Wall should source the Hornbeam hedging he has recommended as this would provide a better hedge to maintain than the mixed hedge that the Council provides. Cllr Woods to speak to Chris Wall</p> <p>It was mentioned that some new replacement trees may need to be planted in the open space behind The Green and on the Butts. Cllr Kohler to investigate and report back</p> <p>It was mentioned that a bench needed fixing on the Butts. Cllr Eades and Cllr Bates to examine and report back.</p>	<p>Cllr Woods</p> <p>Cllr Kohler & Cllr Woods</p> <p>Cllr Eades & Cllr Bates</p>
14.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: The next Finance Meeting is on the 7th July. Cllr Bates sent his apologies.</p>	
15.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: (20/5) The mention of scooters causing a nuisance at the Village Hall should be regarding Foxtan, not Fowlmere.</p> <p>(27/05) The Clerk to contact the Village Hall to see if they have any objections to the introduction of a 'Textile Bank' in the car park – Cllr Bates to advise on contact details.</p>	<p>Clerk (Cllr Bates)</p>
16.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: a) Recruitment of new Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk would photocopy the required number of leaflets and pass to Cllr Woods for distribution.</p> <p>ROSPA – Cllr Flynn reported that the assessment on the play equipment had been received and maintenance would need to take place. Cllr Woods and Cllr Flynn to further assess and ask Chris Wall to quote for this, to be discussed at the next Finance Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Bates also mentioned that the triangle seating area at the Butts should also be considered as it had deteriorated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 8:40pm</p>	<p>Clerk All</p> <p>Cllr Woods & Cllr Flynn</p>