

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
16TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr P Cook, Cllr A Eades, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr W Kohler, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr Schonken, Cllr D Woods, Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Lindsey Gardener, Ms Lamorna Thomas, Mr Kevin Steinheart.

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Bates, Cllr Kohler and Cllr Stone	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared	
3.	COUNCILLORS' COMMITTEE PREFERENCES: Cllr Schonken has expressed a preference to be on the Finance Committee and Cllr O'Regan has expressed an interest in the Planning Committee, Finance Committee and also the Burial Board. It was agreed that the Councillors should review the committees at the end of the year.	
4.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 19TH JANUARY 2010: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising. Cllr Roberts took the opportunity to introduce PCSO Lindsey Gardener, who covers the Melbourn, Foxton and Fowlmere area. She reported that she is aware of speeding in Fowlmere High Street and 6 speeders have been ticketed in the last week (not local residents – between 8am and 9am). She is also aware of reports of a dangerous dog in the village. Cllr Roberts asked if there are any issues with teenagers in the village as there currently are some issues in Foxton? PCSO Gardener replied that nothing has been reported for Fowlmere. She also mentioned that rogue trading is an issue in the South Cambs area, where often the elderly and vulnerable were targeted, as is distraction burglary. Need to keep the elderly aware, and it was suggested that she perhaps speak to the friendship club? Cllr Roberts thanked PCSO Gardener for attending and offered apologies for none of the Councillors attending the Melbourn panel meeting but they always clash with the PC meetings.	
6.	VILLAGE HALL: It had been agreed at the previous meeting to move this agenda item nearer to the start of the meeting. Cllr Roberts asked Ms Thomas to report on the VH Meeting on 8 th February. Ms Thomas said that there were about 65 people at the meeting and all present wanted the hall to remain open. Items discussed included the possibility of a household contribution (£20 to collect £8000). It was also suggested adding it to the Council Tax but that would not necessarily be in the villager's interest. It was also suggested users of the VH become 'members' and are charged for that. Mr Peacock from ACRE said the facilities were quite good compared to many in the area. Other ideas included running a catering company from the kitchen, or as a conference venue.	

	<p>It was agreed that hall charges should be reviewed and an events committee needs to be set up urgently. No further discussions have since taken place between the management committee.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts commended Ms Goodfellow, Ms Thomas and Ms Grisoni on their commitment and mentioned that the numbers in attendance, although low, were positive towards keeping it open but noted that out of a committee of 16, not everyone is contributing as much. Ms Thomas agreed that the PC had not been given much time but there hasn't been much representation in the past few months.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts asked what Mr Peacock had suggested? Ms Thomas said Mr Peacock had suggested that the boiler replacement was vital and now was the right time to do something 'greener.' This would be expensive but perhaps grants would be available? But Cllr Roberts said that in the short term, more key decisions need to be made before investment could be made in the infrastructure. Cllr Roberts has spoken to a colleague at SCDC as to what might be available re funding and she thought that public work loans at very low rates might be available, and this option would need to be progressed through the Parish Council. Cllr Roberts suggested she invite her colleague to the next meeting or call a special meeting to draw on her expertise – all agreed.</p> <p>Ms Thomas said she was in agreement that a business plan was vital and volunteers from the 8th February meeting need to be contacted as a matter of urgency. Cllr Roberts said the long term vision for the VH would need to include assurances of commitment from people involved, both longstanding and new. She also suggested that the residents should be surveyed for their opinion.</p> <p>Cllr Schonken added that a decision needs to be taken in order that a profit can be made from the bar but Ms Thomas reminded the Council that committee members do contribute other work, often 'in kind', to support the VH, so it's not a simple matter.</p> <p>Cllr O'Regan said the VH needed a list of the sort of people the Events Committee requires and added that the web-site needs updating. She also repeated the point that volunteers from the meeting should really be contacted so as to keep the momentum going.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts concluded that she attended the meeting on 8th February and felt that the PC received a lot of criticism for not financially supporting the VH. She reminded that the PC also give freely of their time too and are fully supportive of the Village Hall. Cllr Roberts thanked Ms Thomas for her attendance at the meeting.</p>	Cllr Roberts
7.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Councillor Stone was unable to attend the meeting but sent his apologies and a report by e-mail:</p> <p><i>“Making Cambridgeshire Count</i> <i>Making Cambridgeshire Count is a joint venture of local authorities in Cambridgeshire combined with other organisations such as Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire NHS, the Fire Service and Cambridgeshire Horizons. It meets in private and is engaged on eight projects which overlap the boundaries of any particular organisation.</i></p> <p><i>The projects and their lead officers are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Public Service Redesign</i> – Mark Lloyd (Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council, Tim Pilsbury (Chief Executive Fenland District Council) · <i>Inequalities Charter</i> – Alex Plant (Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Horizons) & Antoinette Jackson (Chief Executive Cambridge City Council) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sharing Services – Julie Spence (Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire) & Mark Lloyd · Making Assets Count – Graham Stagg (Chief Fire Officer of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service) & Alex Plant · Community co-production – Paul Zollinger-Read (Chief Executive of NHS Cambridgeshire) · Domestic Violence – Julie Spence · Gypsies and Travellers – Tim Pilsbury · Places Pilot – Antoinette Jackson <p>There is very little information available about Making Cambridgeshire Count or its projects. But there is a website for staff: http://staff.makingcambridgeshirecount.co.uk/</p> <p>I understand that within the next little while there will be a raft of public consultation.</p> <p>The Local Transport Plan Cambridgeshire is adopting a Local Transport Plan. Every household in Cambridgeshire should receive a leaflet so that everyone can participate in a consultation. The consultation runs from 11th January to 9th April. There are still two opportunities to go and see what is proposed and talk to staff involved. They are:</p> <p>9th March at Sawston Village College from 4 to 8 pm. 17th March at Lion Yard, Cambridge from 9 am to 8 pm</p> <p>You can find more details at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ltp</p> <p>Potholes I've just come back from Switzerland, where it gets quite cold, snowy and icy. Much debate about the extent to which roads should be snowploughed and salted. But none about potholes. In the full fortnight I was there we saw just two potholes - both in the same village. Proper road maintenance means potholes don't happen.</p> <p>Meanwhile back in Cambridgeshire the County is complaining that the government has diverted salt and County Highways is therefore unable to salt all the roads targeted. This despite having arranged stocks 50% higher than last year.</p> <p>Drivers still seem to think that the County should keep the roads in summer condition all year round and that they don't have to pay special attention to bad weather. You have to wonder if their complaints about County Highways wouldn't sound a bit more realistic if they bothered to fit their cars with winter tyres. The Swiss have to.</p> <p>The Clerk to circulate the report sent by Cllr Stone to all Councillors. Cllr Roberts also asked the Clerk to contact him about the state of the roads, especially the bridge on Mill Road, towards Melbourn, which is particularly bad.</p> <p>Cllr O'Regan suggested a web-site for reporting pot-holes which is www.fixmystreet.com.</p>	Clerk Clerk
8.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING</p>	

**COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, ON
9TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chair), Cllr A Eades, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr, E O'Regan,
Cllr D Woods and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Bates.

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. Both Cllr Roberts and Cllr Woods declared a personal and prejudicial interest for item 4 on the agenda and left the room.

2. S/0032/10/F

Erection of a garden shed, Enclosure for an External Boiler and Siting of a New Oil Tank

9 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7SA

Dr James Hobro

The Council recommended approval for this application because the items in question are out of the way, down the garden and will not affect neighbouring properties.

3. S/1883/09/LB

Alter floor and excavate cellar under reception hall

9 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7SA

Dr James Hobro

The Council have no objections to the application as it seems to be in keeping with a property of this age, as it might be expected to have a cellar.

4. S0031/10/F

Relocation of access

Deans Farm, Shepreth Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG

Mr T Deans

(Both Cllr Roberts and Cllr Woods declared a personal and prejudicial interest for item 4 on the agenda and left the room and Cllr Flynn took over as Deputy Chair.)

The Council approve the application on the understanding that Highways would assess the issue of visibility.

5. Other Matters and Updates

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:50pm

A further planning meeting would need to be held prior to 16th March (the date of the next PC Meeting) and a date of Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at St Mary's was suggested and agreed. (If possible, the meeting with Cllr Roberts' colleague from SCDC should be arranged for this date).

Clerk &
Cllr
Roberts

	The meeting was then opened to members of the public and press.	
9.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: a) Proposed schedule of new charges: <i>The notes of the Burial Board meeting are below (the proposed fee increases have been attached as an appendix to these minutes.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Burial Board Meeting Notes - 19th January 2010</p> <p>Present: Cllr Woods (Chair), Cllr Roberts and Mrs Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>It was suggested that fees should increase, especially for people from outside of the village, especially as maintenance costs are increasing eg grasscutting, emptying of bin, new hedge work and the cost of new land etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that instead of age 12 being a benchmark, it should be age 18.</p> <p>The costs for non-residents of Fowlmere should be multiplied by 6 and it should be stated that a resident needed to have resided in Fowlmere with the year prior to death.</p> <p>The fee increases should be put to the Councillors at the next meeting (16th February 2010).</p> <p>Cllr Woods to chase Les Thurley about the renovation of the Bier.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Cllr Woods reported that the Bier should be completed soon</p> <p>Cllr Woods read out the proposed changes to the charges, pointing out that Fowlmere residents haven't been penalised (the rates haven't increased for 4 years) and they are still very reasonable compared to other parishes. The PC pays for the maintenance of the cemetery and it is very well maintained and the PC never asks for any additional money from the parish so these increases are necessary to keeping a good standard of maintenance at the cemetery.</p> <p>It was agreed that a note about natural burials not being allowed should be added to the document. Clerk to add to the list of charges.</p> <p>All agreed that the charges would go ahead, with a start date of 1st March 2010. Clerk to inform all local undertakers.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: a) Update on the Moat: The survey has now taken place but Bruce Hatton needs to make a return trip to the Moat which has caused a delay in the receipt of the actual report.</p> <p>It was reported that a resident in Chapel Lane has again complained about the overgrown trees alongside the ditch, running behind the houses on the LHS of Dovehouse Close. Cllr Eades to assess and report back to the Clerk.</p>	<p>Cllr Eades</p>

11.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: Chris Wall has quoted £258.84 for the additional hedge at cemetery around the new gate and all Councillors agreed to commission the work. The Clerk to confirm and say yes to Chris Wall.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Cllr Schonken offered that his details can be passed on to the Hauxton Clerk re the Fowlmere web-site, (Clerk to pass on.)</p> <p>Re location of dog waste bin in Long Lane. The Clerk to mail-shot the local residents to check if there are any objections to the planned location (and put on notice board.)</p> <p>Clerk to confirm to Juliette Webb that the date of the school summer fayre is fine.</p> <p>Following discussion and agreement, the Clerk to write to the Post Office saying that the PC would like them to seriously consider keeping the post box where it is, outside of the village shop as it is conveniently located and keeps the post boxes in the village evenly spaced.</p> <p>There is another PC cabinet meeting at SCDC on 23rd March at 7:30 – if any councillors are interested in attending they should let the Clerk know.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All Councillors</p>
13.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The list was updated and the Clerk to ask Cllr Kohler for an update on the bus shelter project.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>a) The date of the next meeting is 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at the URC Chapel, Chapel Lane with hopefully an extra meeting (and planning) to be held on Tuesday 2nd March.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	

Fowlmere Parish Council

Fowlmere Burial Ground

TABLE OF FEES, PAYMENTS AND SUMS fixed and settled under section 34 of the Burial Act 1852 by the **PARISH COUNCIL OF FOWLMERE** acting as the **BURIAL AUTHORITY** for the **PARISH OF FOWLMERE**.

The fees, payments and sums set out below apply where the person to be interred or in respect of whom the **Right** is granted is an inhabitant or parishioner of the **Parish of Fowlmere** (or who resided in the village up to a year prior to death.)

Or, in the case of a still-born child, where one of the parents is, or at the time of interment was, such a parishioner.

PART I – INTERMENTS

The fees indicated for the various heads of items listed below **DO NOT** include the digging of the grave.

For any interment:-

		Fowlmere Resident	Non Fowlmere Resident
(a)	of the body of a still-born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month	£12.00	£72.00
(b)	of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 18 years	£24.00	£144.00
(c)	of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 18 years	£35.00	£210.00
(d)	of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which an Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted:		
	Half Plot:-	£25.00	£150.00
	Full Plot:-	£50.00	£300.00
(e)	for the use of the bier	£5.00	£30.00

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PART II – EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

		Fowlmere Resident	Non Fowlmere Resident
(a)	for the Exclusive Right of Burial in perpetuity in an earthen grave 6 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 6 inches	£70.00	£420.00
(b)	for the Exclusive Right of Burial of cremated remains in an earthen grave 3 feet by 3 feet and a child under 7 years	£35.00	£210.00

PART III – VASES AND HEADSTONES

		Fowlmere Resident	Non Fowlmere Resident
(a)	a headstone not exceeding 3 feet in height	£30.00	£180.00
(b)	a headstone exceeding 4 feet in height	£60.00	£360.00
(c)	a vase not exceeding 18 inches in height	£10.00	£60.00
(d)	memorial stone not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches in length, 2 feet width and 5 inches height	£30.00	£180.00

NO KERBS OR FOOTSTONE ALLOWED – NO PLANTING OF ANY DESCRIPTION ALLOWED ON THE GRAVES WHICH MUST BE LEFT GRASSED FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT ‘NATURAL’ BURIALS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN FOWLMERE CEMETERY (IE COFFINS MADE FROM WICKER, CARDBOARD, BAMBOO OR COTTON ETC).

		Fowlmere Resident	Non Fowlmere Resident
(a)	The fees indicated for the various heads of this part include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first a fee of	£20.00	£120.00

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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL