

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
20TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr M Bates, Cllr A Eades, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr Schonken, Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Tim Stone,

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr W Kohler	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 16TH MARCH 2010 and 31ST MARCH 2010: Both sets of minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: All matters are to be covered in the agenda.	
5.	COUNCILLOR RESIGNATIONS: Following the resignation of Cllr Woods and Cllr Cook, it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of thanks to both. This leaves 2 vacancies, Clerk to draft a piece re recruitment to forward to Cllr Schonken for the web-site, and to the FATN and VH Newsletter (Cllr Bates). Cllr Roberts reported that Cllr O'Regan had volunteered to be the new Chair of Finance and Cllr Schonken had volunteered to be the Vice-Chair. Dorothy Woods was also the rep for the Poor Allotments Charity and Seniorlink and both positions need to be undertaken by PC representatives. Cllr Flynn volunteered to take on the Seniorlink role and Cllr Eades offered to take on the allotment charity role – all other Councillors agreed. Clerk to contact Dorothy Woods to advise her of the situation and arrange for any paperwork to be handed over and also to contact both organisations advising them of the change of personnel. A new Burial Board Chair would also need to be sought in due course.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
6.	VILLAGE HALL: The VH have been requesting the go-ahead on purchasing a new digital video recorder for the Village Hall. Following discussion, it was agreed that there was no point upgrading the recorder when the quality of the actual cameras isn't good enough to support the new system. Therefore, the Clerk to advise the VH committee that there are unfortunately not the funds available for that in the current precept as it has had to be used for other, more urgent matters but they would need to advise the Parish Council if they achieve separate funding for the actual cameras, and upgrade the system, in which case the recorder will go into the precept for the coming year. The Clerk to also speak to A2Z security and put them on long-term hold.	Clerk Clerk
7.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Councillor Stone gave his report:	

	<p>“Heydon Grange Windfarm <i>An action group is being set up to oppose a possible windfarm at Heydon Grange. Its inaugural meeting is taking place at Great Chishill Village Hall next Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.</i></p> <p>Rectory Lane wall <i>County highways say that they can only erect signs which appear in their book of rules. They have no wording which would fit the bill so they are not able to offer help and advice.</i></p> <p>Flint Cross <i>At yesterday’s meeting of the Area Joint Committee we were told that construction of the road safety improvements at Flint Cross will start in May and be over at the end of Summer.</i></p> <p>Potholes <i>You may have noticed that with improving weather there has been more robust pothole filling. I have again stressed the state of Mill Road/Fowlmere Road, as has the County Councillor for Melbourn. It is now proposed to put a weight limit on the road. It might help a bit as long as farmers still have access for machinery.”</i></p> <p>Cllr Bates reported on the poor state of the local roads, incl Westfield Road and also near the pump shed, near the car park to the Queen’s Head car-park. The Clerk also reported that Mr Elcock, Headmaster of Fowlmere School asked for the issue of potholes in the school road to be raised. Cllr Stone to bring the school road to the attention of Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Bates also mentioned that the main road through Newton was also in a very bad state of repair.</p> <p>Regarding the Rectory Lane signage – it was agreed that ‘Unsuitable for large vehicles’ would be a good compromise. Cllr Stone to report back.</p>	<p>Cllr Stone</p> <p>Cllr Stone</p>
8.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: a) SCOPING STUDY FOR HEYDON GRANGE WIND FARM Cllr Roberts introduced the proposed scheme. Cllr Schonken wanted to hear both sides of the argument and see how it would affect Fowlmere, for example would it be visible from the village? It was agreed that Cllr’s seek to attend meetings or receive information in order to get a full picture of the proposal, both negative and positive.</p>	
9.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: There has been some income for the Burial Board and a few enquiries but generally very quiet. Cllr Schonlen requested information on the Clerk on the function of the Burial Board for the web-site.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: a) UPDATE ON THE MOAT: Cllr Roberts reported that she had met up with Roz Richardson at the moat and the whole area is under a Tree Preservation Order but she has said she’s happy with what we’re trying to achieve and for the ones listed to be taken out.</p>	

	<p>She suggested not removing the tree with the wire – just to cut the wires. Dead elm trees will continue to stand well, good root systems</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Ms Richardson with the PC’s intentions to progress the tree work and that we are looking for stewardship financing. Any trees which are dangerous will be taken down immediately but the others we will stipulate need to be removed in the autumn after the nesting season. On reply from Ms Richardson, the Clerk to write to the local residents formally but send a holding e-mail in the short term.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts said that SCDC may remove the TPO from the area once the work is completed as they know the PC will look after the area.</p> <p>Cllr Bates reported that he had submitted the application to register the land with the Rural Payments Agency.</p> <p>Work to be undertaken by Chris Wall on Ryecroft Lane / Moat to be discussed at the next finance meeting (Clerk to put on the agenda)</p> <p>b) CAMBRIDGE ROAD TREE REMOVAL Cllr Roberts reported on the removal of 2 trees on the Thriplow triangle by the residents of Burnaby. The Clerk to write to the occupiers saying the PC was very disappointed with their decision to remove two healthy trees, which weren’t a danger and which formed an important visual aspect, at the entrance to the village. Also indicate that we received two verbal complaints from within the village about the removal of the trees.. Clerk to also register a complaint to CCC Highways for their disregard of a situation which has led to several complaints from the villagers, and copy in Cllr Stone.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: Nothing further to discuss following the earlier meeting.</p>	
12.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk to seek community chest funding re Seniorlink</p> <p>Clerk to explore shared training options for Cllr’s with Harston</p> <p>Clerk to reply to the Prices re their situation with the trees in the Moat</p> <p>Clerk to ask Chris to plant a new tree on the Butts following the recovery of costs, when appropriate.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: Clerk to chase Hewittsons re VH deeds etc</p> <p>Clerk to speak to Kirstin at MVC re Bus Shelter project and explain the insurance shouldn’t be a barrier to the project being completed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: Ron Ward provided daffodil bulbs for the village last year. Clerk to send a card to say they are now flowering and are appreciated by the village.</p> <p>Clerk to also send another card to John Stanford in Savile Road to say thank you for gritting the road for many years, as unfortunately he has advised Cllr Roberts</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>he will not be able to do it next year due to ill health.</p> <p>Cllr Flynn advised the PC that she is now on the Board of Governors at Fowlmere School and hoped this wouldn't be a conflict of interest and it was agreed that was not the case at all.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>	
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