

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD  
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE  
**19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Tim Stone and several members of the public.

		<b>Actions</b>
1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> There were apologies received from Cllr Webb.	
2.	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS:</b> No items were declared.	
3.	<b>NEW COUNCILLORS – DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</b> Cllr Roberts welcomed Cllr Bottrill and Cllr Flynn to the Parish Council and thanked them for their time and interest.	
4.	<b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011:</b> The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
5.	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> Cllr Stone to check re Duxford Liaison as Cllr Wragg has not had an invitation to a meeting yet.  The Bus Shelter will have a ceremony at 11:30am on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July to mark the new tiled panels which the school have made. They are currently being fixed to the shelter. All members of the PC invited – the school will attend.  Cllr Stone to chase David Lines re yellow lines survey – Thriplow Triangle.	Cllr Stone          Cllr Stone
6.	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:</b> Cllr Stone was gave the following report:  <b><i>“New Homes Bonus</i></b> <i>At the County’s cabinet meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July it decided to pocket the New Homes Bonus. That is £783,300 which was supposed to be spent after discussion with communities. In six years the annual amount will be £4,800,000 and the District Council will have about the same amount as well.</i>  <i>The money is to go to corporate reserves. “The funding will be available later in the year if there’s a requirement for it.”</i>  <i>Meanwhile the County’s bid for £5million of Local Sustainable Transport Fund has been unsuccessful. Cambridgeshire will be invited to try again next year. This might give us the opportunity to bid for local improvements.</i>  <b><i>Local Transport</i></b> <i>The bus subsidy cut issue rumbles on. I spoke at Cabinet about the County leaving communities in the dark about what is being proposed and was told by the Chairman that I was liverish. Afterwards the Cabinet member responsible told me that the County is proposing to pull together the budgets of school transport, the health service and so on to see what can be produced without the annual £2.7 million bus subsidy. There are to be a couple</i>	

	<p><i>of community transport projects which will test the new approach. In any event there will be no further subsidy cuts until at least next April.</i></p> <p><i>Because parish councils have so far been given no useful information about the way forward I have asked a Cabinet Member to come and talk to us to explain what is going on. He says he will but will need to have an officer in attendance. I await proposals for possible dates.</i></p> <p><b>Highway Programme Funding Allocation</b>  <i>I have e-mailed all parish councils about the proposals for spending the £50,000 allocated for Local Highway Schemes.</i></p> <p><i>The schemes appear to be a bit of a ragbag. Already Great and Little Abington have cancelled one each and Little Abington have added two. Duxford can't understand what theirs is about and Thriplow are a bit miffed about theirs. So there is much work to be done before next Monday.</i></p> <p><b>Libraries</b>  <i>I understand that the plan for a Trust to take over running the county's libraries has run into rough water. It could be "back to the drawing board" time, which is a pity after all the work and consultation which has gone on. In any event there will be no further changes apart from the library opening times and the introduction of more automation."</i></p> <p>Cllr Wragg requested additional minutes from meetings – Cllr Roberts to ask at SCDC re the New Homes Bonus.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts would be happy to consider taking on the work for the protected verges, in the proper way at the proper time. Clerk to get back in touch with CCC.</p>	
7.	<p><b>UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE HALL:</b>  There was nothing additional to report on the Village Hall</p>	
8.	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>  <b>a) Minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b></p> <p><b>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, FOWLMERE ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 AT 8:15PM</b></p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chair), Cllr O Regan, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr N Webb</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Several members of the public</p> <p><b>1. Declarations of interest (if any)</b>  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/1487/10 For information only – Permission granted</b>  Ten Affordable Dwellings  <b>Land adjacent to 4 Cambridge Road, Fowlmere</b></p>	

**Mr Darren Blake, Circle Anglia Ltd**

The Parish Council noted the decision. Cllr Roberts reported that the Builder is now buying the land and the Housing Association has now submitted the bid for funding, so there is progress, albeit a little slow.

**3. S/0739/11 For information only – Permission granted**

Replace park home with permanent dwelling

**Springfield, Fowlmere Road, Melbourn (Parish of Fowlmere)**

**Mrs Maxine Blyth**

The Parish Council noted the decision

**4. S/0503/11 For information only – Permission granted**

Detached Garden Room

**2 East Barns, Chrishall Grange Road, Fowlmere, Royston**

**Mr M Sykes**

The Parish Council noted the decision

**5. S/0374/11 For information only – Permission granted**

Installation of domestic heating oil storage tank at the front of the property and erection of a slatted wooden screen

**66 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere**

**Mr Robert Cullen**

The Parish Council noted the decision

**6. S/0462/11 For information only – Permission granted**

Construction of a Kiosk to House a Booster Pump on the Clean Water Network with an Access Track Within the Existing Cambridge Water Company Site and an Additional Parking Space for Maintenance Visits

**Fowlmere Pumping Station, Chrishall Road, Fowlmere, Cambs**

**Mr Martin Styles, Cambridge Water Company**

The Parish Council noted the decision

**7. S/0526/11 For information only – Application withdrawn**

Erection of Two Dwellings

**The Nurseries, The Way, Fowlmere**

**c/o Cheffins**

The Parish Council noted the decision

**8. S/1233/11**

Erection of Single Storey extension in place of existing conservatory

**Pear Tree House, Thriplow Road, Fowlmere**

**Mr and Mrs Simon and Julia Brooks**

The Parish Council has no objections and recommends approval, the design is not impinging on neighbouring properties and is in keeping with the area.

9. S/1043/11

Outline Planning Application for 9 Affordable Dwellings

**Land to the rear of Pipers Close, Fowlmere**

**Chartism Housing**

The Parish Council strongly object to this application. Fowlmere Parish Council already supports a scheme for affordable housing in Fowlmere which is in process. It is the Council's stated policy to complete this process and see it in operation for a full two years and then test whether another is required. This application is contrary to this policy.

The Parish Council have already submitted comments to the previous application S/1236/10, which would still apply

10. S/1223/11

Erection of Dwelling

**Land West of The Way, Fowlmere**

**c/o Cheffins**

The Parish Council strongly object to this application. The PC would request that if their view is contrary to that of SCDC, we would ask the officers contact the Local District Councillor as to her view of requesting it goes to the planning committee for decision, not on delegated powers. This site is unacceptable for a domestic dwelling. It does not preserve or enhance, is in the conservation area, too close in proximity to neighbouring properties, is in the flood plain and will still have an overbearing effect, despite now only being one storey. The design is not in keeping and the 'screening' stated in the application simply does not exist - and there is little scope to improve the screening. The property and potential residents will suffer from its position and proximity to the factory entrance and associated traffic and parking etc. The very fact that they are requiring triple glazing, proves the environmental health issues are valid – it is a real problem site.

Lastly, the Parish Council mentioned in their comments to the previous application on this site (S/0521/11) that this application should be taken into consideration jointly with the other one on the same factory's land (S1226/11), which would mean an element of affordable housing would need to be included.

11. S/1226/11

Erection of Two Dwellings

**The Nurseries, The Way, Fowlmere**

**c/o Cheffins**

The Parish Council strongly object to this application. The PC would request that if their view is contrary to that of SCDC, we would ask the officers contact the Local District Councillor as to her view of requesting it goes to the planning committee for decision, not on delegated powers. Two large, two-storey dwellings are planned for a site which currently has one very modest bungalow. The application is detrimental to all neighbouring properties – they will be very close in proximity and constantly overlooked. There is screening on the plans which does not exist in reality. The quality of life for potential residents would be detrimental as they are on top of a large car park which is gravelled and already emits a lot of noise which can be heard from properties further away. The floodlighting in the factory and car park will spill out

	<p>into the area – subject to extensive light and noise pollution as the factory operates 7 days a week, almost continually, there will no break in these levels.</p> <p>Lastly, the Parish Council mentioned in their comments to the previous application on this site (S/0521/11) that this application should be taken into consideration jointly with the other one on the same factory's land (S1226/11), which would mean an element of affordable housing would need to be included.</p> <p><b>12. Other Matters and Updates</b> Other Matters and Updates <i>(for information only)</i></p> <p>There were no further matters for discussion.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:50pm</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record and were signed accordingly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><b>b) Affordable Housing in Fowlmere Update – Thriplow Triangle</b></p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported there was nothing additional to add about the TT, we are waiting for building to start.</p> <p>A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm, at St Mary's for new applications which have recently come in</p>	
9.	<p><b>BURIAL BOARD:</b> An inquiry has been made re a purchase of a half plot for internment of ashes.</p>	
10.	<p><b>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</b> <b>a) Moat Trees</b> Cllr O'Regan to chase Acacia re the work on the Chestnut trees at The Butts.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported on wood left in piles at the Moat and bad erosion from a rope swing from an overhanging bough. Cllr Roberts and Cllr O'Regan visited The Moat and noted the bad erosion with no vegetation to hold it together. The Moat is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and needs to be protected. Chris Wall removed the wood and took down the swing and would hope the situation is now rectified. (Overhanging branches need to be returned to the owners property.) Cllr Roberts sought advice from Conservation at SCDC re the exposed bank, it needs to be reported to English Heritage (Ancient Monuments Inspector – Will Fletcher 01223 582710) Cllr Roberts proposes he is contacted to come and give his view re the exposed stretch, everywhere else is in good order. All agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg questioned the issue of access as it is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and the issue of funding needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Dan O'Connell at CCC also needs to be advised about what has happened. Clerk to inform him as he may wish to inspect the area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The meeting was opened to members of the public.</b></p> <p>Mr Lester said that the damage may not have happened if the work proposed in the survey had been undertaken more quickly. The PC have neglected their duties. Cllr Roberts said</p>	Cllr E O'Regan

	<p>that the PC are trying to achieve funding for the work which will take place over a period of years. The only tree that had to be removed, was removed immediately. Mr Lester said all the other work should have been undertaken in a year. Cllr Roberts explained this simply isn't possible from the precept and needs to come from external funding (English Heritage). Mr Lester expressed his concern over trees that have fallen down, would have fallen very near to his property. The Insurers would advise if notices need to be put up about falling branches in high winds.</p> <p>Mr Lester would like some notice about people taking photos at the rear of the gardens, which include the rear of his house. Some discussion would have been welcomed. Mrs Wooldridge would have added her agreement to this, especially with regards to the wood. Hopefully it's clear as to who's property the wood is. Cllr Wragg suggested a reminder to that extent is put in the magazine and notice board. Mrs Wooldridge said that the only trees cut down by residents were given permission by the PC.</p> <p>Another resident questioned the boundaries of the Moat and they would be marked by proper plans. Perhaps the resident would need to see the deeds of their house.</p> <p>An up to date map from English Heritage to show the boundary which could be shared would be useful – Clerk to ask.</p> <p>Re the letter from – write to the children to say pleased they like the moat and hope they continue to enjoy it but the part where the rope is forms an ancient monument – PC must make sure it's not spoilt and lost to us which is why it sadly had to be removed. Clerk to send.</p> <p>Mr Lester - re flooding – people in the village have had their insurances increased to cover the potential for flooding, put together by the water authority. Were the PC aware?</p>	
11.	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</b>  a) <b>Update from Finance Meeting</b>  Nothing to report that has not been minuted.</p>	
12.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>  Clerk to contact Gardencare or Mr Salmons about fixing the leaning stone at the cemetery.</p>	
13.	<p><b>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</b>  The Action List was updated accordingly</p>	
14.	<p><b>OTHER MATTERS:</b></p> <p>Cllr Sunderland reported that 23 Ryecroft – public open space area, maintained by PC, remove and clear your bins asap – send letter</p> <p>A light in the High Street isn't working, Cllr Roberts to take the number for the Clerk to report it.</p> <p>Ask Hardy's to ensure it's included – Ryecroft Lane by the Electricity Station..</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:00pm</p> <p>There is no meeting in August, so the date of the next PC Meeting is 7:30pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the URC, Chapel Lane.</p>	