

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
17TH APRIL 2012 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Deborah Roberts (Chairman), Cllr L Wragg, Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr M Sunderland, and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: There were no attendees

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Webb	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 27TH MARCH 2012: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: Cllr Roberts has concerns over the increased 50% shared ownership, 50% housing association allocation at the Thriplow Triangle. She would like to know from SCDC how many families there are on the list who say they would wish to progress with shared ownership, to ensure that Fowlmere residents fill this allocation. The Clerk to approach SCDC. If there isn't enough demand from Fowlmere then the proportion of HA housing needs to be increased. This could be an issue for Fowlmere residents if houses are to be built which local people can't afford. Clerk also to check if the sale has been completed and what the schedule is for starting work - Autumn?.</p> <p>The tree work at the Thriplow Triangle has halted due to bird nesting season which may impact on the timescale. The Millennium tree still needs to be moved and the preferred location was impinging on local services underground. A new location has been reached and Mr Teasdale has agreed to maintain the tree for the first year but this is depending on there being no BT services underground. All Cllr's are happy with this location. Clerk to contact Mr Teasdale, Mike Cooper and Lovells to confirm.</p> <p>A new sign will be needed for the Millennium tree but this can be sorted out once it is moved.</p> <p>Beldam-Johns is a possibility for the name of the new road, the man who supplied the village with the memorial well (Clerk has checked spelling - his first name was Frederick).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Stone was unable to attend the meeting.	
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE a) Minutes from 27th March and 2nd April 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORM CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE ON 27TH MARCH 2012 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chair), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr Sunderland, Cllr Webb, Cllr Wragg and Mrs J Wright</p>	

(Clerk)

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Cllr O'Regan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Jerry Jackson, resident

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.

2. S/0512/12/FL

Rear single storey extension

Larksmead, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG

Mrs Elizabeth Williams

The Parish Council have no objections and therefore recommend approval. It is a modest extension and will not impinge on neighbouring properties. The materials chosen are in character with existing neighbouring properties.

3. S/0436/12/LD

Lawful Development Certificate for the occupation of the dwelling not by persons in agriculture work as per SC/72/1244

Lanacre, 86, Chrishall Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7RY

Mr Philip Rogers

Fowlmere Parish Council (FPC) is very concerned about setting precedent by recommending approval to this application as there are other properties in the village with similar restriction who are adhering to the certificate. SCDC should have enforced this many years ago and FPC would like to know why this has not been the case in time to report back to the next meeting (17th April 2012). Also, FPC would like legal advice from SCDC as to whether the applicant's assertion that his ten year lapse does indeed entitle him to a certificate of lawful development? FPC is not an enforcing body.

4. S/1226/11 For Information Only - Appeal Successful

Erection of two dwellings

The Nurseries, The Way, Fowlmere, SG8 7QS

Exemplar Living

The Parish Council noted the decision

5. S/2521/11 For information only - (notice of PC attendance at SCDC Planning Meeting)

Proposed conversion of building (B1 use) to poultry, pet and equestrian store.

Deans Farm, Shepreth Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG

T Deans

The Parish Council noted the information. Cllr Wragg attended the meeting on behalf of Fowlmere Parish Council and Cllr Roberts attended in her capacity of District Councillor. Cllr Wragg reported that there was lengthy discussion and there was support in the reasoning to *not* breach the village envelope policy for any reason. Cllr Wragg added that there were breaches of planning consent in place at the location and this was spotted by planning officers on the site-visit. Cllr Wragg said he is happy to go on record to say he has little faith that SCDC Planning Dept doesn't adequately follow through with planning enforcement. Cllr Wragg would like FPC to send a letter to SCDC Planning Enforcement Officers to ask when the breaches in planning be corrected and to reply by the end of April. Cllr Sunderland

suggested asking for a record of their attendance over the years. (Saffron Garner)

6. Other Matters and Updates

Other Matters and Updates *(for information only)*

An additional meeting needs to be held and it was agreed to hold it on Monday 2nd April at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, FOWLMERE ON MONDAY 2ND APRIL 2012 AT 7:30PM

PRESENT: Cllr J Peacock (Vice-chair), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Cllr D Roberts, Cllr P Flynn and Cllr N Webb.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Love, Mr S Mulholland, Mr M Robins, Mr M Cheetham - residents

1. Declarations of interest *(if any)*

Although absent from this meeting, as she has knowledge of this application, Cllr Roberts approaches any new information afresh should it later be placed before South Cambridgeshire District Council.

2. S/0594/12/FL

Erection of single storey dwelling and associated works

Land to r/o 80-86 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 &SD

Mr Stewart McGinty

The Parish Council, whilst it does not object in principal to a single storey building being built on the plot, recommends refusal to this application for the following reasons:

Scale - the overall size and height of the proposed development is excessive in relation to the plot and it is disproportionately large. Also some measurements are incorrect, for example 3 out of 4 neighbouring gardens have a boundary fence height of 1.5m, not 1.8m as reported, which makes a material difference to the extent to which the proposed development would be perceived as overbearing by the existing neighbouring residents. Also the scale on PL(21)01 is not correct (it should be 1:100?) which has implications on the eventual overall height allowed.

Position - The proximity of the proposed development, including the overhang of the canopy, to the existing neighbouring boundary fences renders it extremely close (0.6m).

Height - The height of the lantern 'light' makes it significantly more intrusive than a standard single storey building would be. The lantern is specified to have glass sides which will reflect the sun on the adjoining properties for a significant part of the day.

Access - The design appears to encroach on the access to the scheduled ancient monument at the rear of the site (and appears to be the only access.)

3. Other Matters and Updates

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The Clerk reported that an application had been submitted for tree work from Sexton's cottage in the High Street. The Parish Council have already discussed and given permission for this work to go ahead but it now also needs SCDC to allow the work as it falls into the Conservation Area. Given that Fowlmere Parish Council has already given their agreement and approval, it was agreed the Clerk could respond to SCDC accordingly without holding an additional meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Cllr Roberts has taken legal advice from SCDC (Gary Duffy, Senior Planning Legal Officer) re Mrs Wetzl's letter about Mrs Roberts. He advised that all planning applications should be treated individually; SCDC are available to advise and if Mrs Wetzl is acting purely as an agent, then Cllr Roberts does not need to leave because of an alleged personal and prejudicial interest.

A planning meeting needs to be held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 1st May 2012 at St Mary's, prior to the Village Meeting

b) Correspondence with Local Press

Cllr Roberts hopes that all members of the PC feel they can discuss all parish items properly and can speak freely about them. With regards planning, all members need to act professionally and views need to be based on planning criteria not personal preferences / likes etc. Differences of opinion must be argued on planning criteria. A majority decision must be respected and should not be written about in the local press as it undermines the credibility of the Parish Council as a whole. An individual should therefore consider their position on the council if these items of best practice can't be adhered to, as it questions the credibility of decisions made by the Parish Council.

Cllr Wragg said that by being a Councillor you are giving up some of your freedom of expression in public, which is a potential frustration but needs to be realised.

Cllr Sunderland has been quizzed about why he can't look at someone else's property who is looking to develop their land. It is regarded as 'best practice' by SCDC to adhere to this and to not become involved. Cllr's are not available for consultation, they only look at formal applications once they have gone to SCDC; assessed on their merits, in line with planning policy. Cllr Sunderland asked for this to be minuted for reference.

c) Thriplow Triangle - to include 30mph speed limit

Cllr Roberts recalled that this has been raised previously, but the road needed to be built before the speed limit would be considered an extension on Cambridge Road. The Clerk to contact Tim Stone to remind him about this and ask how soon can we ask for the extension, so that it is in place when the houses are occupied. Cllr Bearpark said that the other exits in the village need to be considered, ie London Road to be extended to include 'Newlands'. Clerk to ask Tim Stone about this as well.

The Meeting was then opened to the members of the public and then closed.

Clerk

7.	BURIAL BOARD: There were no issues re the cemetery.	
8.	TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: Michael Bates plaque has been produced. It needs to go in a frame with transparent plastic and then face the pathway, raised above the ground. Then a date needs to be organised. Clerk to speak to Dave Salmons	Clerk
9.	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: There was nothing further to discuss, following the earlier Finance Meeting.	
10.	CORRESPONDENCE Cllr Roberts suggested a sign be put on the noticeboard re the change in police number - 101 for non-emergency calls. Suggest this is repeated on other village noticeboards ie URC, VH. Re Paul Derry's reply concerning Lanacre. The Clerk asked to look at the historical records to see if the PC have made SCDC aware over the years that it hasn't been run agriculturally. The Clerk to chase Saffron Garner at SCDC for a confirmation of receipt re Deans Farm letter. Sarah Warnes, resident asked if Fowlmere could have a jubilee beacon but there is not enough time or budget available for this. Clerk to replay back. Clerk to write for the FATN re best decorated house in Fowlmere, a prize of a bottle of champagne to be awarded for first place and a bottle of wine for the second place. Cllr Sunderland to ask Linda Church if she will be willing to judge. A leaflet to be produced, Clerk to organise.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk / Cllr Sunderland
11.	ACTION LIST UPDATE: The Action List was updated accordingly.	
12.	OTHER MATTERS: a) An update from the Duxford Neighbours Meeting Cllr Wragg attended the last Duxford Neighbour's meeting. Nothing has particularly impacted on Fowlmere - they have a good programme for 2012, with good visitor numbers. They have had 2 accident investigations and there are two further dates for Formula 1 testing. At the PC before October meeting, Cllr's should raise matters then for discussion at the next meeting. The Clerk to put in a reminder into the FATN re residents getting their neighbours card. b) Village Meeting - 1st May 2012 Invitations had been sent to the various Chairs and paperwork and agenda circulated c) Michael Bates - Tree Dedication This was discussed earlier in the agenda. All Cllr's agreed to release the cheque for the Village Hall for £2500. The meeting closed at 8:55pm	Clerk