

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
18th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr N Webb, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: There were no attendees.

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock and Cllr Stone	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH JULY 2012: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: There were some amendments needed to be made to the Registers of Members Interests, which were done and the Clerk will send the revisions to SCDC. Clerk to write to Greene King about the Queen's Head as no renovations have yet been started, to ask what is the timetable is for re-opening. The work has been undertaken on The Butts and it seems to have been well received other than one resident who thought the posts were too tall but Cllr Roberts explained that they needed to be visible in terms of height to avoid tripping etc.	All/Clerk Clerk
5.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Stone was unable to attend the meeting but gave the following report: "Buses <i>The County Council is getting closer to a solution to transport services in our area. At a meeting on 12th September for parish councils it was decided that the options to be put to a public meeting in Whittlesford Memorial Hall on 28th September would essentially be for the 7a service to become a 40 minute bus covering Hinxton, Whittlesford and Heathfield.</i> <i>I find the options on offer to be better than the existing situation but still well short of an optimum. We were told that there would be integration of regular bus, school transport and health transport as well as a contribution from community transport (as in Royston and District Community Transport) and dial-a-ride. All that is on offer is a minibus service replacing a bus service.</i> <i>It is very good that Fowlmere Parish Council is well represented at all these meetings. It will soon be the turn of the 31 to lose its subsidy. By then I very much hope that the County Council will have got its act together and will be proposing properly crafted solutions for local transport needs.</i> Superfast Broadband <i>The County now has over 13,000 people who have registered for superfast broadband.</i>	

	<p><i>There have been 51 registrations from Fowlmere out of a possible of 475 recorded "premises." That is 10.7%, which is very good for our part of the world. A few villages have reached 80%, though direct comparisons are distorted by the fact that some places already have superfast broadband in all or part of the village. Also, as in Fowlmere, some broadband speeds are perfectly adequate for people's current needs and they feel they have no incentive to register. I would encourage them to do so nevertheless. I have found by knocking on doors that there are still many people who would like to register but just haven't got round to it.</i></p> <p><i>A reminder that the website is at : www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/</i></p> <p>South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options report <i>People have up until noon on 28th September to respond to this report. I have emailed all parish clerks to explain why I think it is so important for parish councils to respond and am delighted that Fowlmere has taken up the challenge. We don't agree on all the issues but there is enough common ground for the District Council to have useful input. While all the elements in the consultation are important it does seem to me that parishes have a unique opportunity to carve out their own individual niches and to campaign for more planning decisions to be devolved to them. That is what localism should be about."</i></p> <p>Cllr Bottrill added that our current bus subsidy works out at around £2.80 per passenger (route 31) but the trial in Whittlesford is working out at £16 subsidy per passenger.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported back to Cllr Webb on an issue re the public footpath in Long Lane.</p> <p>a) CHAPEL LANE DRAINAGE</p> <p>Clerk to report back to Mr Nolasco that the roads are not under the jurisdiction of the PC but are County Council's responsibility and suggest contacting Cllr Stone. The question re cleaning out culverts are similarly - contact Highways direct.</p>	Clerk
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</p> <p>a) THRIPLow TRIANGLE</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported that the land at the Thriplow Triangle has been sold as of 14th September. Hopefully work can now start.</p> <p>b) LOCAL PLAN</p> <p>This was covered in the previous Planning Meeting</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened and closed to members of the public</p>	
7.	<p>BURIAL BOARD:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that there had been several deaths in the village and a few plots had been sold.</p> <p>Dave Salmons has repaired a broken window in the chapel.</p> <p>Cllr Webb mentioned that some graves are not being cut - Clerk to ask for them to be included.</p> <p>Clerk to report back to Ivett and Reed re memorial stone for Barker, suggest wording for the reverse goes on the plinth as backs have to remain plain.</p>	Clerk Clerk

8.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</p> <p>A) TREE WORK (CEMETERY AND GENERAL SURVEY)</p> <p>Cllr Webb reported that a tree in Jackson's Way needs cutting back as it is impeding. a birch. Ask Roz at SCDC to take a look re removal at the expense of the residents.</p> <p>The Moat really needs to be looked at and Michael Bates is in the process of preparing a response to FPC.</p> <p>On the Savile Way green the rope swing has caused quite a bald patch - Clerk ask Chris Wall to fill in and let it recover.</p> <p>Cemetery tree to be felled - quote is in from Acacia. Cllr Sunderland Proposed, Cllr Webb seconded and all agreed. Clerk to progress.</p> <p>Acacia are also to undertake the village tree survey, at a cost of £560. Cllr Bottrill proposed, Cllr Flynn seconded and all agreed. Clerk to progress.</p> <p>The PC discussed the area in Savile Way opposite no 2 / 3 and concluded that is not in need of further work at present.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Tamsin re overhanging trees from the green to Savile Way Green</p> <p>Cllr Roberts spoke to Agriplant re Ryecroft Lane Will undertake work when they do the protected verges. Clerk to check with Richard at Agriplant</p> <p>Ask Chris to look alongside Belson's House.</p> <p>B) BENCH IN CHURCHYARD</p> <p>Clerk to ask Chris if the bench is available and then ask to quote for fixing it in place in the churchyard . Then ask the Church to maintain it if the PC pay for the installation - put in writing.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</p> <p>A) UPDATING WORK ON CEMETERY BOOKS</p> <p>Clerk to undertake some overtime on recording the burial books on the computer. This led to the request for a back-up memory stick to be sent to the Chair on a regular basis to avoid any disaster. Clerk to purchase.</p> <p>B) FRIENDSHIP CLUB</p> <p>Beryl May has sent a letter asking if the PC would be willing to extend their donation to the Christmas dinner again for 2012 for £250. The PC agreed that it was possible to make this donation again.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The auditors have asked for more information and the Clerk is in the process of preparing that for them.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</p> <p>Clerk to organise a repairs to the slide unit at the Butts.</p> <p>Re opposite the school where the road has collapsed, Cllr Roberts said it should be responsibility of Geoff Clark at SCDC Housing Dept Officer - the sign is also collapsing. Clerk to ask him to investigate.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>A) UPDATE ON DUXFORD NEIGHBOUR MEETINGS</p>	

Cllr Wragg reported that there was to be another meeting next month when he presumes they will report on the success of their summer season.

B) PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported on Linda Browne (Parish Liaison from SCDC) visiting who was saying the Parish could put together a Parish Plan. The Councillors thought this would not be needed at present but would give it more thought and discuss again next month.

Cllr Flynn asked if a special meeting could be held to discuss the lack of facilities in the village. Cllr Roberts said that it's a sign of the times that these facilities have disappeared but by setting a meeting, then expectations could be raised and opportunities discussed that don't meet planning policy etc. And enterprises need impetus from individuals, not started by the PC. Cllr Bottrill added that enterprises such as community transport have a lot of benefits and there is a Foxton scheme which Fowlmere residents could tap into. Clerk to ask the Royston and District Community Transport owner to come to a meeting to talk the PC through what they provide.

C) 2013 MEETING DATES

All dates were agreed. 11th December as a proposed date for a Christmas meal was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:10