

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, URC, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7:15PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr N Webb

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Tokley, Mrs L Allen, Mr P Barker, Mr P Barker, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Ravenhill (both from Shepreth PC)

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/0113/13/FL

First floor side extension

1, Savile Way, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TU

Mr J Webb

The Parish Council recommend approval as the PC think it's a normal progression - it's an upward move of a fairly small size.

3. S/2543/12/FL - For information only - Approved

Loft conversion with rear dormer roof extension and rooflights

3 Cambridge Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7QN

Mr Duncan Easto

The Parish Council noted the decision.

4. Other Matters and Updates

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Cllr Roberts updated the Council on the fact that Mr and Mrs Deans won their planning appeal regarding Deans Farm. This came in after the agenda was circulated.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

A firm is looking to re-locate in the village upon land to the rhs of the entrance road to the Butts Industrial estate which is classed as 'Important Countryside Frontage' and is outside the village envelope, against the Local Development Plan and will set precedent. Cllr Wragg said this is a waste of money for all concerned as it simply shouldn't be allowed to be taken any further because of the reasons stated. There are plenty of other sites that are specifically

	<p>designed for industrial usage in villages in SCDC which are built in mind to cater for industrial growth. Fowlmere does not have that designation. The PC to circulate information to residents once a meeting by the developer has been set.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg said that there seems to be several lapses in breaching precedent at SCDC Planning, which FPC are very concerned about.</p> <p>The PC to send a letter to Sarah Stephens Head of Planning - Cllr Wragg and Cllr Roberts to put together a letter.</p> <p>In another incident at SCDC Planning, regarding an application in Jacksons Way for Selby, FPC's comments were not recorded, despite being posted and e-mailed, the neighbours were not informed and the notice wasn't put up, another example of things going wrong in SCDC Planning.</p>	<p>Cllr Roberts / Cllr Wragg</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Stone gave the following report:</p> <p>"Streetlights <i>I have still had no response to how parishes may retain streetlights which the County's Private Finance Initiative contractor intends to remove. I believe we may be able to get elucidation at a Members' Seminar on Friday. Meanwhile our former street lighting supremo, Chris Sproston, leaves the county today.</i></p> <p>Superfast Broadband <i>The contract with BT has been signed. As I understand it, BT have gone away to consider its priorities for introduction across Cambridge and Peterborough. Exactly who is in control – Connecting Cambridgeshire or BT – should be explained at the aforementioned Members' Seminar on Friday.</i></p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership <i>The week before last I went to a meeting of parish councils with the County's footpath people in Over. There was nobody there from any of the parishes in the Duxford Division and frankly they didn't miss much, though the officers looking after footpaths were very helpful.</i></p> <p>A couple of snippets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Defra have landowner information, which they have passed to the county council. It is available for use by parish councils.</i> ➤ <i>Parishes can download and use maps from the Ordnance survey website. There are some conditions attached, but they aren't particularly onerous.</i> ➤ <i>With the Community Infrastructure Levy due to replace a lot of the Section 106 money, an assurance that a minimum of 15% will pass to parishes and no more direct reimbursement to parish council for work they do on footpaths, it might be a good idea to plan ahead how to spend the CIL money and what you need to make your initiatives a success. Of course the money doesn't have to be spent on footpaths. We are to be told more about CIL on Friday – a very busy day for councillor education.</i> <p>Dottrell Hall <i>The pile looks just as imposing as it even did. As work on removing it appears to have ceased</i></p>	

	<p><i>the County will now be following the prescribed legal route to have the waste removed and the land reinstated.</i></p> <p>31 Bus <i>I have now had confirmation that there is insufficient time for adequate consultation before the 31 is due to lose its subsidy. As a result the county council has confirmed to Cozys that the subsidy will continue beyond September until an alternative has been adopted. As continuation will be at Cozys' discretion the County has undertaken that should Cozys give notice then the County will provide an alternative bus company providing exactly the same service.</i></p> <p><i>I have written an article for the Fowlmere and Thriplow News but as that doesn't reach every household, I would appreciate any help you can give in spreading the word.</i></p> <p>Minor Highway Improvements <i>In case you have submitted a proposal for this year's round of Minor Highway Improvements, you may have received an invitation to present your proposal and ask questions. The first meeting will take place on Monday 25th between 9 am and 5 pm and a second on Friday 5th April at 11.30am. As far as I am aware nobody has been given a timetable so presumably it's first come first served. Apparently last year some parishes thought they would be called to give a presentation and complained when they weren't. The panel decided without presentations on the projects which were clearly good ones. It then invited only those parishes to present their bids where their proposals were marginal and needed further explanation."</i></p> <p>Clerk to put Cllr Stone's article on the notice board / web-site / bus shelter.</p> <p>Clerk to purchase a departing card and gift for Cllr Stone's last week</p> <p>The meeting was opened to members of the public</p> <p>Mr Neil was surprised that not all of the Councillors have all visited the pub despite several saying they had and praising it. He also was concerned that firms may leave the village if they can't move within it. The complexities of the planning system were then explained further so that Mr Neal could appreciate more of the procedure/good practice that FPC have to follow.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: a) Chapel Roof The Clerk circulated costs that have been quoted for the work. A quote for £746 from Lander and Linsey Roofing was accepted (Cllr Wragg proposed, Cllr Sunderland seconded and all agreed.)</p> <p>2 further plots have been sold in the Cemetery to Mr and Mrs Freestone.</p>	
8.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: a) Update on the Moat - Resurvey to take place Work will take place in the week beginning 1st April</p> <p>b) Village Tree Survey - Work to be undertaken Cllr Roberts to propose, Cllr Sunderland to second and all agreed that the first year of work should take place. Clerk to commission work.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>c) Village MOT - To arrange .This item was discussed later.</p> <p>d) New Dog-bin near Thriplow Triangle Cllr Webb proposed and Cllr Wragg seconded this proposal and all agreed to install a new bin near to the Thriplow Triangle. Clerk to commission installation.</p> <p>e) Trees near Dovehouse Close It was agreed to quote to survey the trees in the ditch area which FPC now understand the have responsibility for one side of it (SCDC have the other nearest to the houses).</p> <p>The fallen tree was removed from the garden and left as habitat.</p> <p>School Summer Fayre - The PC are fine for the school summer fair to take place and ask the PTFA to keep vehicular access to a minimum.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: There is nothing further to report.</p>	
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE The correspondence list was noted.</p> <p>Joan Adam's Seniorlink system is almost ready to install as the paperwork is being processed.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts to take a look at the uneven path outside the Old Manse in the High Street where a resident complained because he tripped and fell over an obstacle embedded in the pavement.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Roberts</p>
11.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	
12.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: The Cllr's will undertake a Village MOT and finish at the Swan for the postponed Christmas gathering. Clerk to arrange a date and also circulate a date for the village MOT.</p> <p>Some of the speed limit signs need attention. Clerk to investigate and report as necessary. the school flashing signs need fixing again.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:15pm</p>	<p>Clerk / All</p> <p>Clerk</p>