

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
18TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.30 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Topping, Mr Teasdale, Mr and Mrs Scrimshaw, Mr Bates,

		Actions
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr N Webb.</p> <p>It was requested that Cllr Topping and Mr Bates speak at the front end of the meeting due to other commitments.</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 21ST MAY 2013: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts replied In response to Mr Teasdale - SCDC cannot stop parking on the Cambridge Road but if there were problems in the future this could be explored again. Also, re the implications of noise from heat-source pumps - this will be discussed at a meeting with SCDC.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts added that Ms Jo Mills has taken over as Head of Planning at SCDC, possibly temporarily.</p> <p>Dave Salmons has undertaken many jobs in the village - repainted the pump house, repaired the kerb, repaired all the play equipment in line with ROSPA. The Cllr's are very pleased with the work he has done. If the handle can be re-discovered it could be repaired too in the Pump House.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising not on the agenda.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping attended the meeting and gave the following report:</p> <p>"1. Dotterall Hall You asked me to find out about the ongoing enforcement action. The county officers sent me this update in response:</p> <p><i>"I can confirm that the third and final step (i.e. returning the land back to its previous condition) contained within the Enforcement Notice requires compliance by the 24 June 2013. A site visit will be carried out shortly after the 24 June 2013 – likely to be by 28 June - to assess whether all the steps contained within the notice have been complied with in full.</i></p> <p>In respect of Bridgefoot Farm, County Council officers and officers from the Environment Agency have been working closely with the landowner and the site operator to ensure compliance with both the planning permissions and the exemption (issued by the Environment Agency). The main concern at present is the amount of waste wood currently on site. The</p>	

exemption allows for a limited amount of waste wood materials to be stored on site at any one time. it is understood that this limit has been exceeded. Accordingly, the Environment Agency are taking steps to ensure compliance with the terms of the permit, and to reduce the amount of waste wood being stored on site. As part of this, the landowner and operator of the site are also fully aware of the planning requirements and will endeavour to reduce the height of the stockpiled material. Unfortunately, this will not be achieved overnight and will take a period of time for full compliance to be met.

The 'illegally' tipped waste you have referred to in your recent email are considered 'fly-tipping' incidents and are not dealt with by the County Council. As such, these incidents of fly-tipping have been passed on to Chris Bradley at South Cambridgeshire District Council for further investigation."

I have asked them what is the timescale for taking action if, when they visit at end June, the steps required have not been followed.

2. The County's roll out of **Super Fast Broadband** will not be coming to South Cambs villages until 2014 at the earliest which is disappointing.

The Connecting Cambridgeshire website will be updated in the coming months to include a map and Parish Checker allowing residents to find out how their area fits in to the programme.

3. Household waste - The MBT facility remains suspended following the structural failure in September 2012. AmeyCespa have undertaken assessments to determine the cause of the failure and have put a rectification programme in place. Work continues in accordance with this programme. All other parts of the facility remain fully operational. AmeyCespa have indicated that the plant should be online by the end of 2013.

4. Local highways initiative bids: The bids have been through an initial sifting process. The information from this is currently being collated with a view to reaching final sign off by mid-June.

6. County council transport strategy is due out for consultation in July and this will be the chance to input for example on speed limits through villages and on the A505 (he will send a link through).

7. Resurfacing of roads including Sawston by-pass scheduled for end June by the County's contractor - no additional costs incurred by the county as the contractor made the mistake."

Mr and Mrs Scrimshaw asked the question how can the Council get sat-nav directions changed because many sat-navs direct traffic past their house towards the pedestrian access to the Butts which is a dead-end. Cllr Topping to look towards a sign.

The Council asked Mr Topping to chase up the re-lining of the junction with the Foxton Road and Cambridge Road.

Mr Bates was invited to speak about the Village Hall and the new occupation licence they

	<p>have prepared. The Social Club is £1300 in arrears and the VH has been trying to resolve the situation amicably but have received very little in response. If the Social Club is in difficulties, the VH cannot support them financially but they obviously do not wish to see them close. But it isn't possible to be more supportive without subsidising a business which a charity simply cannot do - it would be in breach of charity law. The VH is looking for support from the PC in principle to supporting this document (which is for a year and can be renewed by both parties). Rent was £110 per month and this has been increased to £125 per month. The PC owns the land and the Village Hall Management Trust are the trustees of the building so the PC doesn't 'own' the building. The PC is being consulted purely as Landlords. The Social Club are not obliged to accept this and if they decline to accept it, then the VH have to make some difficult decisions. This process is to make sure that the Social Club appears are paid and to ask them to adopt a more reasonable and conciliatory attitude towards the VH. This agreement will make the Social Club's position much stronger as well. Cllr Roberts commended Mr Bates on preparing this and thanked him for all his hard work (Cllr Wragg too). Cllr Roberts also added that the Social Club aren't paying any business rates to SCDC. Cllr Flynn proposed, Cllr O'Regan seconded and all agreed to support the new document.</p>	
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</p> <p>A) THE THRILOW TRIANGLE - MEETING WITH SHEPRETH PC</p> <p>Work has started in earnest. There has been concern over the Millennium Oak but Lovells have made assurances that it is alive and is being properly looked after.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts and Wragg met with Shepreth PC to instigate a meeting with SCDC re the concerns over the tenure balance (30% to 50% of shared ownership) as discussed at previous meetings. The PC are trying to arrange a meeting with SCDC to find out some answers - someone from the Housing Association has been asked to attend - the Council is fine with that. The PC wishes a legal representative to attend because they wish to clarify obligations placed on SCDC who <i>take</i> the decisions, as opposed to the two PC's who <i>don't</i> take the decisions and understand the scope. It was agreed the Clerk should reply back to SCDC and ask Schuyler Newstead which dates would be suitable but stress that time is pressing.</p> <p>B) SCDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported that the final piece of work from SCDC came out on 3rd June which clarifies that SCDC is looking for development in villages closer to Cambridge, where sustainability is not an issue - both commercially and for housing. The nearest to Fowlmere is Melbourn but on a much smaller scale than they had been asked for.</p> <p>None of the 7 pieces of land put forward in Fowlmere have been accepted. The framework is retained as it is at the moment.</p> <p>There is one final consultation until September 2013 but this is unlikely to change now - it is more secure now.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts hopes that the PC will agree that they support in principle the village retaining this framework and work to it, which is the way the PC have always worked, in line with the village framework strategy.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg was pleased to see that the village envelope won't be weakened. It was agreed that the PC agree to use this as their template and suggested something could be put on the</p>	Clerk

	<p>web-site and FATN to explain this.</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened to members of the public.</p> <p>Mrs Scrimshaw asked about access to plans (re planning applications) and was advised that they can be viewed on SCDC web-site, at the meeting or by appointment at the Clerks. It was suggested the planning meeting opens an hour early for anyone wishing to view the plans for the Ion Science application.</p> <p>Mr Teasdale mentioned that some plans (re Thriplow Triangle) have changed re access for bin collection at SCDC and showed the plans to the committee. He commented that the people on site are very friendly. Mr Teasdale has read the Section 106 agreement to see that the village receives money and queried how the village contribution will be used. Cllr Roberts said it would be used as stated in the agreement. He also queried the qualifying criteria for housing which is the basis of the meeting the PC are to have with SCDC re the tenure split. Mr Teasdale feels that the rental properties should be matched to the size of the house. Mr Teasdale asked if the village has a say who goes into the houses - the answer is no but this is why the PC worked so hard on the Section 106 agreement to tighten up the connections to the village ie an Exception Site. Mr Teasdale felt the rest of the triangle should have been developed and Cllr Wragg added that larger villages have had the emphasis placed on them because they have the services etc. Other members of the village may wish to debate this and Mr Teasdale is glad the information will be put on the web-site etc re the Local Development Plan. It is difficult for any village to express just one collective opinion. Mr Teasdale then asked about the viability of the Social Club. Cllr Wragg responded - they believe they Sports and Social Club is a business, not a charity and don't think it's not-for-profit but the Social Club won't attend any meetings to confirm. It's sub-tenant is in arrears to the Village Hall. Mr Teasdale queried if they charge VAT on their beer and was advised that the VH committee have asked to see the accounts. Mr Teasdale concluded by saying he feels that the Ion Science planning meeting will be emotive - the leaflet should provide factual information.</p> <p>The Clerk to thank Mr Sheldrick for replacing the fence behind the play equipment on The Butts which has made a huge improvement.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: a) BURIAL BOARD MEETING Clerk to thank Mr Kenzie for all his hard work on the restoration of the Bier. Clerk to mention it in the next edition of the FATN.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: The PC are happy for the self-seeded sycamore to be removed from the land adjacent to his property and noted his maintenance works (not in the Conservation area).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Moat area has now been strimmed.</p> <p>The PC are still awaiting costs for the tree work in the Moat - Clerk to chase.</p> <p>It was agreed that Chris Wall should be asked to quote for trimming back the green area opposite 3 Savile Way and also the trees on the green which are impinging on lamps.</p> <p>It was noted that that trees from 'The Green' are still overhanging on the green Ryecroft Lane area.</p>	Clerk Clerk

9.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</p> <p>a) POST OFFICE FUNDING</p> <p>Clerk to ask Lisa Turner how much has been spent so far and to let her know that the PC is very supportive and looking to provide some funding. It may need to wait until next year. The PC is very grateful for their continued help and support to get the PO up and running.</p> <p>The Clerk updated the PC on the funding for a bed sensor for Mr Wood and will cash the cheque from the Community fund once it is installed. Grateful thanks to the Fowlmere Community Fund for their generous donation.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The correspondence list was noted.</p>	
11.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</p> <p>The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	
12.	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>A) UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL (AND PC LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE)</p> <p>Cllr Wragg is looking for a representative to replace him on the Village Hall. Cllr O'Regan and Cllr Roberts offered to share the position from September.</p> <p>Cllr Bearpark has volunteered to be tree warden for the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to include asking residents not to let their dogs foul in the village in the next FATN.</p> <p>SCDC have left rubbish on the verge outside the school after installing solar panels at 1 Westfield Road. Cllr Roberts has complained to SCDC. She also reported that they are being fitted without proper scaffolding.</p> <p>Cllr Bearpark asked if the public session could be restricted. The meetings don't actually have to be open but perhaps a time limit needs to be set per person. A member of the public with a large number of queries would be advised how better the PC could respond to their needs. Members of the public can also write to the PC.</p> <p>The PC were sorry Mrs Aldous felt the grass wasn't being blown away from the graves properly but unfortunately there probably wasn't anything else that could be done.</p> <p>The next PC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th July at 7:30pm at the Chapel, with a Finance meeting beforehand.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:20pm</p>	Clerk