

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
15TH OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Howe

		Actions
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Peacock and Cllr N Webb</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising not on the agenda.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping did not attend the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>TRAFFIC IN FOWLMERE: Dr Christopher Howe attended the village after contacting the Clerk with concerns about speeding in the village. He introduced himself and said that he lives in Long Lane and has lived in Fowlmere for 20 years and is increasingly concerned about the traffic through the village. There are 2 problems - the amount of traffic, in particular HGV's (at all times of day) cutting through the village - is this perhaps due to sat-nav re-directions. Also the roads are in a poor state of repair and is concerned about the tunnel under the High Street. Speed is also a real issue, going much faster than 30mph. Other residents at the 'exits' of the village are also concerned. Speed checks have produced some statistics - 8% of cars go over 30mph but this was taken in the centre of the village, it will be worse at the edges. 85% leave the village at 39mph or more. The potential effects on a pedestrian collision is huge - 5% chance of being killed at 30mph and 50% at 40mph. What can be done? He would like the Council to take some action and is very willing to help out.</p> <p>The PC agreed with the comments raised by Dr Howe. It was agreed that Cllr Topping should speak to the County Council. The flashing speed lights are perhaps not much of a deterrent. The CC would need to give the go-ahead for any new speed restrictions. Is there an available budget to upgrade the flashing signs to radar speed signs - Cllr Topping to check.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the condition of the tunnel needs to be checked as this could be a good point of persuasion. Can vehicles over a certain weight be banned - linked to the tunnel. It should be listed as a heritage asset. Clerk to also raise this with Peter and he may need to bring a CCC representative to the next meeting with proposals and idea of money available in the budget for the coming years for this work.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg agreed and says most villages have this problem and it's often residents who speed as well. Speed bumps are costly and cause damage to cars. A camera which gives</p>	Cllr Topping

	<p>you your speed is better. There are now 'Police Commissioners' in Cambridge and they should be approached for answers on how to reduce speeding in villages. Speeding is a low priority for the Police yet points on the licence and fines will change the behaviour of people speeding.</p> <p>Dr Howe added that Cllr Topping had speeding in villages on his manifesto and he needs to stick to this commitment.</p>	
7.	<p>PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING (SCDC): Cllr Wragg attended this meeting and reported that SCDC and Cambs City have been asked to contribute to work on the A14 but the cost is getting on for 1 Billion pounds and Cllr Wragg says this is tantamount to bullying and if one party doesn't pay then the project could be in danger of being shelved.</p> <p>Clerk to share the minutes</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013:</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORM CHURCH, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7:15PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Cllr P Flynn, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock and Cllr N Webb.</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Mr W Teasdale, Mr Parker.</p> <p>1. Declarations of interest (if any) Cllr Roberts declared that if an application is later placed before South Cambridgeshire District Council she will approach any new information afresh.</p> <p>2. C/11/40/029 Application to undertake work on trees situated within a Conservation Area. Fowlmere House, High Street, Fowlmere Dr Follows</p> <p>The Parish Council support this application but as ever, take on board the views of the SCDC Conservation Officer.</p> <p>3. Other Matters and Updates Other Matters and Updates <i>(for information only)</i></p> <p>The Elm on the area at the mouth of Ryecroft Lane is leaning but seems quite healthy. Clerk to ask Acacia to look when they are doing work in the village.</p>	

	<p>The Clerk advised of the dates of tree work undertaken by Acacia in the village - at the end of October.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts gave an update on the bungalow at The Way (lhs) - work has stopped because of an issue with ground water while they reconsider their options.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:27pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened and closed to members of the public.</p>	
9.	<p>BURIAL BOARD:.</p> <p>There is nothing further to report. One plot is still in need of payment part payment has been made (there are extenuating circumstance.) The Clerk to write to say that all payments need to be finalised by 30th November and after that date, part payment will be returned.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</p> <p>Cllr Flynn asked again about the tree at the junction of Ryecroft Lane and Isons Close. The Tree Officer visited it last year and has said the tree, although oddly shaped, is fine.</p> <p>Re the protected verges - we will be let known the date of the cut in due course and Cllr Roberts has a possible contact with a small tractor / trailer in Foxton (Richard Barnes) who could help collect the arisings.</p> <p>The grass at St Mary's / Savile Way was cut very shortly and has taken the surface off. It needs to be raised with Hardys.</p> <p>The Clerk has met with Hardys about their taking on some additional work in the village when Chris Wall stops.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</p> <p>There was nothing further to discuss, following the earlier meeting.</p>	
12.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The correspondence list was noted.</p> <p>Re the affordable housing meeting held at SCDC in July about the increased split between rented and part-buy properties, the minutes have been made available at SCDC and a copy can be obtained from the Clerk if so desired.</p> <p>Clerk to let the school, URC and St Mary's know about a recent spate of Village Hall break-ins (VH have already been alerted)</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</p> <p>The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	
14.	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>Cllr Roberts reported on the Village Hall AGM where several Cllr's attended. The PC has been enormously impressed with their fundraising efforts and they have turned a very bad situation around to a very positive one. Cllr Roberts and Cllr O'Regan to share the role as VH PC representative.</p>	

	<p>The Clerk was asked to report the state of the road in Jackson's Way and also at the mouth of Dovehouse Close where the drains keep blocking up. Clerk to chase up the white lines again at the mouth of the road from Foxtan into Cambridge Road.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate the list of 2014 meetings to all Cllrs.</p> <p>The date of the next PC meeting is Tuesday 19th November at 7:30pm at the Chapel.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:50pm</p>	
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