

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
21ST JANUARY 2014 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 L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Raby, Mr Bates, Mr David Kenney (English Heritage), Cllr Peter Topping

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M Sunderland	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH DECEMBER 2013: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: A) COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION The Clerk reported that Cllr Webb has resigned. Clerk to ask the Monitoring Officer at SCDC what the exact procedure is for co-opting/electing a new Cllr. The Clerk to send an official reply back to Nicola and the PC are very grateful for her time spent, wish her well and will miss her contribution. Cllr Roberts and Cllr Wragg attended a meeting in support of the traffic bid that FPC have put in for with CCC, and were given 3 minutes to present. There is some urgency as the Housing Association properties are due to be completed in March, so the PC hopes to hear back soon if they have been successful.	Clerk Clerk
5.	FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL: Mr Bates joined the meeting. Cllr Roberts attended a meeting at the VH on 13th January as the PC representative. Mr & Mrs Bates and other committee members' hard work and perseverance has resulted in the Social Club being vacated and Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Bates. Mr Bates says the area needs to be professionally cleaned and he is trying to return all property which can be sold to pay towards the debt which is in-excess of £3000. The VH will be seeking opinion from the village as to their views for the use of the Social Club but will not be rushing the process. The excellent fundraisers at the VH are still vital to its successful running. Cllr Roberts said despite her original view that the debt was extremely unlikely to be recovered, there are many people in the village fundraising for the VH and would be highly disappointed that the debt was written off and every effort is being made to recover it. The room is back in the jurisdiction of the VH. Cllr Roberts says the villagers should be asked for suggestions but decisions should be taken with good business in mind.	
6.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping attended the meeting and gave the following report: "City Deal <i>In the document accompanying the Autumn Statement on 5 December, Government announced its agreement in principle to the Greater Cambridge proposal for a City Deal.</i>	

	<p><i>Further details of the Deal will be available at the time of the Government's budget, which is expected in March. The deal will allow a lot more money to be used on transport improvements in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. The thing to watch is whether the government try to increase pressure for more houses to be built in and around Cambridge as a quid pro quo.</i></p> <p>County Council governance <i>The county will move from a Cabinet system to a Committee system during this year.</i></p> <p>Gritting <i>The county council has emailed out the routes for this winter. The main routes through and out of the village to the A10 and A505 and to Thriplow and Newton are priorities for gritting. Cycleways will be gritted if there are sub-zero temperatures for a period of a few days, too.</i></p> <p>Cycleways and traffic <i>Work on the cycleway from Whittlesford to Granta Park will start later in the spring, while the route from Wandlebury to Babraham starts this month. The county is today and tomorrow assessing bids from parish councils for local traffic improvement initiatives and I am on the panel. Although I cannot vote for parishes that I represent I did support the 40 mph speed limit being moved further out of the village to make the areas where the new housing is being built safer. The results of the bidding process should be clear in February. I have also have been working with a number of parish councils on 20 mph zones and have learnt a good deal about the county and the police approach to the implementation of these schemes, and officers' views on a number of traffic calming schemes.</i></p> <p>Bus service consultation <i>I have spoken to Dan Nelson the officer who will be leading the consultation in the autumn about the future of the bus service for Fowlmere. I worked with him and Dan Clarke on the replacement service at Whittlesford. The parish council attended the meeting arranged by the county as part of their setting the scene process. We should compare notes. The county is engaging the public in a number of ways. This includes initial briefings, travelling on buses talking to existing users, online questionnaires, paper questionnaires and drop in sessions.</i></p> <p>Solar farm application at Thriplow <i>This was withdrawn the day before it was due to be heard by the planning committee. It is expected that a new proposal will be submitted, though it is unlikely it will be processed in time - if it were successful - to take advantage of the current tariff for schemes making use of agricultural land, which is due to be tightened up.</i></p> <p>Dottrell Hall <i>The prosecution papers are still with county legal. I am hoping to talk to Andrew Greenwood before the PC meeting. I have passed on the parish council's discontent with the slowness, and added my own views."</i></p> <p>The traffic bid should be known in February, once funding is decided and a village meeting could be held then? Cllr Wragg asked if Cllr Topping knew the policy on the type of flashing sign allowed and could the research be shared?</p> <p>Cllr Roberts asked Cllr Topping to speak to CCC about the ditch in Chapel Lane on SCDC land which still needs to be cleared out (the tunnel under the road appears to be blocked) - the road has flooded in the past.</p>	Cllr Topping
7.	THE MOAT:	

	<p>David Kenney from English Heritage attended the meeting and Cllr Roberts thanked him for coming. He explained some of the history of the Round Moat/Natural England and the HLS Agreement. The Moat dates to the Saxon period, 10th Century and is considered of national importance and is a scheduled monument and as such, has the same protection in law as Wimpole Hall. Arable agriculture is the greatest risk to such areas and the second risk is 'unmanaged woodland/root growth/storm damage.' EH funded a tree survey to balance tree health, health and safety and the needs of the monument. There is a rare population of mature elm trees too. The report suggests removing the less desirable species to give the interesting ones room to thrive.</p> <p>The PC was told that they would get very little money to fund the work but this is not necessarily the case and NE can fund up to 100% but the work has to be completed by the 5th March.</p> <p>The benefit to the village - have a discernible earthworks. Staged payment with a quick turnaround time is what we would need from Natural England. The nesting season should not be an issue. The arisings need to be removed and can be sold to the contractors.</p> <p>SCDC could provide further sources for contractors and the Clerk to speak to Andrew Grimmer at SCDC.</p> <p>The PC would like to support this approach and it's a shame the process now has a very tight timescale. Clerk to put in a request to NE, coping Mr Kenney in to make sure we have in writing that we are to get up to £20,000 funding and a Village Meeting could be held, in line with the school too who run a forest school on a weekly basis.</p> <p>The Clerk to progress all quotation work associated with the project.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 17TH DECEMBER 2013:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, FOWLMERE ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 7:15PM</p> <p>PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr P Flynn, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)</p> <p>APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr E O'Regan, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr N Webb</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Howe</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. Also, because Cllr Roberts is a District Cllr at SCDC, the same applies and she will look at any application, which goes to SCDC, afresh.</p> <p>2. S/2297/13/CA</p>	

Demolition of existing outbuildings
Charity Hall, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TA
Mr Timothy Kenworthy, Heathland Developments Ltd

Dr Howe, a local resident said it is to be quite a large construction, significantly above the houses on either side, and has an addition to the existing footprint. It will mean that Charity Hall is no longer the dominant property on the site - could the roofline be reduced, which would alleviate those concerns?

The Parish Council have no objections to the demolition of the outbuildings.

3. S/2296/13/FL

Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing outbuildings

Charity Hall, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TA
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The Parish Council recommend approval but ask for there to be further negotiations over the height of the proposed building. The PC would like it to be reduced, as they feel it would otherwise create a dominant effect and should not be higher than the roof line of the existing Charity Hall.

4. S/2549/13/LB

Extension to form a new teaching area

Fowlmere School, Butts Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7SL
Fowlmere Primary School

The Parish Council support the application, especially as the addition can technically be removed, without damaging the building. It will be beneficial for the school and causes no material or visual harm.

5. S/1920/13/FL

- For Information Only, Permission Granted

Single Storey Front Extension

Lower Farm, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TG
Mr Steve Lovatt

The Parish Council noted the decision

6. S/1895/13VC

- For Information Only, Permission Granted

Erection of Dwelling (Relocation of building on plot following approval for dwelling under reference S/1223/11)

Land West of The Way, High Street, Fowlmere
Mr Peter Cox, Breathe Architecture Ltd

The Parish Council noted the decision

7. S/2017/13/FL

- For Information Only, Permission Granted

Playhouse

11 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7SA
Mr Mark Winter

	<p>The Parish Council noted the decision</p> <p>8. S/2113/13/FL - For Information Only, Permission Granted Roof Mounted Solar PV System North Farm House, North farm, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG Mr Garry Collis</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the decision</p> <p>9. Other Matters and Updates Other Matters and Updates <i>(for information only)</i></p> <p>It was also reported that since the agenda was printed, the paperwork has arrived for 'Land to the South of The Butts Business Centre' for Mr Duncan Johns, Ion Science confirming the refusal for 'new offices, research & production facilities with associated car parking and landscaping.' (Ref S/1249/13/FL)</p> <p>The paperwork regarding the refusal of the Deans Farm application is also imminent.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened to members of the public.</p>	
9.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: A) BURIAL BOARD MEETING A meeting date of 18th February was agreed (7pm) and an item for discussion will be concerning the possible use of skips to remove some spoil from the cemetery in the future. Roger Fowle to be invited to come along to the meeting in February to speak about 'natural' coffins.</p> <p>B) SPOIL AT THE CEMETERY There has been some spoil left at the cemetery but it has been monitored and a firm approached so hopefully the situation will have been rectified.</p> <p>Some parishes do have an area for spare soil. A formal letter to be completed and circulated telling firms exactly what is expected at the cemetery.</p> <p>The moss has been cleared from outside the chapel.</p> <p>Dave Salmons to undertake work in the Chapel for £150.00 including sealing the windows and stopping rain water coming in under the two sets of doors. Cllr O'Regan proposed, Cllr Bottrill seconded and all agreed. Clerk to let Mr Salmons know.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: Dave Salmons has re-grouted the village sign in Chapel Lane - there is some damage to the post inside and it will need replacing eventually but will be fine for a few years yet. It will be resealed in a year once the grouting has weathered.</p>	
11.	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES: A) BUS QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	

	<p>The q'aire has been circulated by the Cllrs and the Clerk has had some responses and some residents will have filled it out online. Unfortunately we didn't publicise the Future Transport event any further than the Fowlmere Facebook page and the noticeboard given the time restraints so it wasn't well attended.</p> <p>There is a need to seek a new bank account, esp for the savings account and this should be looked at soon.</p>	
12.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE A) BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY - 6TH JUNE. Cllr Wragg, Peacock, Flynn and Bearpark would like to attend - the Clerk to put their names in the 'hat' with CAPALC - for the one place available for the whole of Cambridgeshire....</p> <p>The correspondence list was noted.</p>	
13.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	
14.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: The date of the next PC meeting is Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 7:30pm at the Chapel.</p> <p>Clerk to ask for responses on use of public money on the Fowlmere residents Facebook page and to potentially use it for passing on information as necessary.</p> <p>The Queen's Head is very successful, the Swan is being redecorated and the Chequers is to open in March, by the owners of another pub in Buntingford.</p> <p>Cllr Flynn asked if there were any other sites in the village potentially for a shop, but it was not thought to be the case, other than the Social Club site at the Village Hall although it is not an ideal location but it is a sound building.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:20pm</p>	Clerk