

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD  
IN THE PAVILION ROOM, FOWLMERE VILLAGE HALL, FOWLMERE  
**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Deputy Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr C Howe, Cllr M Sunderland and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bottrill

		Actions
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Cllr L Wragg, Cllr S Crowther, Cllr J Houghton, Cllr M Vinton, Cllr S Wells</p>	
2.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS:</b> There were no declarations</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016:</b> The minutes were agreed and will be signed as a true record with the following amendments:  Stephen Monday not Mumby  “Cllr Roberts felt pressured on the day to accept a Foxton speculative application and has since written to SCDC CEO expressing concern.”</p>	
4.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> SCDC - Community Award. Pat Rowley has been nominated previously and a name has been suggested to be put forward – Clerk to progress.</p>	Clerk
5.	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS:</b></p> <p>Cllr Topping was unable to attend the meeting but sent in the following report:</p> <p><b><u>“County and district wide</u></b>     <i>This week sees the start of work on the Ely bypass. Why does this matter to us? It is the sort of big infrastructure work that will help move people round the county more easily and could reduce the pressure on South Cambs to build more houses. Under the Cambridgeshire Devolution proposals I am seeking to have improvements to the A505 included in our Devolution II bid to central government in 2017. This is long term, but it will be a start. I had a meeting with civil servants this week to discuss further.</i></p> <p><i>I attended the Health Committee where we were looking at the Sustainability &amp; Transformation Plan being put together by the health commissioning group. Savings of between 10-12% need to be achieved over the next 5 years, and the committee’s role is to scrutinize this work on behalf of residents who access health services. The Chief Exec of Addenbrookes attended and we asked him about how the hospital is improving since being put in special measures 18 months ago.</i></p> <p><i>The Full County Council meeting in December agreed to reverse the decision to reduce gritting routes. This was universally welcomed. The original gritting cuts were part of a package of measures to save money, and avoid putting up the county precept. But clearly the gritting work is a key frontline service. <b>All routes have been reinstated and there are sufficient crews to grit as required.</b></i></p> <p><i>The county council has to spend a lot of money on adult social care. In the next budget in February, there will be difficult choices between putting up the precept to pay for adult social care, or cutting</i></p>	

	<p><i>back on other services to keep the increase as low as possible. There is a survey of Adult Carers being carried out by the county to better understand what support those people need in their role.</i></p> <p><b><u>Devolution update</u></b> <i>I am leading the work to accelerate building affordable houses across the county, especially in South Cambs. These are on sites that already have been assigned, so this isn't about building on new land. We are also trying to find ways of encouraging self-build houses.</i></p> <p><b><u>City Deal</u></b> <i>The City Deal has been urged to consider introducing a congestion charge on people driving into Cambridge at peak times. I oppose this because I see it as an unfair tax on residents of South Cambridgeshire whose work takes them into the City. The public transport systems need to be improved first before this could be considered. I am though in favour of an emissions charge on high-polluting vehicles in the historic centre of the City, and places like Addenbrookes which has surprisingly high pollution levels.</i></p> <p><b><u>Closer to home</u></b> <i>I continue to chase the county on the work still to be done on the flytipping area. The last rather sad looking caravan has gone from the collection of nine that were on Thriplow heath before Christmas – the district planning enforcement team visited several times – this is the land on which there is an injunction to make it easier to move trespassers on.</i></p> <p><b>A) SPEEDWATCH / CCC BID</b> The date has been agreed for the panel interview for Cllr Howe and Cllr Wragg. Clerk to initiate the date with the local PCSO for Speedwatch Training. Cllr Topping to advise on obtaining a Speedwatch camera / Clerk to also ask local Speedwatch connection. Is it possible that “no access to.....” signs can be put up – Highways could advise on the possibilities. Barley and Barkway now have the speed signs with smiles/actual speed.</p> <p><b>B) CLEARANCE OF CCC LAND NEAR SCHOOL CAR PARK</b> Nothing further has happened on this – Clerk to chase Cllr Topping.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Topping</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL:</b></p> <p><b>A) CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT</b> There is nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>B) PLAY EQUIPMENT</b> Already discussed at Finance and to be moved onto the February Agenda.</p>	<p>(Agenda)</p>
7.	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE:</b></p> <p>The Local Plan enquiry is getting back on the working agenda at SCDC again and at the same time the inspectors are seemingly working on another one. The longer it is delayed, the more speculative applications can be submitted. Welding Alloys has still not been decided at SCDC. There is a local speculative application in Thriplow on the present grain store (35 houses), with a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January at Thriplow Village Hall – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Bearpark to attend (it was rejected in the original ‘call for sites’ and Thriplow is probably an ‘infill’ village not a ‘group’ village.) This will have implications on their school. Foxton has had an application passed for 20 additional houses.</p>	<p>(Cllr Roberts/ Cllr Bearpark)</p>
8.	<p><b>ROAD SAFETY</b></p> <p><b>A) ANPR CAMERA</b> There has been a reply from Mr Ablewhite – to be moved onto the February agenda.</p>	<p>(Agenda)</p>
9.	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017</b></p>	

MINUTES OF A **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, URC, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE ON **TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016** AT **7:00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr S Crowther, Cllr J Houghton, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr M Vinton, Cllr Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Howe, Cllr S Wells

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Mill, Mr Mulholland, Mrs Woods, Mr Forbes

**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.

Cllr Bearpark declared an interest in item 5 as he is a resident and he will be leaving the room.

**2. S/3285/16/FL**

**Detached double garage**

Oak Lodge, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG

Mr Martin Hardy

Fowlmere Parish Council recommends approval as it lies within the village envelope and is a simple, almost agricultural structure, which marries in with the rest of the buildings in the vicinity.

**3. S/3249/16/FL**

**Erection of one - three bedroom bungalow and associated outbuilding scheme to replace lapsed application S/2106/12/FL**

Land to the rear of 80 to 86, Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire

Mr Robert Mill

Mr Mill explained that he has had 4 separate planning officers at SCDC dealing with his application and it has been suggested that all buildings are in 'one' building rather than an outbuilding being part of the design. He feels the land warrants a better property than the previous permission allowed. Cllr Roberts asked what consideration has been made for the neighbours?

Mr Mulholland was speaking for 80, 82, 84, 86 Chapel Lane – he is disappointed with the design – it's much bigger (330sqm?). There are still height issues, the proximity issues have returned in this application too. It's disappointed to have to go through this process again.

Mr Forbes is at number 39 Chapel Lane and, whilst not being in principle against a development on the site (to which Mr Mulholland agreed), has issues with soakaways and access. The existing access is in place to service the site, not the actual dwelling and there are issues with the angle onto the road and the scale and nature of the entrance gates are questionable. Mr Mill says Highways and Planning are happy with the access design.

Cllr Roberts read out the original refusal from July 2012.

The original reasons for refusal still stand. It is a restricted site, in greenbelt land and permission has already been given for a smaller bungalow. The Clerk to prepare a response to circulate to Cllrs, using details from the previous refusal and point SCDC officers to look at their previous refusal dated

13<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (ref S/0594/12/FL), including concerns about the access. If the officers have a different view from FPC then we must insist that this goes to the Planning Committee.

**4. S/3340/16/TC**

**Applications to carry out tree works subject to a TPO or situated within a Conservation Area**

St Marys Prospect, Rectory Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TL

Mr and Mrs Lorne

Fowlmere Parish Council has no concerns or objections.

**5. S/3293/16/LD**

**Certificate of lawful development for the Breach of Condition 4 of planning permission S/1155/92/F and Condition 4 of planning permission S/1156/92/F**

Appleacre Caravan Park, London Road, Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire

Park View Group Ltd

Cllr Bearpark left the meeting at 7:34pm

Fowlmere Parish Council (FPC) feels that this proposal should be viewed as a proper planning application, not through the process of a certificate of lawful development. This would mean that residents on site would be given a chance to have a voice. This is a doubling up of the number of dwellings on the site, it is outside of the village envelope and FPC is very concerned that the proposal is being conducted in this manner. There are issues about the scale of the development and again, FPC strongly questions the seemingly temporary use of touring caravans being used to add substance and whilst not challenging the evidence, FPC insists that this needs to be a consistent application which is open to consultation with the various parties involved.

Cllr Bearpark returned at 19.48

**6. S/3161/16/FL & S/3162/16/LB**

**Glass Link Extension**

Perks Close, 4 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7SA

Maddin

Fowlmere Parish Council recommends approval because it clearly differentiates the old from the new, whilst providing some extra space for the applicants.

**7. S/2889/16/FL**

**Change of use of building previously used as part of a farm office to A1 use, to be used as a hairdressing salon. Internal works to include provision of water points for hair washing, no external alterations proposed.**

Office adjacent to farm office, Manor Farm, Fowlmere, Cambridge, SG8 7SH

Mr Martin Sheldrick, Sheldrick Farming Ltd

This type of service business should be situated within village envelopes and it is entirely inappropriate and against policies to approve such in the open countryside where change of use is restricted. There appears to be no business plan shown and this is clearly in planning terms not acceptable farm diversification, nor is it indeed claimed as such.

This application site forms part of a group of farm buildings and should this application be approved it could set a precedent for further expansion. The application simply seeks to change the farm use to

one of unfettered commercial development which should be strongly resisted as inappropriate in the rural setting.

Fowlmere Parish Council therefore recommends refusal.

Should the officers view differ from that of the PC then it requests that the application goes to SCDC Planning Committee, following a site visit.

A vote was taken 4 support a refusal and 3 abstained.

**8. S/0581/16/FL - For Information Only – Application Approved**

**Two Proposed dwellings**

Bury House, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG

Mr T Glasscock

Fowlmere Parish Council noted the decision. FPC originally asked for this to go to Planning Committee and this was ignored. Cllr Roberts and Cllr Wragg to write a response.

**9. S/1827/16/FL - For Information Only – Application Approved**

**Single storey side extension**

10 Rectory Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TL

Mr Rick Williams

Fowlmere Parish Council noted the decision.

**10. S/1506/15/FL - For Information Only – Application Approved**

The erection of 5 no. dwellings with associated access & landscaping, following demolition of the existing dwellings & outbuildings

The Willows & Highbank, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Herts, SG8 7TG

Identified Developments (Fowlmere) Ltd

Fowlmere Parish Council noted the decision.

**11. S/2250/15/LB - For Information Only – Application Approved**

**The erection of 5 no. dwellings with associated access & landscaping, following Reconfiguration of existing first floor sanitary ware to include replacement soil pipe and new shower tray. Installation of new ground floor Saniflo WC unit to existing cloakroom**

Hope Cottage, Long Lane, FOWLMEERE, SG8 7TA

Mr David Myers

Fowlmere Parish Council noted the decision.

12. The Triangle - withdrawal by housing association of application (agreed) to add an extra parking bay

FPC to write to the Housing Association about this decision.

**13. Other Matters and Updates**

Lanacre – the discharge of conditions has been refused - Cllr Roberts to visit the site.

	<p>52 Chapel Lane has been allowed some tree work as the trees do not have TPO's</p> <p>Cllr Crowther said a resident in Rectory Lane wanted to remove some self-seeded sycamores from land by their garage but they would need to speak to SCDC as this is within the Conservation Area.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Cllr Bearpark reported on Appleacre – the Lawful development certificate has been withdrawn and a formal application will be submitted which Cllr Roberts has said is very welcome news.</p> <p><b>B) BUTTS VIEW</b> FPC were asked why they were asking questions about Butts View by Bidwells – Cllr Roberts and Cllr Wragg to prepare a response.</p> <p><b>C) PEDESTRIAN GATEWAY TO THE BUTTS</b> Cllr Topping to see his footpaths officer and to ask what chance we have of succeeding and how long this may take?</p> <p><b>The meeting was opened to members of the public and press</b></p> <p>Mr Bottrill asked about the draft minutes going up and the Clerk explained this happens when possible, as long as they have been read first by the Chair or Deputy Chair of the PC.</p> <p><b>The meeting was then closed to members of the public and press</b></p>	<p>Cllr Roberts /Cllr Wragg</p> <p>Cllr Topping</p>
10.	<p><b>BURIAL BOARD:</b></p> <p><b>A) CONSULTATION ON THE CEMETERY T&amp;C'S</b> The consultation document has been widely publicised - web-site/Facebook/Noticeboard and in the next FATN.</p> <p>The PC would want all responses back with at least 5 clear days before the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February (to allow for the circulation of the February FATN). Cllr Roberts asked for copies of the Melbourn/Royston T&amp;C's/Rates to be available at the meeting. The February PC meeting will run as usual, and be open to the public as usual. The 'Consultation on the Cemetery T&amp;C's' will be at the beginning of the agenda but it needs to be remembered that all comments / questions need to be sent to the PC via the Clerk in writing at least 5 days before the meeting, for inclusion.</p> <p>Clerk to check up on numbered padlock on cemetery extension – did it ever include a chain?</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p><b>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</b></p> <p><b>A) VILLAGE TREE SURVEYS</b> These had already been discussed at the previous Finance Meeting.</p> <p><b>B) RYECROFT LANE TREES ON ROAD EDGE OF MOAT</b> It was agreed that the H&amp;S work would go ahead and a major cutting back of the trees would be scheduled in for 2018. Clerk to reply back to Howard Peacock.</p> <p>The PC agreed for Mrs Smith in Ryecroft Lane to prune back the trees she contacted them about, at her expense, as long as the maintenance was minimal and not 'removal'.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should start the process of getting the Protected Verges cut when the time comes (April?) We re-tendered on this just last year.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p><b>C) PROPOSED NEW SERVICE FROM SCDC TREE OFFICER</b>  The PC would like the Clerk to reply back and say the PC would be interested in the service that the Tree Officer is looking to initiate (ie the impartial surveying of village trees)</p>	Clerk
12.	<p><b>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES:</b>  <b>A) CHEQUES PAID:</b></p> <p>January 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs J Wright, December 16 Salary - £659.56</li> <li>• NEST Pension Contribution - £3.15</li> <li>• Windows 365 Annual fee - £59.99</li> <li>• Seniorlink Eldercare Dec 16- £85.64</li> <li>• J Wright Telecoms Dec - £30.27</li> <li>• Garden Inspirations - £321.00</li> <li>• Fowlmere Village Hall Room Hire - £24.00</li> <li>• E.on Chapel Electricity - £44.55</li> <li>• VAT Due in for July-Dec 2016 - £1534.56</li> </ul> <p><b>Balances at Bank as of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017:</b>  Current A/C (Santander) £51,569.44  Deposit A/C (Santander) £20,042.28  Cambridge Building Society £40,000.00  Petty Cash £68.18  (£44,620.58 of this is Section 106 Money)</p>	
13	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>  The correspondence list was noted.</p> <p>MVC – this is to be discussed at the next agenda when there are more Cllrs present. Clerk to ask what other contributions are being made.</p>	(Agenda) Clerk
14	<p><b>ACTION LIST UPDATE:</b>  The action list was updated accordingly.</p> <p><b>A) IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE LIFE</b>  It was agreed to move this to the February agenda</p>	(Agenda)
15	<p><b>OTHER MATTERS:</b>  The date of the next meeting is 7:30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at the Pavilion Room, Village Hall.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:00pm</p>	