

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
16TH JULY 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 and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Teasdale, Mrs Lucas and children, Cllr Topping,

		Actions
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Webb and Cllr Wragg</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 18TH JUNE 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:</p> <p>Cllr Topping attended the meeting and gave the following report:</p> <p><i>"1. Roads and traffic</i></p> <p><i>1.1. I met Mike Cooper from the County Council Highways Dept and we discussed priorities for this part of the county. One of the points Mike made was that while he and his team were always willing to offer advice on traffic related schemes, it was helpful if parish councils had a firm proposition in mind because he has limited resources to carry out options appraisals.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 He welcomed any proposals coming from villages for a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of the village and was willing to advise on the practicalities I.e. siting, signage, extent etc. On the subject of potholes, the team are trying to catch up after the very long winter.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 It would be helpful to have a steer from the parish council as to which road and traffic issues it is content to pursue directly with Mike and which ones it would like me to engage with in terms of support and pressing for progress.</i></p> <p><i>1.4. Local highways initiative bids: these are where the CC puts in £10k and the relevant Parish Council £1k. This coming year I will be on the panel helping to select these - and while I can't vote for my own parish councils, I will be able to advise what criteria will help schemes succeed.</i></p> <p><i>1.5 Resurfacing of roads including Sawston by-pass scheduled for end June has been pushed into July. The re-work is being done by the original contractor - no additional costs incurred by the county.</i></p> <p><i>1.6 I attended the meeting called by Sawston PC re the bid to build hundreds of houses between Sawston and Babraham on green belt. I am concerned for the impact increased traffic will have on the roads around here. I have asked the CC highways team for their impact</i></p>	

	<p><i>analysis.</i></p> <p><i>2. Dotterel Hall - following non-compliance with the enforcement action, the County's waste team are now saying they will prosecute. I have asked for their timetable of action and more information on why this is moving so slowly. I am going to meet officials at County Hall.</i></p> <p><i>3. Although The County's roll out of Super Fast Broadband will not be coming to South Cambs villages until 2014 at the earliest, there now seems to be some other money which is to be focussed on the City and South Cambs.</i></p> <p><i>4. County council's transport plan for City and South Cambs is due out for consultation in July and this will offer some chance to input for example on speed limits through villages, cycle way connections, access on junctions to the A505 etc.</i></p> <p><i>5. Sustainable energy</i></p> <p><i>The County has secured a large grant from the EU of €0.7m to find ways of growing the supply chain for sustainable energy products and services. One element of this will be supporting community sustainable energy initiatives. So while this doesn't mean there is funding that is immediately accessible, it does mean that the parish may wish to think about how it might want to be ready for any future opportunities and might want to apply to join the Sustainable Parish Energy scheme run by South Cambs if it has any aspirations in this direction.</i></p> <p><i>6. I passed the sat nav sign issue to the traffic department. I will follow up.</i></p> <p><i>7. I have asked for a briefing from the cycle ways team on what schemes are intended for this area and the business cases, because it seems that most of the schemes are clustered on one or two villages."</i></p> <p>The white lining still hasn't be done at the Foxton junction. The PC are glad that things are moving re Dotterill Hall. The 30mph sign from Shepreth need replacing (Clerk to report on the website).</p> <p>Cllr Topping also reported that the County has reduced the need for signatures on a petition from 15,000 to 3,000.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts said the PC has put in a lot of representation re the Ion Science planning application and asked if he wished to be copied in. Clerk to send a copy.</p> <p>Cllr Bottrill has heard the 31 bus is to finish and could Cllr Topping look into it as it is of vital importance to the village.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Topping</p>
6.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE:</p> <p>A) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 18TH AND 27TH JUNE 2013</p> <p>MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORM CHURCH,</p>	

CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE ON **TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2013 AT 7:00PM**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr N Webb, Cllr L Wragg

IN ATTENDANCE: There were several members of the public: Mr Kidd, Mr Teasdale, Mr Bates.

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/1048/13/FL

Two storey extension to dwelling

Robin Cottage, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TA
Mr and Mrs James and Fiona Kidd

The Parish Council recommend approval and consider it is in no way detrimental to the conservation area, it matches in very well and won't affect neighbouring properties.

3. S/0406/13/FL - For Information Only - Permission Granted

Erection of front and rear first floor extensions

6 John Close, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TP
Mr & Mrs Knight

The Parish Council noted the decision.

4. S/1330/12/FL - For Information Only - Went to SCDC Planning Committee and permission was then granted

Single storey front extension

9, Jacksons Way, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 7TN
Mrs Elizabeth Selby

The Parish Council noted the decision.

5. S/0606/13/FL - For Information Only - Permission Granted

Extension to Dwelling

Ballacraigne, Top Close, Fowlmere, Royston, Herts, SG8 7SP
Mr Andrew Newby

The Parish Council noted the decision.

6. S/0632/13/FL - For Information Only - Permission Granted

Extension to First Floor Dwelling and Garage Conversion

Kafue, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG
Mr Ayliffe Robson

The Parish Council noted the decision.

7. Other Matters and Updates

Other Matters and Updates *(for information only)*

Cllr Roberts has had a call from agents re The Chequers. Cllr Roberts advised that without a planning application, there is nothing for the PC to discuss but advised the agent that SCDC look to public houses being marketed properly for a certain period of time as a pub business rather than a residential change of use. A similar application has been refused in Shepreth. The Parish would hope for it to return to a business.

Cllr Roberts has spoken to Mr Tobin who is to be the new owner of the Queen's Head, to open at the end of August, running it along similar lines to the British Queen in Meldreth.

A further meeting needs to be held for the application in from Ion Science and Thurs 27th June - 7:30pm was agreed. Local residents will be 'carded' by SCDC and it was agreed that the PC should notify all residents via a leaflet - Clerk to provide.

The meeting closed at 7:37pm

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DOROTHY PLUCK ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, FOWLMERE ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2013 AT 7:30PM

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 N Webb, Cllr L Wragg and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies

IN ATTENDANCE: There were 42 members of the public - Fowlmere residents and employees of Ion Science.

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.

2. S/1249/13/FL

New offices, research & production facilities with associated car parking and landscaping
Land to the South of, The Butts Business Centre, The Butts, Fowlmere
Mr Duncan Johns, Ion Science

Cllr Roberts introduced the application and explained a little of the background to the SCDC Development Plan, explaining that the 7 submitted sites in Fowlmere have not been found to be suitable for development (residential or commercial). She also explained about the

protected countryside frontage aspect of the potential site. Cllr Roberts explained that there is no financial benefit to the village, nor will it affect the possibility of improved transport or facilities for the village as part of this application. She also talked about the other sites that were considered which Ion Science have said do not meet their criteria. Cllr Roberts also talked about previous planning permission which was given 2 years ago for a whole additional floor and has not been taken up. She further explained that the area is not zoned for industrial use and it doesn't comply with the SCDC Local Plan which is designed to protect the village and this should be taken seriously. It is not Ion Science or the land owners who get the approval, it's the 'land' and it's very difficult to go backwards once precedent has been set - it would be a major change. Cllr Roberts advised that the PC at the last meeting, voted, as a body that they would continue to support the policies of SCDC, that they have been well thought out and give protection to the village and give all an understanding of the decisions taken in the village. She said that all views could be sent to SCDC Planning directly with regard to this and any planning application.

Cllr Roberts also said that the designs are well thought through but if permission is granted but people need to remember that amendments can go through afterwards.

The meeting is to be open for 15 minutes which is best practice from the Monitoring Officer at SCDC.

Cllr Flynn mentioned that she had been told that she couldn't vote because of comments she had made publically but this is not necessarily the case.

Mrs Roskilly spoke that she was worried about the precedent being set and described it as the 'thin edge of the wedge.' She also mentioned the possibility of further housing being built on that site. (68 houses, with 27 as affordable housing) Cllr Roberts added that she had been approached about further building on that site but as ever, she would not discuss anything prior to a formal planning application.

Mr Neil asked about the PC setting precedent concerning Deans Farm as he thinks the PC have gone against SCDC. Cllr Roberts explained that this is a different application and not one for discussion this evening.

A member of the public asked what Cllr Roberts feels constitutes 'substantial' in terms of planning. Mrs Roskilly added that it is classed as 'major' by the planning consultants. He felt Cllr Roberts thought it was the whole field, which is not the case.

Another resident asked if this village is no longer 'viable' as SCDC don't feel it's viable for development? Cllr Roberts explained about the categories for villages - 'rural' etc. SCDC are saying it's a 'group' village. He is worried about the lack of facilities in the village. Cllr Webb added that the purpose of the planning committee is that they are here for what they believe is best for the village and anyone can be part of the PC / planning process. He asked if what Cllr Roberts was saying was not a 'view' of the facts. Cllr Roberts said they are the facts to be considered.

Mr Deans would like to support the application, as do others. Cllr Roberts reiterated that people can make comment comments via SCDC.

Another resident thinks that plans are good but would object because of the breach of the

village envelope meaning other applications could not be stopped on the site.

Another resident stated that this application could affect the 'whole' of the land - the current application is only part of the field but you would have difficulty 'holding back' the rest of the land for development. Cllr Roberts advised that you can assume an average of 32 houses to the hectare for domestic development. Cllr Roberts also said that trees have already been cut back already at the proposed entrance for the site which is somewhat pre-emptive. Residential permission has been turned down on that site many years ago.

The Cllrs deliberated the plans and then voted. The result was 8 against recommendation and 1 for allowing permission. Cllr Roberts, Cllr Wragg and Cllr Peacock will need to flesh out the reply to SCDC and send the draft comments to all the PC, to agree they have got all of the comments down and then it will go to SCDC recommending a refusal.

3. S/1276/13/DC - For Information Only - No Comment Required
 Discharge of conditions 6 (parking and turning), 7 (foul water drainage) and 8 (surface water drainage) of planning permission reference S/2521/11
Deans Farm, Shepreth Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG
Louise Theobald, Acorus

Cllr Roberts said there is no argument about this change from the PC however there is a discrepancy which shows the whole of the building as proposed. Cllr Roberts has said this is a mistake but will be rectified as it's only a third of the building which has permission. SCDC have confirmed this. The Clerk to ask SCDC to provide a corrected drawing.

4. Other Matters and Updates
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The meeting closed at 8:35pm

The minutes were agreed and signed.

B) THE THRILOW TRIANGLE - MEETING WITH SHEPRETH PC

The meeting has been set for Monday 22nd July at 2pm at Cambourne, with Shepreth PC, the Planning and Housing dept.

C) THRILOW TRIANGLE ROAD NAME

A suggestion of Marie Swan or The Triangle came from Cllrs. 'The Triangle' was proposed by Cllr Sunderland, seconded by Cllr Roberts and the majority agreed. Clerk to let SCDC know.

D) SCDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE / ION SCIENCE APPLICATION

Cllr Roberts thanked Cllr Peacock, Wragg and the Clerk for all their hard work. The response was agreed by 8 out of 9 Cllr's by return, having been duly circulated to all and was then sent to SCDC (and has been acknowledged).

Clerk

	<p>Another point was the an objection had been put into the consultation exercise re the framework from the landowners, which gave strength to 68 houses going onto another part of the site, which clarified that it's not just a one-off exercise but is part of a more ambitious situation.</p> <p>Cllr Flynn said she is unable to receive email attachments.</p> <p>The Meeting was then opened to members of the public.</p> <p>Thomas Lucas would like to put forward a project for a skate park in Fowlmere - he has some early designs, taken from another skatepark in Surrey and would like to see something similar here. At least 50-60 people who would be interested in it in Fowlmere, Thriplow and Newton costing at a guess of £30,000 to £60,000. The National Lottery funded a similar set-up in Haslingfield.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts said there is funding available at SCDC but it is not sizeable. The issue is the site, the VH land is used up and the PC don't own any other suitable areas. The PC would talk it over, also see if the other villages have interest too. Clerk to speak to the VH and see if funding could come from other PC's. Mrs Lucas suggested the pepper-corn rent land that the Church has in the village?</p> <p>Mr Teasdale has comments on the minutes - Mr Teasdale has issue with the word 'issue' used in the May minutes - he has comments rather than issues. Mr Teasdale is still waiting for a response from the PC that the tree has permission to have been moved to the location it has been moved to, in terms of the ducting etc underneath - did Lovell secure permission for it to be planted there? The PC could not say so.</p> <p>Mr Teasdale asked if the PC know the make-up of the proposed footpath - Cllr Roberts suggested asking CCC.</p> <p>Mr Teasdale asked about the PC setting up a resident's e-mail notification as nothing has happened to gain access to e-mail addresses of residents. He suggests the PC considers sending an e-mail around to the village to opt in to receiving e-mails. Cllr Roberts said the Clerk is already working above and beyond her requirement and there is only so much can be achieved. the PC is following good practice and do not need to send notes to all residents as Mr Teasdale suggests. He feels this view is different to how he perceived it at the last meeting - he would like that minuted. Cllr Roberts feels that Mr Teasdale is a lone voice. Cllr Sunderland said it is not impossible to have a list and could be achieved and is in favour, as is Cllr Flynn. Decisions cannot be taken now as it is not on the agenda. If Mr Teasdale puts it in writing it can go on the next agenda.</p> <p>Mr Teasdale wants clarification on the ion Science meeting. Is he correct in understanding the only development that can take place is within the village envelope? Cllr Roberts clarified that the policy remains the same until 2031.</p> <p>Mr Teasdale asked why the open period of the meeting is in the middle. Cllr Roberts said it can be at any point in the meeting but this has worked well previously.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>BURIAL BOARD:. Another funeral is to take place next week. The PC may need to consider that a notice needs</p>	

