

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
22ND JULY 2014 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr L Wragg (Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr D Roberts and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Howe, Mr Pile, Mr Teasale, Mr Deans, Mr Neal, representatives from Welding Alloys.

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were apologies from Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr E O'Regan and Cllr J Peacock.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared other than Cllr Roberts having her usual declaration for the planning section. Regarding Planning from Cllr Roberts - item 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.	
3.	MEETING WITH POTENTIAL NEW CLLR'S Cllr Wragg welcomed Mr Howe to the meeting and explained that the PC would like to exchange questions with Mr Howe and then he is invited to step out while the PC conclude. The Cllr's asked Mr Howe several questions regarding topics including collective decision making, declarations of interest and planning responsibilities. Discussion ensued concerning Mr Howe, whilst he stepped outside and the feeling was one of definitely welcoming him onto the Parish Council. All agreed.	
4.	SIGNING OF OFFICIAL PAPERWORK FOR NEW CLLR'S Cllr Howe and the Clerk signed the official paperwork.	
5.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH JUNE 2014: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
6.	MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising	
7.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping attended the meeting and gave the following report: <i>"1. The County Council has signed the City Deal along with South Cambs and the City Council, thereby unlocking significant sums for infrastructure investment.</i> <i>2. Broadband. The junction boxes are being upgraded ready for super-fast broadband (SF BB) to be made available between Dec 2014 and Mar 2015. This is phase 4 of the roll-out so not the last. This means that homes and businesses can receive superfast broadband speeds (minimum 24Mbps)* while others will be able to receive fibre broadband speeds of between 2Mbps and 24 Mbps.</i>	

3. *Streetlighting - I have not had any indication when any removal of county council owned streetlighting might take place but will continue to monitor.*

4. *The park and ride car parks are now charging people - which is a pity and will not help encourage people to leave their cars on the perimeter of the City.*

5. *There is a review of the costs of county council recycling facilities going on and one possible outcome could be that the site at Thriplow is not open seven days a week, as currently, and may close one or two days during the week. I will keep this under review. My concern is that it could lead to an increase in flytipping.*

Traffic, roads and transport

I have written to Mike Cooper asking him to take action regarding Mill Lane ie both the need to jet out the drains and also fill in the potholes. The County has received another £1.9m to spend on potholes as well as the £1.5m it was given earlier in the year so there is no excuse and now is the time to keep the pressure on. I have spoken to the chair of the relevant committee and I intend to go and see Mike Cooper this Friday at the Whittlesford depot for a progress report. With regard to Jacksons Way Mike's response is:

"I have inspected the footpath between Jacksons Way and High Street which, I agree, is rather uneven and I will include this within next year's programme. I would point out however that I have carried out extensive resurfacing work in other parts of Jacksons Way during the last two years."

31 bus route - *Consultation began in earnest with a meeting at Haslingfield on the 16th June which I attended along with reps from the parish council. I thought the meeting was useful and the officers seemed willing to listen to local views to route through to Addenbrookes rather than the original plan which was to go to the Babraham Park and Ride. I am told that bus passes will be allowed on through routes so that if someone is then getting another bus, they will not have to get another ticket.*

Early Sept is the date by which bids for the county local highways improvement initiative have to be made - I am ready to offer advice and support in advance of the panel meetings and on the day if the parish would find that helpful.

Dottrell Hall

I spoke to the county officers in early May just after the case had been to the magistrates court and the magistrates had passed the case to the Crown Court for sentencing. The county planning enforcement officers are pleased because the defendants are now shifting the wood. I was mis-reported in the local newspaper as I gave credit to the county for finally - finally - getting a result, i did NOT give credit to the owner of the land!"

The PC would not like to see a reduction in services at refuse centres as this sends the wrong message.

The Cllr's asked Cllr Topping to approach Mike Cooper at SCDC re overflowing drains in the

	<p>village - which are silted up and need clearing (this became very obvious after the recent heavy rain).</p> <p>Mike Cooper SCDC also said that the Jacksons Way footpath should be included in the programme - Clerk to contact Barrie Hawkins to let him know the footpath is being seen to as he requested action.</p> <p>The Fowlmere sign at the Foxtton junction has been hit and is pointing in the wrong direction! Also the flashing speeding sign in Piper's Close isn't working - Cllr Topping to look into</p> <p>Cllr Sunderland queried the price of the new bus journey, which Cllr Topping will enquire about?</p> <p>Stuart Rushby (CCC) is the person to ask what is suitable in terms of traffic management programmes. Clerk to arrange a visit for Cllr Howe - Cllr Wragg to attend too.</p> <p>The PC thanked Cllr Topping for his assistance regarding the clearance at Dottrill Hall.</p>	<p>Cllr Topping</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Topping</p> <p>Cllr Topping</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>TRAFFIC IN FOWLMERE</p> <p>Cllr Howe offered to assist with the submission for the next bid for traffic funding, which will need to circulate before the September meeting.</p> <p>Clerk to pass on information about speed check requests to Cllr Howe.</p>	<p>Cllr Howe</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: A) PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>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><i>S/1622/14/FL Erection of Dwelling following demolition of existing outbuildings (Amended design to approved application S/2296/13/FL) New Barn, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TA Mrs Zoe Kenworthy</i></p> <p>Cllr Howe has declared an interest in this item as a near neighbour but indicated there may be an inconsistency re the car-port on the plans. He withdrew from the meeting at 19:55</p> <p>The PC has no objections but would like to query that the new building is no higher than that already approved.</p> <p>Cllr Howe returned to the meeting at 20:02</p> <p><i>S/0783/14/LB and S/0782/14/FL Listed building consent for new dwelling, access and part demolition of existing wall/New Dwelling Queens Head, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7SZ WDG Inns Ltd</i></p> <p>SCDC were in agreement with the PC to see the building lowered. The ground level will be lowered and the distance to Archways has been increased. The Clerk passed on concerns from Mrs Ambrose of 5 Stanley Barnes Cottages who was unable to attend the meeting about an overlooking bedroom window onto their garden. Their distance is not as great as the</p>	

proximity to Archways.

The PC has no objections as their previous concerns have been satisfactorily addressed.

B) PLANNING MINUTES FROM 15TH JULY 2014:

The minutes have now been sent to the Clerk who was unable to attend the meeting and are detailed below.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORM CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, FOWLMERE
ON TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2014 AT 7:30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr M Sunderland and Cllr L Wragg

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Cllr E O'Regan and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public

1. Declarations of interest (if any)

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2. S/1090/14/LB

Removal of cement render, mesh and boarding. Replacement with larchwood laths, sheep's wool insulation, lime and hair render and lime wash finish

1 Hillside Cottages, High Street, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7SJ

Mr Shane Thornton

The Parish Council noted that there had been the removal of cement render mesh and boarding and a replacement with Larchwood laths, sheep's wool insulation, lime and hair render and lime wash finish. Though this was a retrospective application, upon reading the explanatory details in the application it was clear that this was work that needed immediate action, therefore the recommendation was as follows:

The Parish Council has no objections as the work is in keeping and appropriate with a building of this type in the Fowlmere Conservation Area and it has no effect upon neighbouring properties.

3. S/1504/14/FL

Single Storey front extension

Lynburn, Thriplow Road, Fowlmere, SG8 7QT

Mr Ian Wilson

The Parish Council have no objections as it is in keeping with the property, with no effect on neighbouring properties.

4. S/1350/14/DC

- For information only

Discharge of conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 of S/1895/13/CV

**The Willows, Land West of, The Way, High Street, Fowlmere, Cambridge, SG8 7QS
The Way Fowlmere LLP**

The Parish Council noted the discharge and the Clerk to be asked to bring the approved plans to next meeting to check out those remaining

5. S/1249/13/FL - Appeal lodged

New Offices, research and 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**

The Parish Council noted the appeal. Council agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman, along with the Vice Chairman of Planning should draft a covering letter to be sent along with the original representation that went to SCDC recommending refusal of Ion Science application. Once drafted it would be sent to all councillors for comment etc before it was despatched to the Planning Inspectorate. This needed to be received by the Inspectorate by the 23rd July 2014.

6. S/1966/13/VC - For information only - notice of Appeal Decision

Removal of condition 4 on planning permission S/2521/11 restricting retail use to allow unrestricted retail use.

**Dean Farm, Long Lane, Fowlmere, SG8 7TG
Mr T Dean**

The Parish Council noted the appeal decision. Councillors asked to see the appeal decision and the decision on refusal of costs before making further comment. Clerk to be asked to email both documents to all before next meeting if possible

7. S/0782/14/FL - For information only, going to SCDC Planning Committee

New dwelling, Access and part demolition of Existing wall

**Queen's head, Long Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, Cambs, SG8 7SZ
WDG Inns Ltd**

The Parish Council noted the information. This revision of original plans came in too late for the meeting so therefore would be on the agenda for the next

8. S/0783/14/LB - For information only, going to SCDC Planning Committee

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9. Other Matters and Updates

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Members of the public were informed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would give a brief update as to information obtained from SCDC regarding commercial premises at the next meeting of the Full Council on the 22nd July 2014.

Clerk to circulate the details of the Deans Appeal to Cllr Howe.

Clerk

The minutes were agreed and signed.

C) UPDATE ON WELDING ALLOYS

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Wragg went to talk to SCDC Planners, (John Koch a Senior Planner) and explained the situation regarding the possible movement of the business from the site, to find out if any approach had been made to SCDC Planning regarding the land, the answer was no. The Planning Office said in reality SCDC is keen to keep industrial sites as such - an employment use site - they don't wish to see that lost.

The Cllr's were thanked and the consultation ends on Friday and one dept has been saved so far and plans to stay on site (Integra - about 20 people on site), but the two biggest depts will still go. 31st Oct 2014 will be the last day for those depts and the packages are released next week, about 40 jobs are seemingly to be lost. Cllr Howe asked what is the motivation for keeping the office? It's a Head Office location but no other idea as to why.

D) THE TRIANGLE - FORMAL OPENING

Several Cllr's attended the formal opening and it went very well. Cllr Roberts made the point very clearly at the opening that the site is for people with Fowlmere connections now and in the future. The situation regarding occupation is that full ownership has now gone to Kings Street Housing from BPHA, financed by Barclays All rented units are taken up, 3 part-buys are taken up and 2 are still available. The PC has had 'comments' from the village that some people don't have local connections but the PC have spent considerable time to have in writing that the five households have all got the required guaranteed connection - SCDC Housing Officers believe the process has been undertaken properly.

E) SCDC MYTH BUSTER TOUR FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ATTENDED BY CLLR BOTTRILL.

Cambridgeshire ACRE, The Myth Buster Tour - 1 July 14 - Attended by Cllr John Bottrill

"After an introduction by Shephen Hills Director of Housing and Mark Deas Rural Housing Enabler.

We were accompanied by Mark Deas, Schuyler Newstead (SCDC Head of Strategy & Development), Christine Steele (BPHA) and Chris Jackson (Hundred Houses Society)

- *To the first site at Steeple Morden (a BPHA site of 6 rented + 2 shared.)*
- *Then to Bassingbourn (a Circle Anglia site of 20 rented.)*
- *Then onto Whaddon (also a BPHA site of 5 rented + 3 shared.)*

Talking to Christine from BPHA, I was told the total cost of the site in Whaddon was about £1.2 million for the land, planning and building of 8 homes (about £150,000 per home) The part buy price is about the same as Fowlmere.

- *Then it was onto Shepreth (also a BPHA site of 6 rented + 6 shared.)*

I spoke to one of the rented house tenants of a 3 bedroom property, she was paying £160 a week including a ground rent, and she thought it was good value.

	<p>The War Memorial does not seem to need additional cleaning. It was proposed that a wreath be presented and would be appropriate (4th August). The Clerk to ask Cllr Bearpark for a wreath from the British Legion. A £50 donation was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Bottrill and all agreed. The Clerk to put a notice on the board, to commemorate and remember. Cllr Sunderland and Cllr Howe unable to attend</p> <p>The Clerk to respond back to Nicola Webb regarding the mowing at the cemetery of her father's grave.</p> <p>A) SPEED CHECKS IN FOWLMERE This was discussed earlier</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p> <p>New Standing Orders will be circulated in September.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate the letter from Mr Neal to all PC's.</p> <p>A) PC VACANCIES There is still another vacancy and The Clerk will continue to advertise the position.</p>	<p>(Clerk)</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>(Clerk)</p>
15.	<p>OTHER MATTERS: Regarding the Ion Science appeal. This has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate - copy to be sent to Cllr Howe. Cllr Roberts has taken a look at the paperwork and has responded as a District Councillor. The Cllr's agreed for Cllr Wragg's submission to be sent off.</p> <p>Cllr Howe asked about the Solar Farm meeting. Neither proposed sites are in the Parish and they don't seem to affect views from the Parish either. Cllr Roberts attended the event and has made no comment. Her opinion is that visually they are not too intrusive. Cllr Sunderland asked if there could be issues of glare from Fowlmere and Duxford airfields? Cllr Wragg asked if they would they be removed at the end of the 25 year contract? There are no concrete foundations and there's a recycle value/scrap. Cllr Bottrill says it's a shame it's being made in China, not the UK and that valuable farming land is being lost.</p> <p>The issue of a table tennis table was further discussed, ideally being on The Butts, away from the housing. Cllr Sunderland passed on details of a more cost effective option Melbourn VC had purchased - for further discussion and agreement</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:42pm</p>	